

## Minutes of Cusick Town Council Meeting held August 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield at 6:01 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Mayor, Duane Schofield; Councilmembers Everett Alford, Tina Alford, Stephanie Knight; Maintenance Operator Scott Baumgardner; Clerk Tonya Garske; Assistant Clerk Christina Baumgardner, and Resident/Former Councilmember Linda Monfort. Remote by Zoom: Councilmembers Afton Servas and Luke Servas; Kyle Meschko, Keller Associates; Brenda Smits, DOH; Kate Hupp, Ecology; TerriAnn Lyons, Selkirk Sun; Glenn Blakeslee, POC Sheriff; Chief Bob Webber, POC Fire District 4; Rob Buchert, Ecology; Cynthia Wall-Fuller, Commerce; Claire Miller, Commerce; Madi Casto, Kalispel Tribe; and Sam Snead, SJ Environmental.

PLEDGE of Allegiance; Introductions; **Approval** of Agenda on motion by Stephanie Knight, seconded by Tina Alford. No further discussion and unanimous approval. **Approval** of Minutes from July 5, 2022, on motion by Tina Alford, seconded by Everett Alford. No further discussion or public comment and unanimous approval. Linda Monfort attending to observe.

**Other Reports:** POC Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee presented the monthly incident report. Fire District 4 Chief Bob Webber presented the Fire Report.

Council Position 3 Vacancy – Luke Servas indicated he was still interested in vacant position.

**APPROVAL:** Nominate Luke Servas to Council Position 3 on motion by Tina Alford, seconded by Everett Alford. No further discussion or public comment. Nomination accepted and Luke Servas appointed with unanimous approval.

Kyle Meschko of Keller Associates gave update on General Sewer Plan (GSP), which is almost ready for submission to Ecology, after clarification of some items with Gregg Dobb. Cynthia Wall-Fuller commented that this completion and approval will allow the Town to apply for design funding. Discussion also included the Administrative Order issued by Ecology, requiring the Town to submit a design for a replacement for Lift Station 1 by the end of this year. Rob Buchert from Ecology indicated that Keller Associates can request additional time for completion of GSP, to include Lift Station design, as well as archaeological and geographic surveys. An Emergency Declaration allows a 15 day “expedite” on Tribal responses. Kyle later indicated he would be open to the possibility of a “pre-fabricated” lift station design.

Sam Snead of SJ Environmental commented on issues he saw with Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) when given a tour, including wondering when last time collection system was cleaned. He also commented on the need for smoke testing to identify and repair Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) problems and other leaks, after notifying residents and businesses of the testing.

Cynthia Wall-Fuller gave overview of Workshop held on July 27, 2022, including Ecology’s Incident Reporting requirement, as well as potential funding sources for Design Funding through Ecology (accepting applications October 1 to November 30) or possibly a low-interest loan through the Public Works Board (PWB) – due September 9, 2022, which could potentially be paid off with an Ecology Grant. She also reminded the Town of the requirement for a Certified Wastewater Operator by January 15, 2023. Brenda Smits of Department of Health noted that she was currently reviewing our Small Water Systems Management Program (SWSMP) and would get a reply out this week.



Councilmember Afton Servas reported that she had a phone call scheduled for tomorrow on STAG funding and procedures for waiver of matching funds. Town could apply to Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) if match not waived.

Everett Alford and Scott Baumgardner provided the maintenance report, including mowing at lagoons. He will contact the Tribe for a mower that can reach farther down the bank.

Clerk Tonya Garske provided Clerk's Report, including information about STCU, a solicitation from ArchiveSocial, quote for dumpsters, citizen complaint, Bond requirement, upcoming Bicycle Tour, upcoming training opportunities and guidelines during elections.

**APPROVAL:** Provide Credit Card to Scott Baumgardner with \$2,000.00 limit, on motion by Tina Alford, seconded by Everett Alford. No further discussion and unanimous approval.

**APPROVAL:** Cancel credit card of Gary Dupree (and Crystal Nelson, if not cancelled previously), on motion by Stephanie Knight, seconded by Everett Alford. No further discussion and unanimous approval.

**APPROVAL:** Send letter to owner of 311 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue concerning hazardous conditions, on motion by Stephanie Knight, seconded by Tina Alford. No further discussion and unanimous approval.

**APPROVAL:** Send another letter to Rowdy Schubert concerning lot on northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Timber, on motion by Tina Alford, seconded by Stephanie Knight. No further discussion and unanimous approval.

Councilmember Tina Alford reported that new boat launch signs are done and ready to be posted, she will paint the existing sign, launch tickets will be ready this week, and that it will cost \$356.00 plus tax for a new skate park sign.

**APPROVAL:** Purchase new skate park sign at cost quoted on motion by Everett Alford, seconded by Luke Servas. No further discussion and unanimous approval.

Preliminary Budget Committee meeting scheduled for 6pm on August 25 at Eagle's Landing.

Council then went into Executive Session from 7:36pm until 8:16pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Mayor Duane Schofield, until 6:00pm on September 6, 2022.

Signed on Aug. 18, 2022, by:

Duane Schofield  
☒ Mayor, Duane Schofield, ☐ Mayor Pro Tem, Everett Alford

Attested to by: Tonya Garske  
Tonya Garske, Clerk/Recorder