



TOWN OF CUSICK, WA

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 23RD, 2023 | 5:30 pm

The Town Council of the Town of Cusick, Washington held a Special monthly council meeting. on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 in in Council Chambers at Cusick Town Hall. 111 S 1st Ave.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: (IN-PERSON)

Duane Schofield, Mayor	Jessamyn Fitzhugh, Council Member position #3
Tina Alford, Council Member position #5	Evertt Alford, Council Member position #2
Lisa Davis, Clerk	Julie SiJohn, Clerk
Casie Monge, Water/Sewer Tech	Robert Reinhardt
Patricia Gardner	Pam Thompson
Mark Thompson	Barb McGill
Mary Yann	Robert Madaga
Haley S Adams	

PRESENT: (VIA ZOOM/PHONE-IN)

Afton Sevas, Council Member position #1	Luke Servas, Council Member position #4
Cynthia Fuller, Dept of Commerce	Cathi Read, WA Dept of Commerce
Kate Hupp, WA Dept of Ecology	Robert Rozencrantz, POC Commissioner
Madi Castio, Kalispel Tribe	Nathan Ikera, Dept of Ecology
Mandy Walters, POCLD	Jeff Pittman, POCLD
Rich Schnetlage	Maria Town, Calispel Library
Nick Pease	Brad (POC Friends)
Katherine Schutte	Phone in caller
Phone in caller	"No to Library raise rent"

Mayor Duane Schofield addresses the room and calls to order the Special Cusick Town Council meeting on Water Treatment Plant Operations and address Lift station penalty letter order at 5:30 pm on August 23rd, 2023. All in attendance recites The Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Schofield gives his greeting to all.

Timekeeper/Recorder Select:

Julie SiJohn, Clerk and Lisa Davis, Clerk

Roll of Attendance/ Remote/Pres/Quorum

Attendance is called by Mayor Schofield and all the council is present for a quorum.

Agenda/Minutes

Council member Jessamyn motions to approve August 23rd Special agenda, Tina Seconds Motion, Passes unanimously. Council member Jessamyn motions to approve August 1st Minutes, Tina seconds motion,

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Passes unanimously.

Public Comments/Grievances

Public discussion regarding Town Library Committee proposed updating previous 2009 contract with Pend Oreille County Library District and the Town of Cusick. After much discussion, Mayor Schofield suggested further negotiation of the Town's proposed rent increase to \$800 @ month and the offer made by the POCLD of \$250 @month. Council member Everett motions for further Library Committee negotiations, Tina seconds. Passes unanimously.

Grievance of William Rienhart, customer of the Town of Cusick, states he was not given a receipt for several cash payments made during office hours to Luke Servas. No resolution was given.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

1. Water Operations
 - A. Water Tech Casie Monge requests the hiring a hydrogeologist for ground monitoring wells study and asks the council to approve \$75 per hour @ 40 hours to assess ground water wells by Shelia Packermay. Council member Everett motions to approve hiring of hydrogeologist Shelia Packermay, Jessamyn seconds. Passes unanimously.
 - B. A Water Committee for the purpose of Hiring an Engineer for Water Treatment Plant was established with Water Tech Casie Monge, Council member Afton Servas and Council member Luke Servas. Water Committee will meet and have an RAQ for September 12th council meeting. Tabled till Sept 12th council meeting.
 - C. Water Tech Casie Monge reported a pump failed and was in for repair at Spokane Pump. Discussion about purchasing a new pump and repair cost. Council member Tina motions for up to \$1300 for purchase of new pump & repair of pump, Everett seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

2. Water Meters Program: Hiring of General Maintenance worker, \$20 @hr for approx 30 hours a week , special duties installing, reading and repair of Town water meters, Town code enforcement for Boat Launch, dog tags and nuisances. Everett motions to hire of General Maintenance worker, Tina seconds. Passes unanimously.

Waste Water Treatment Facilities Operations

Lift station penalty letter from Ecology has been followed up and letters sent per Casie Monge. Lift station pump purchase before winter: Tina motions for approval of up to \$9000 for a new pump for Lift station, Luke seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

Council member Jessamyn Fitzhugh excused for the remainder of council meeting. Council member Jessamyn leaves council chambers.

Old business

Kalispel Tribe parcel purchase for \$42000 is a government to government exchange. Everett motions to approve sale with Tribe paying all closing costs, Tina seconds. Passes unanimously.

Prior discussion on Calispel Library contract was held during public comments during this meeting and the Town Library Contract Committee will meet again for further negotiations.

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Clerk Julie SiJohn brought forth a Local Parks Maintenance Program Applicant Authorization and Electronic Signature document to be signed and recorded into the minutes. Everett motioned; Tina seconded the motion. Passes unanimously.

New business

Council member Luke Servas mentioned a recent incident where Kalispel Tribal Fire Dept was not able to launch their patrol boat from the Tribe side of the water and launched at the Cusick Boat launch and did not pay launch fees. Question of whether there was a previous agreement between the two entities re: Boat launch use. Afton Servas makes a formal motion to draft an agreement between the Tribe and Cusick re: Boat launch use, Luke seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

No Executive session is needed.

Special Meeting is adjourned at 6:58pm till September 12th, 2023 to the regular council meeting.

Signed  September 12th, 2023
Mayor Duane Schofield

Attested  September 12th, 2023
Clerk Lisa Davis, Clerk