



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 13th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan, Geoff Holden and Shelly Farnham attended in person. Councilmember Frank Martin attended virtually.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek requested a moment of silence be added to the end of the council meeting to honor the passing of Charlie Brown, a loved community member and previous mayor. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Approve December 9th & 17th 2024, Minutes: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approved Claims: Mayor Sladek presented the claims. Councilmember Shelly Farnham moved to approve the claims and Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Oath of Office Council Position #3: Geoff Holden was sworn in by Mayor Henry Sladek to Council position #3.

Mayors Report: See Mayors Report.

Ordinance 494 2024 Amended Budget: Once all questions were answered Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to approve the amended budget as presented. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Ordinance 491 amending chapter 2.20, personnel policy Final Reading: Councilmember

Mark Carroll motioned to accept the amended chapter 2.20. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Pro Tempore: Councilmember Shelly Farnham was selected and declined the position respectfully. Councilmember Mark Carroll selected Councilmember Gene Egan for the continued position. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded and Councilmember Egan accepted. All in favor.

Comp Plan Update: Eric Jensen (EJ Municipal Land Use Planning) updated the council regarding waiting for their comments and other agencies. He shared the elements he had received comments on with the council members and the mayor. Given the amount of information, it was decided that a workshop for the council will be held on February 10th, 2025.

Ordinance 496-Comprehensive Plan Update: This ordinance has been tabled until the February 10th council meeting.

Interlocal Agreement-Gold Bar: An explanation regarding water works, permitting, plan review and inspections was provided by Gold Bar Mayor Steve Yarbrough and Gold Bar Public Works Director. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Frank Martin econded, all in favor.

Highway Sign: This is a carryover topic to the next council meeting.

Council Meeting January 27th, 2024: This meeting may be held to support an executive session.

Public Comment: No additional public comment.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 10th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Geoff Holden attended in person. Councilmember Frank Martin attended virtually, and Councilmember Shelly Farnham was absent.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek requested that the Thomas Group presentation be moved to begin after the agenda's approval. Councilmember Mark Carroll proposed approving the agenda with the change. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Thomas Group Town Growth plans, introduction, presentation: Nathan Mesaros, founder of the Thomas Group, presented 16 slides which introduced the group's team members and intention as a group of investors. The information presented is shared through the guiding principles of the group, which included adding more jobs to the community via growth of businesses such as hotel/motel/housing development. Nathan provided examples of lodging in Canada and Montana that accesses the surrounding areas where they are located. A proposed timeline was presented that outlined their commitment to the Town of Skykomish to complete site feasibility and engineering on town property. The floor was then opened to the public for questions. Pros and cons were discussed, questions answered, and the presentation concluded.

Approve January 13th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approved Claims: Mayor Sladek presented the claims. Councilmember Geoff Holden

moved to approve the claims and Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Mayors Report: See Mayors Report.

Comp Plan Update: Eric Jensen (EJ Municipal Land Use Planning) updated the council regarding the workshop outcome.

Ordinance 496-Comprehensive Plan Update: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and the Ordinance as written and presented. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Executive Session: The Executive Session began at 5:45 p.m., at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was extended (announcement provided to those waiting to join the council meeting) The Executive Session ended at 6:25 p.m. Council meeting reengaged at that time and ended at 6:27 p.m.

Highway Sign: This is a carryover topic for the next council meeting.

Council Meeting February 24, 2025: The council will determine if this meeting will be held prior to the date listed.

Public Comment: A large group of town members attended this session. Multiple questions were presented to the Thomas Group. Each question was answered as presented.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 24th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Geoff Holden. Council members Frank Martin and Shelly Farnham attended virtually.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm. due to late arrival and technical issues.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the agenda. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, all in favor.

210 RR Ave./Cascadia Settlement: After a short discussion with questions presented by Councilmembers Shelly Farnham and Frank Martin the Settlement of Claim and Mutual Agreement drafted by the town was voted on. It was also determined that Councilmember Gene Egan will be the signer for the Town of Skykomish for the agreement. Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the agreement. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded and Councilmembers Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin voted in favor. Councilmember Mark Carroll abstained from this vote.

Next Council Meeting March 10th, 2025: 1st meeting of the council and mayor in March 2025.

Public Comment: Councilmember Shelly Farnham as a citizen asked if the Thomas Group needs a contractual agreement with the town. Mayor Henry Sladek stated that they don't have a contractual agreement with the town as it is still being negotiated regarding a feasibility study.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 24th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham. Council member Geoff Holden attended virtually. Councilmember Frank Martin was absent.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the agenda with the following: add Shelly Farnham after the Highway Sign to discuss the Port of Seattle grant progress (change made). Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Approve February 10th and February 24th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Correct year from 2024 to 2025 and capitalize his first name on page 2 of the February 10th minutes (corrections made). Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Mayors Report: See Mayors report.

Snoqualmie Forum Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Sladek shared history regarding the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. He stated that the forum was begun by King County in 2001 and brought the Snoqualmie Tribe, Tulalip Tribe, the cities of Carnation, Duval, North Bend, Snoqualmie and the Town of Skykomish together to implement actions to address salmon recovery and watershed health. Councilmembers Mark Carroll and Shelly Farnham indicated they would like more time to review the contract prior to voting. This item is moved to the

April 14th, 2025, council meeting agenda.

Town Ballpark Improvements for the Park Host Location: Mayor Sladek shared with the council that the ballpark improvements previously approved in the budget will begin with electricity and water being added to space 22. This will be the site where the host will reside during the season when the park is open. He went on to say that the plan is to have two separate hosts, so they can split the work and are able to relieve each other. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the lesser of the lower bid as it includes trenching. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded the motion. All in favor.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek stated he sent an email to the council outlining what he learned from his discussions with WSDOT. He said the sign needs to be a minimum of 50 feet from the center line of the highway. The existing sign is 35 feet. He went on to share that the town will need to work with the property owner regarding placement of the new sign once it is decided where they would like it to be placed. This item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Port of Seattle Grant-Shelly Farnham: Councilmember Shelly Farnham shared the name has been decided for the tourism website, Visit Skykomish as it is consistent with other sites. She went on to share Karen Molesky continues to work on the website. The grant and all components need to be completed by June 2025.

Next Council April 28, 2025: 2nd meeting of the council and mayor will be determined at the next council meeting being held April 14th, 2025.

Public Comment: Several town members were present online and in the audience. Mayor Sladek asked if there was any comment. Nathan Mesaros shared that the Thomas group has held meetings outside of town hall. When asked where they post the meetings Nate indicated on Friend of Skykomish Facebook page as well as at businesses. The mayor asked if the notices could be posted to the town page, and it was determined that was an option. No other comments were made.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 14th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan, Shelly Farnham and Geoff Holden attended the meeting. Councilmember Frank Martin attended via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the agenda with the following: add Eric Jensen to update regarding the Planning Commission progress after the mayor's report. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Approve March 24th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Geoff Holden moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

Mayors Report: See Mayors report. Mayor Sladek and Councilmember Shelly Farnham shared that they met with representatives of the Port of Seattle and the meeting was favorable. Mayor Sladek stated that the Parks Board will reconvene May 5th.

Planning Commission Progress Report: Eric Jensen shared the progress to date regarding the Planning Commission. He stated that the group is working through what needs updated in the Ordinances, once completed the information will be given to the Town Council. Eric shared that due to budgetary limits the funds for the Climate Change updates will not be available until July 2027. Although, some funds may be released earlier.

Snoqualmie Forum Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Sladek shared history regarding the

Snoqualmie Watershed Forum. Councilmembers Mark Carroll asked questions regarding the process. Mayor Sladek invited all the council members to attend meetings as they are held virtually and last two to two-half hours. He also shared that the forum has met in Skykomish pre-covid and will look at holding a meeting in the town again. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to approve the agreement. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded the motion. All in favor.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek stated this item will be carried over to the next agenda. There was conversation regarding the Port of Seattle grant the town had previously and whether the Port may be able to help the town find funding in the future.

Next Council April 28, 2025: This meeting is cancelled.

Public Comment: No public comment was made at this time.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday May 12th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham attended the meeting. Councilmember Frank Martin and Geoff Holden attended via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the agenda and Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Approve April 14th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek recognized the passing of King County Councilmember Sarah Perry's husband. See Mayors Report for additional information, comments.

EJ Municipal Contract review: EJ Municipal Land Use Planning contract was discussed. Eric Jensen will replace BHC as the Town of Skykomish planner. Eric has worked directly with the town, helping to develop the Comprehensive Plan over the last two years. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the contract as written. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Planning Commission Progress Report: Eric Jensen shared the progress to date regarding the Planning Commission. He shared there was a lack of a quorum for the April

meeting. The Planning Commission will meet May 19th, 2025, and will over the previous information he presented to the council at the April 14th meeting. The group is working through what needs updated in the Ordinances, once completed the information will be given to the Town Council. Eric shared he intends to present the Critical Areas to the council at their July 14th meeting.

Reestablish Parks Board Committee: Mayor Sladek shared that the Parks Board Committee is reconvening with their meetings being held the first Monday of every month, with additional meetings being added as needed. The Chair of the board is Blaine Brown, Karen Molesky, both are assigned a 3-year term, Sarah Bender and Thomas Portet, each assigned a two-year term and Destry Jones, assigned a one-year term. Their first meeting will be held on June 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek stated this item will be carried over to the next agenda. A conversation ensued regarding the removal of the current post brought to the table by Councilmember Mark Carroll. He added it is a poor reflection on the town given the state it is in. Councilmember Frank Martin asked why to remove the base as it is in working order. Mayor Sladek shared that WSDOT Will not allow a new sign in the Right of Way. Councilmember Martin said he feels it is defensible given the amount of time the sign has stood. He added that everything is fixable and that removing it will cost a fortune. Town member Karen Molesky said a good solution may be to cover the old sign with a canvas cover. The group determined Councilmembers, Frank Martin and Mark Carroll, will meet with Mayor Sladek to discuss keeping the sign where it is located.

Next Council May 26th, 2025: This meeting is cancelled.

Public Comment: Community member Ashley Toney brought to the attention of the council and mayor a parking issue that needs addressed. She shared that there are times she does not have a place to park at her home as the spaces are all taken by others. There is also an issue with people sleeping in their cars overnight. When doing so they leave their cars running and idling all night. Councilmember Shelly Farnham stated this is also a safety issue for Ashley. Mayor Sladek said the issue wouldn't be solved at this meeting. He further asked Ashley if she would like to address this issue in a smaller meeting as he needs to review the Ordinances in place to determine what modifications would need addressed or amended. Ashley indicated she is open to a smaller meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 9th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham and Geoff Holden attended the meeting. Councilmember Frank Martin attended via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the agenda and Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Approve May 12th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Geoff Holden motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek shared the progress made by working with the planner to implement the Comp Plan. He spoke about the ordinance that addresses parking and indicated it is silent in regard to parking overnight. Mayor Sladek shared that money has been budgeted for the July 4th Fireworks. The clerk asked a question regarding the amount budgeted and donations. The mayor answered that any donations received for that event from outside sources will offset the \$3000.00 budgeted. See Mayors Report for additional information, comments. Councilmember Shelly Farnham asked about the Parks Board meeting. Mayor Sladek updated the group regarding that meeting. The board seats were set, and the group reviewed the ordinance of governance, as well as the relevant pages of the comp plan which addresses parks and open spaces. Mayor Sladek stated that they are developing project priorities, and a citizen presented their proposal regarding a mini golf business. Councilmember Frank Martin asked if the lease with BNSF for the Depot area has

an option of renewal. Mayor Sladek stated that he is revisiting the sub lease, and he didn't believe there was an option of renewal, but he would like that to be part of an updated lease. BNSF still has the consent decree with the town and the school regarding the cleanup.

Eric Jensen Comp Plan update: Eric wasn't present at this meeting and provided an update. He shared that the Development Regulation Consistency update is before the Planning Commission for review. He reviewed other municipal fee schedules in consideration of the town amending its own land use fee schedules. See memo dated June 6, 2025.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek shared that he had spoken with the Port of Seattle and would like to get a better commitment from them as a possible funding source. Councilmember Frank Martin shared his thoughts regarding the cost of the project and options for placement if it is decided not to use the location where the current sign is on Highway 2. Community member Sarah Bender asked what a variable message sign is, and Mayor Sladek provided the examples. She added that she does not think that fits the aesthetic of the town. Mayor Sladek went on to share that that option hasn't been finalized.

Next Council June 23rd, 2025: This meeting is cancelled. The next council session will be held July 14th, 2025 as scheduled.

Public Comment: No comments, other than the audience member, Sarah Bender there was one unidentified person at the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday July 14th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan attended the meeting. Council members Geoff Holden and Frank Martin attended via Zoom. Councilmember Shelly Farnham was absent.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek added the following updates to the agenda; Aquatest Claim, Donald Freestad Claim, Glenn Eburn-proposed mini-golf business and Proposed Ballpark fee increases. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the agenda with the listed changes and Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Approve June 9th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: See Mayor's report. Comment was made regarding a grant the town applied for using Conservation Futures to be used toward possible property purchase. An additional comment was made that the following steps still need to be made; a proposal needs presented to the property owner, approval by the town council and then an appraisal of the property.

Eric Jensen Comp Plan update: Eric presented updates to Ordinances regarding zoning code and permit fee structures. He explained the process for Goals and Policies to date. Eric explained the procedure of feedback discussion, review and approval for the council. He

shared that a SEPA notice will need to be sent as well as notice to the Washington Commerce and Public Hearing meeting. Council member Frank Martin asked questions regarding guidance prior to the council's decisions. Mayor Sladek addressed the concern, sharing that everything is reviewed through Gray & Osborn (infrastructure), Maintenance Team, Planning Commission and Washington State level agencies. Eric added Gray & Osborn, Department of Ecology, Department of Transportation as well as others are involved with the external reviews. Mayor Sladek also said we rely heavily on Eric who has extensive history with reviews.

Eric presented the fee schedule information he has gathered and stated the council doesn't need to make changes with the costs/fees yet. The purpose of the information presented was to update the council regarding the town's current fees compared to fees charged by other towns/cities. Eric said the town is not charging for 7 fee types and named the following Site Plan Review, Commercial Site Plan Review, Binding Site Plan, Boundary Line Adjustment fee, Process to Subdivide Non-residential Property, Forest Practice Permits, Vacations of Right of Way. Eric shared that PRSC approved the Town of Skykomish's Comp Plan (2024).

Donald Feestad Claim: Mayor Sladek shared with the council when town hall was painted in June overspray landed on Mr. Freestads' car, which he brought to the mayor's attention. Henry explained that he asked Donald for an estimate to address the issue with his car and due to the estimated expense provided, the council will need to approve the cost. Mayor Sladek sent an email to Donald requesting additional estimates and the process necessary to have the payment approved. Once additional estimates are received Mayor Sladek will present it to the council.

Ballpark fee increase: Mayor Sladek shared the Parks Board Committee has proposed a rate increase at the ballpark. The current cost of campsite rental is \$25.00 per site, per night. The proposed rate increase presented at this meeting is \$35.00 per campsite per night and \$45.00 per night for campsites that have power. All campsites are first come first served. The council discussed increasing the sites that are on the river to a higher rate than \$35.00. Mark Carroll motioned to approve the current proposed rates of \$35.00 per site and \$45.00 for sites with power. With the council reviewing the rates again during the budget process. Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Aquatest (Cascadia) Claim: Mayor Sladek presented the invoice from Aquatest for work completed during the issue with the sewer not being connected at the Cascadia Inn. The council discussed the invoice. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to pay the invoice amount of \$23,106.40, Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Glenn Eburn-Proposed Mini-Golf: Mr. Eburn shared his proposal to build a mini-golf course where the pump track currently sits, citing the track is rarely used. Mayor Sladek spoke about having sent an email a couple of months ago to the council members regarding the proposal. Mr. Eburn shared his desire to increase tourism by bringing a form of exercise that can be enjoyed by all ages. In addition, another business would bring additional money into town through taxes and spending. He indicated through his research and conversation with the mayor a new long-term lease needs to be drafted through the town with BNSF as there are

25 years left on the current long-term lease. If approved the business would be open from April through October. Mayor Sladek indicated that the Parks Board Commission has talked about the proposal with no response to date. Questions presented to Mr. Eburn were answered. Council members were supportive in their responses.

Mayor Pro-Tempore: This item will be moved to the next council meeting agenda.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek said he spoke with Neon -regarding an estimate to move the base of the current pole on the highway. He asked Councilmember Frank Martin if he could help with that process. Frank indicated he will follow through.

Next Council July 28th, 2025: This meeting is cancelled. The next council session will be held August 11th, 2025, as scheduled.

Public Comment: No comments from those in attendance, Cameron Sekor, Teddy Jo Ryder-Brown, Glenn Eburn, and on-line Bob Entrop.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 11th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Geoff Holden, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham attended the meeting. Council members Frank Martin was absent.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Shelly Farnham asked that an update regarding the compound be added to the agenda. Councilmember Geoff Holden requested the addition of discussion regarding addressing the gun practice that occurs on the hillside above Councilmember Mark Carroll's property. Mayor Sladek supported the councilmember's requests. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to accept the agenda with the amendments. Councilmember Shelly Farnham, seconded. AIF

Approve July 14th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Geoff Holden moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: See Mayor's report. Councilmember Geoff Holden shared that he would like to see more campsites with electrical hookups and perhaps add tiny houses to the ballpark and make a partnership with Stevens Pass for staff housing. Mayor Sladek shared the cost of completing 4 sites with electrical hook up (\$23,000.00). He added that that price would be a good source for what additional hook-ups would cost. Mayor Sladek went on to share snow removal would be a key consideration during the winter months. Chief James Knisley shared insight regarding lot regulations, using Stevens Pass as his example. The conversation shifted to Mayor Sladek presenting the current need for repair at WWTF. He provided some

history regarding the lack of experienced water and sewer staff over the years. Mayor Sladek stated that the sewer facility has been operating for 15 years and the need for major repairs is presenting. He indicated today the town has staff who are capable and able to address the issues as presented. Mayor Sladek shared with the council budget season is nearing and it is time to plan for the needs at the water and sewer facilities. He further stated it is also time to adjust the sewer and water rates. Councilmember Mark Carroll shifted the conversation to the issue of shooting happening above his property at the power lines. He indicated that the King County Council can restrict shooting in the county. Chief James Knisley stated that it is either State or Federal (Forestry) who would need to address the issue. Councilmember Geoff Holden stated that King County Council can declare it unsafe and Chief Knisley responded. There was a decision that having a conversation with Katie Jo of the Federal Forestry Services would be the person to determine if there was a different avenue to address the issue, perhaps Bonneville Power would be the resource. Further conversation will determine who to speak to regarding this issue.

Eric Jensen Fee Schedule-Resolution 254: Eric shared the history regarding the multi-jurisdictional analysis he completed prior to developing a reasonable fee schedule with the mayor for the council's review and potential adoption. Mayor Sladek shared with the group that the town's current fee schedule is outdated and antiquated. Councilmember Shelly Farnham asked what the term vacated references. Mayor Sladek used the example of the parcel changes made on River Drive W. Shelly indicated that she understood the description. Eric shared that a vacation is never a desirable action as once it is completed you cannot get the land back. Eric went on to share that the fee schedule contains reasonable fees to recover costs and avoid out-of-pocket costs for the town constituents and the town. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve Resolution 254 and the fee schedule. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded. AIF.

Compound updates: Councilmembers Mark Carroll and Shelly Farnham asked for an update regarding the compound. Eric addressed the questions by outlining the steps taken to date and those following. Eric talked about RFPs/RFQs and towns that have been successful and others that haven't (Snoqualmie and North Bend). Councilmember Shelly Farnham referred to making decisions based on comparables and what has been successful and what hasn't in order to move forward. Eric indicated that there is a conference being held in Wenatchee that may be helpful regarding infrastructure improvements and possible funding options. Council members, Shelly Farnham and Mark Carroll along with Mayor Sladek, are interested in attending the conference along with Eric Jensen.

Donald Feestad Claim: Mayor Sladek shared with the council Mr. Freestad was advised that 3 estimates assist the council and the mayor in making a reasonable decision regarding his claim. To date Mr. Freestad has provided two estimates that greatly differ in cost. The first estimate is \$1641.00, the second is \$574.00. The mayor suggested he take the lower amount with an addition of \$200.00. Mr. Freestad declined that offer. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned that the offer remains at \$774.00, and Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded. AIF.

Sewer Plant Repairs: Mayor Sladek presented information regarding the need for pump repairs that service WWTF with the estimated cost of \$7100.00. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the repairs using Sewer Capital funds. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, AIF.

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Mayor Sladek explained the purpose of the Mayor Pro-tempore position. Council member Shelly Farnham asked for clarification. She then nominated Councilmember Mark Carroll, Mark accepted. Councilmember Gene Egan Seconded. AIF.

Highway Sign: Mayor Sladek indicated there are no updates this date. Councilmember Shelly Farnham shared that Karen Molesky is exploring options for covering the current sign until it can be updated.

Next Council August 25th, 2025: This meeting is cancelled. The next council session will be held September 8th, 2025, as scheduled.

Public Comment: No additional comments from those in attendance, James Knisley, Teddy Jo Ryder-Brown.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 8th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham attended the meeting. Council members Frank Martin attempted to join via zoom. Council member Geoff Holden attended via zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek added discussion of the bid for the men's bunkhouse roof replacement. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the agenda with the amendment. Councilmember Shelly Farnham, seconded. AIF

Approve August 11th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the minutes. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek shared with the group regarding the broken water main on S 2nd St. The repair has been made with an estimated cost of \$35,800.00. Council Member Mark Carroll moved to approve the payment, seconded by Council Member Gene Egan, AIF. It was determined the cost would be taken from the water fund. Mayor Sladek discussed Public Record Act requests that were reviewed and are being handled properly. He shared that he has contacted BNSF and will be discussing the land lease at depot park and the extension. He also said he will be addressing the mutual leases with the Old Firehall building and Maloney store. His intent is an open discussion that can lead to possibly a transaction to swap properties. Mayor Sladek went on to address the dilapidated home at 306 E Cascade Hwy, which is owned by BNSF. The house is in a very bad state of disrepair, falling apart,

filled with rodents and is a health and safety issue. Mayor Sladek indicated that the rodent infestation should be taken care of by midweek next week. Mayor Sladek shared that he and Eric Jensen met with Councilmember Shelly Farnham last week to discuss options for the compound. A brainstorming session proved successful with different options that may be available. The group is focusing on the S.E. corner of the compound. They, along with Councilmember Mark Carroll, will meet as a committee for continued discussion to review examples of clustered housing and to determine if this is something the town can do. Mayor Sladek said he is working on the water plan and will be meeting with Dan Bacallao and Richard (Gold Bar employee). Mayor Sladek shared the estimate for the men's bunkhouse roof. Councilmember Mark Carroll said the estimate to convert the cedar to composite is very reasonable and moved to accept the bid of \$10,985.00. He moved to approve the funds for the American Eagle roofing proposal. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor. Mayor Sladek spoke with the council members regarding the OPMA training that each member should attend, indicating the training is online and takes 40-45 minutes to complete. He will send a link to the council members to access the trainings.

Eric Jensen-Planning: Eric shared an update regarding housing options for the compound. He said the meeting with Mayor Sladek Council Member Shelly Farnham and the intern currently working with her, Leo, was productive. He is looking forward to their next meeting, Eric shared the progress with the planning commissioners and making necessary legislative updates. Council member Mark Carroll asked where the process is regarding Mixed Use and Eric, shared the town is currently waiting for the response of Washington State.

Sewer Plant/Water Main Repairs: Mayor Sladek presented this information during the mayor's report. The following is the outcome. Mayor Sladek shared with the group regarding the broken water main on S 2nd St. Given the repair was an emergency it has been completed by the town employees, Kris Altman, Dan Bacallao, Corey Emerson, Gold Bar employees and D&G Backhoe Inc. A company located in Lake Stevens. The estimated cost for D&G Backhoe is \$35,800.00 Council Member Mark Carroll moved to approve the payment, seconded by Council Member Gene Egan, AIF. It was determined the cost would be taken from the water fund.

Next Council September 22nd, 2025: This meeting is cancelled. The next council session will be held October 13th, 2025, as scheduled.

Public Comment: Community member Robert Johnson asked why the town allowed campfires at the ballpark when there was a burn ban everywhere else. Mayor Sladek addressed this and shared that the town is in direct communication with Chief James Knisely regarding burn bans each week. Although there have burn bans around the state, Skykomish was not affected. Mr. Johnson said he is concerned regarding debris that has been piled up near his property line. Mayor Sladek said he would have the team look at the area. Mr. Johnson said it isn't a bid deal, just a concern.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: _____



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday October 13th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Shelly Farnham attended the meeting. Council members Frank Martin and Geoff Holden attended via zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek added Councilmember Shelly Farnham after the Mayor's report to discuss the recent Compound Affordable Housing Committee meeting. Shelly was also added to present the Port of Seattle Grant application. Councilmember Geoff Holden asked to discuss Sarah Bender's efforts to connect with the stakeholders regarding the bike trail. His request has been added after the readings of the ordinances. Councilmember Mark Carroll has moved to accept the agenda with the additions. Councilmember Shelly Farnham, seconded. AIF

Approve September 8, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Gene Egan moved to accept the minutes with correction to the mayor's last name on page 2, line 2. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek shared the major issues he has been addressing are the BNSF property at 306 Cascade Hwy. E. The house is dilapidated and drawing rodents that have also caused issues on John Robinsons property. Henry indicated he is working toward the next step of sending a certified letter as BNSF has not been responding. Mayor Sladek said he attended the IACC conference last week. He was able to connect with others who

could assist with obtaining possible funding for the water/sewer and housing needs in Skykomish. Mayor Sladek shared that the town had made a water repair near Highway 2 last year. WSDOT has contacted the town to make an extensive repair to the roadway. That project is being extended to Spring given the change in weather and the need for funding. He stated the roofing has been completed on the bunkhouse at the compound. Mayor Sladek reported to the council regarding the recent theft of generator parts which caused significant damage. A major part was stolen and the generator started on schedule. With the part missing, oil saturated the generator. He indicated that a police report had been made, and he reached out to the insurance company. He said the process is currently working toward a quote for repairs. In the meantime, a rental generator will need to be wired into the system in case of an emergency or power outage. Councilmember Gene Egan moved to approve \$4000.00 to be spent on the rental of the generator and the electrician. Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, AIF.

Affordable Housing Committee: Councilmember Shelly Farnham presented information that had been discussed at the committee meeting held on this date. Shelly shared the group had talked about several options available and what would best serve the town and community. She indicated that 8 to 10 units seem feasible. She also indicated that Mayor Sladek suggested adding a citizen to the committee.

Port of Seattle Grant: Councilmember Shelly Farnham shared with the group that a grant has been submitted to the Port of Seattle for \$20,000.00 funding to improve the Town's digital assets. Shelly shared that Karen Molesky had written the grant. Shelly informed the council members that the town would need to provide matching funds which will be utilized to provide signage and kiosks in town. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to continue the work on the tourism worksite, signage and kiosks. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, AIF.

Eric Jensen-Planning: Eric stated that the Planning Commission is working toward completing the draft plan on October 20, 2025. The plan will then move to the council table for November or December. He said the Development regulations 60-day review ends this week. Eric said he will work with Ginnie to prepare for the Public Hearing to review the Development Regulations and hopefully adopt. Mayor Sladek shared that there will also be a Public Hearing in November for the Tax Levy. Eric said the annual Comp Plan process begins in 2026. He added that two separate people have indicated they will request zoning changes. Those changes will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then will be passed to the town council for Public Hearing and potential adoption.

Sewer Plant/Water Main Repairs: Mayor Sladek shared that he's developing a comprehensive list for the budget cycle. Council member Shelly Farnham asked questions regarding the water plan. Henry responded and shared that the people he connected with at the IACC conference offered to do monthly calls with him to prepare for funding application sources.

Ordinance 497: Mayor Sladek presented the ordinance language and history to the councilmembers and public in attendance. Councilmember Shelly Farnham motioned to

adopt the ordinance as it is written. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, AIF.

Ordinance 498: Mayor Sladek read the ordinance to the councilmembers and audience. He shared that the ordinance is to update the language that was approved July 24, 2017. Although approved by the council at that time the language was never changed in the code. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to adopt the ordinance to reflect the increase monetary thresholds that were approved July 24, 2017. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, AIF.

Mountain Bike Concept: Councilmember Geoff Holden stated Sarah Bender would like to reengage with Evergreen Mountain Bikes Alliance, Forterra, and the Tulalip Tribe to discuss adding the bike trails that had been discussed previously. Councilmember Shelly Farnham stated any process should include Tulalip Tribe. Councilmember Frank Martin indicated that research is in order as there is quite a bit of history with the previous attempt. He further stated the process was mismanaged due to offline conversations that frustrated the tribe. He added that Forterra had to rewrite their bylaws because of miscommunication. Frank said any process should involve Mayor Sladek. Henry asked Geoff to meet with him for offline communication as the Tulalip Tribe wants clear governmental communication regarding projects.

Next October 27th, 2025: This meeting is cancelled. The next council session will be held November 10th, 2025, as scheduled.

Public Comment: No comments.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: _____



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday November 10th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Henry Sladek, Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin and Geoff Holden attended the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Mark Carroll asked that the highway sign be added to the agenda. It was determined it would be added to the end of the agenda. Councilmember Frank Martin has moved to accept the agenda with the addition. Councilmember Gene Egan, seconded. AIF

Approve September 8, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Geoff Holden moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek shared the following: Continued work to complete the damage repair and replace generator at WWTF. Follow up on insurance claim portion. Contact with BNSF, primarily to get resolution on the dilapidated house next to Robinsons. Appears to be getting attention now. Coordinate meetings and issues for the audit. Address temporary cash flow concerns and collections from King County Review initial budget worksheet for '26. To be forwarded/presented to Council for 1st & 2nd reading at next meeting. Highlights: increase budget expenditures for water & sewer system R&M, also Parks project, possibly Compound Ongoing review & updates with Planner on existing development projects in Town Regular meetings. Planning, Parks, Chamber, Snoqualmie Valley Forum, SCA, etc.

Eric Jensen-Planning: Eric stated he has been working with the town regarding a pre-application for a possible short plat property. The Planning Commission has completed their review of the implantation plan. The plan will be in review with the council with possible approval in January 2026. There have been some proposals for rezoning and a comp plan amendment. The municipal code updates and changes will continue to be addressed. Mayor Sladek spoke regarding a possible mixed-use zone being added. Citizen Gillian Esson asked for clarification. Councilmember Mark Carroll said he is considering developing a portion of his property. Eric Jensen said when a pre-application for a short plat is received and there still needs to be a completed application and the Planning Commission would review the information and decide. Rezoning is a longer-term issue; it would need addressed in a Comp Plan amendment in 2026. Eric shared the first reading of Ordinance 499 addresses code amendments and /or changes to current language.

2026 Budget: Mayor Sladek discussed the information provided regarding the proposed budget for 2026. The council was asked to review and bring any questions and suggestions to the next meeting scheduled November 24, 2025.

Ordinance 499-Public Hearing: The Ordinance was presented with questions answered regarding wording and concerns. The Ordinance will be added to the next agenda for Public Comment and/or Council changes. Councilmember Frank Martin moved that this is the first and second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, AIF.

Ordinance 499-ammend Title 15 & 18: See above.

Levy Ordinance 500- This is moved to the next meeting schedule for November 24, 2025.

Sewer Plant/Water Main Repairs: Mayor Sladek shared that Dan Bacallao and the crew have provided a sheet of suggestions for repairs to consider during the budgeting for 2026.

Highway Sign: Councilmember Shelly Farnham stated Karen Molesky is addressing the cover for the sign. It will be the type used on Vic's Burgers sign in Sultan. Councilmember Frank Martin asked Councilmember Mark Carroll about his property as being a potential site for a new sign. Councilmember Mark Carroll said it could be something he would consider.

Next meeting November 24th, 2025: This meeting will be held.

Public Comment: Comments regarding the rezoning, the comp plan updates for 2026 preapplication process were answered by Mayor Sladek and Eric Jensen. Citizens attending Bob Entrop, Gillian Esson, Sarah Bender/SO (name unknown), Ted Cleveland, Elizabeth Heard, and Daniel, last name unknow. Attendees were online as well as present in town hall.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm. Councilmember Gene Egan motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: _____



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday November 24th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Henry Sladek, Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan, Shelly Farnham and Geoff Holden attended the meeting. Councilmember Frank Martin attended via zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the agenda as written. Councilmember Frank Martin asked a question regarding the highway sign. Mayor Sladek indicated that the sign will be added to the next agenda as this is the council's additional meeting in November. Council member Gene Egan, seconded, AIF

Approve November 10, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded the motion, all in favor.

2025 Budget Amendment-Ordinance 501: This is a placeholder for this meeting.

2026 Budget-Ordinance 502 : This is considered the first and second reading of the budget. Mayor Sladek discussed the information provided regarding the proposed budget for 2026 and provided a recap of information. The council were provided with the opportunity to ask questions. A discussion ensued regarding the fund balances and town accounts. The following council members had questions, Frank Martin, Shelly Farnham and Mark Carroll. Councilmember Gene Egan shared insight regarding budgets and Councilmember Frank Martin provided an example of where the town could see an increase, specifically with building permits as the town grows. Councilmember Shelly Farnham stated it appears there is a 2 ½% increase over the 2025 budgeted amount and from there it is adjusted up or down per the priorities. Shelly asked if the town is spending beyond our existing reserves, Mayor

Sladek answered that our total fund balances include reserves for Operating and Capital Expenses, FS Compound, Economic Development and Parks plus approximately 50% of the annual General Fund Operating Expenses for emergencies. The Public Hearing was opened at 5:10 p.m. Community members Joannie Keaunui and Teddy Jo Ryder commented. Joannie asked how much money the short-term rentals bring into the town. Mayor Sladek answered the question indicating the town earns roughly 2% similar to what other businesses pay into state taxes and funds. Teddy Jo responded that if they choose not to pay taxes there's no way to track it. The Public Hearing closed at 5:36 p.m.

Ordinance 499-Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was opened at 5:37 p.m. for the last reading. Councilmember Frank Martin shared his thoughts regarding setbacks, height limits and number of units. Mayor Sladek stated that the number of units is 16 per acre. It was determined through discussion that changes are associated with the compound property. Eric Jensen addressed the requirement for a traffic study. If there are 10-15 average daily trips from a property, then a traffic study is necessary. Councilmember Mark Carroll shared that he is not a fan of item #5 regarding number of pets a property can have. Councilmember Geoff Holden read the item to the group/community members present. Public Hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

Ordinance 499-amend Title 15 & 18: See comments above. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to accept the Ordinance as written with the change to acre under Maximum residential density. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, AIF.

Levy-Ordinance 500: Mayor Sladek shared the history of this levy and how it impacts the Town of Skykomish. Public Hearing opened at 5:54 p.m., no public comment or council questions were received. Public Hearing closed at 5:55 p.m. Councilmember Mark Carroll moved to adopt Ordinance #500. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded, AIF.

Next meeting December 8th, 2025: This meeting will be held.

Public Comment: No additional comments were placed. The public attended via Zoom as well as in person at Town Hall

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: _____



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday December 8th, 2025
5:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Henry Sladek, Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin attended the meeting. Councilmember Geoff Holden attended via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Mayor Sladek asked if the swearing in of he and Councilmember Shelly Farnham be added to the agenda. Councilmember Shelly Farnham asked that an update regarding herself and the election board be added as well. Councilmember Mark Carroll has moved to accept the agenda with the additions. Councilmember Frank Martin seconded the motion. AIF

Swearing in of the candidates: Mayor Henry Sladek took his oath of office as presented by clerk/treasurer Ginnie Eburn. Councilmember took her oath of office as presented by Mayor Sladek. Elected members Mo Ainsley and Geoff Holden will be sworn in January 12, 2026.

Approve November 24th, 2025, Minutes: Councilmember Shelly Farnham moved to accept the minutes as written. Councilmember Geoff Holden seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approve Claims: Mayor Sladek shared with the council that there is a claim filed to recoup some of the loss with the vandalism to the generator at the WWTF. Mayor Sladek addressed the payment to Frank's Field Service as Councilmember Mark Carroll had asked a question regarding the amount. Mayor Sladek shared that in the future the option of obtaining a fleet vehicle may be the better choice given what the town has spent on repairs. Councilmember Mark Carroll motioned to approve the claims. Councilmember Gene Egan seconded the motion, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sladek acknowledged Councilmember Frank Martin's service and contributions to the Town of Skykomish. He presented Frank with a card signed by the council members and staff. Tonight is Frank's last council meeting as he has retired from his position. Frank shared that he has served in the council position for eight years and added he has been a resident of Skykomish since 2011. Frank shared he is grateful for all the support he has received over the years.

Eric Jensen-Planning: Eric shared an update regarding the implementation plan, indicating it will go before the council and Mayor during the January 12th, 2026, meeting. Eric shared there have been 2 recent pre-application meetings and there are 2 additional pre-applications which are currently being evaluated as they have critical area impacts. Eric mentioned the compound and more information to come regarding workforce housing.

2026 Budget-Ordinance 502-Final Reading: Mayor Sladek discussed the information provided regarding the proposed budget for 2026. Councilmember Shelly Farnham said after having researched her previous concerns she feels as if she is happy with the proposed budget. No other council's comments were received. There were no community comments. Councilmember Gene Egan moved to approve Budget Ordinance 502 as written. Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded, AIF.

Amended Budget-Ordinance 501: The purpose of the amended budget and the events that created the difference between the budget the council adopted for 2025 vs, the increases were explained by Mayor Sladek. Councilmember Frank Marin motioned to accept Ordinance 501 and Councilmember Shelly Farnham seconded the motion, AIF.

Sewer Plant/Water Main Repairs: Mayor Sladek said the town captured the immediate problems that presented during 2025. He added that today he doesn't foresee any large expenditures. Mayor Sladek went on to discuss the water plan and said that G&O is assisting with the update of information. Once the information is formatted the council will review and there will be a Public Hearing to allow comment. A professional leak detection company will be in town sometime in the next couple of weeks to assist the town with potential problems that need addressed in the new year.

Highway Sign: Councilmember Shelly Farnham stated Sky Artworks has received the contract from Port of Seattle and the temporary wrap around was approved as an item in the grant. Councilmember Mark Carroll stated he had spoken to someone from the WSDOT and gained some insight. He shared that he is looking at working out a possible easement for the town sign placement.

Next meeting December 22nd , 2025: This meeting is cancelled.

Public Comment: Community member Sarah Bender asked a question regarding budget reserves and the infrastructure. The question was answered by Mayor Sladek. The opportunity for additional questions was presented to the audience in attendance as well as online. No further comments were received.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm. Councilmember Frank Martin motioned to adjourn; Councilmember Mark Carroll seconded, all in favor.

Henry Sladek, Mayor

Virginia Eburn, Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL WORKSHOP NOTES
Monday February 10th, 2024
4:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Sladek, Councilmembers Mark Carroll, Gene Egan and Geoff Holden attended in person. Councilmember Frank Martin attended virtually, and Councilmember Shelly Farnham was absent. Also, present; Eric Jensen (EJ Municipal Land Use Planner), Steve Yarbrough, Steve Koch, Nathan Mesaros (Thomas Group), and Elizabeth Blankenship.

Workshop Called to Order: Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

Comp Plan: Eric Jensen presented information regarding the following completed elements of the comp plan.

The Housing Needs assessment and Appendix, the Updated Draft Housing Element, the Draft Land Use Element, Draft Parks and Open Space Element, Draft Transportation Element, Draft Climate Element, Draft Capital Facilities Element, and the Draft Capital Facilities Appendix. Council members Frank Martin and Mark Carroll had specific questions to present to Eric, which he answered.

The workshop ended at 4:50 p.m.