



TOWN OF CUSICK, WA

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 1ST 2023 | 6pm

The Town Council of the Town of Cusick, Washington held regularly monthly council meeting. On Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 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
Robert Rozencrantz, POC Commissioner	Robert Webber, Dist 4 Fire Chief, EMT
Sheriff Glen Blakeslee	

PRESENT: (VIA ZOOM/PHONE-IN)

Afton Sevas, Council Member position #1	Luke Servas, Council Member position #4
Casie Monge, Water Dept	Cathi Read, WA Dept of Commerce
Kate Hupp, WA Dept of Ecology	Rustin Rathburn,
Tell Hamilton, Kalispel Tribe	Zack Wallen, Keller & Associates

Mayor Duane Schofield call the Regular Cusick Town Council meeting to order at 6:01pm on August 1st, 2023. All in attendance recites The Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Schofield thanks everyone for coming to the Aug 1st meeting.

Timekeeper/Recorder Select:

Julie SiJohn, Clerk and Lisa Davis, Clerk

Roll of Attendance/ Remote/Pres/Quorum

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

Public Comments/Grievances

Mellony Bakery Grievance: The Mayor reads Mellony's Bakery/Mellony Wardrop-Rodgers grievance to the room. Luke Servas reads his response. Discussion is regarding cash payments and receipts. No resolution is given.

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Agenda/Minutes

Council member Tina Alford asks for objections or additions to Aug 1st agenda, Mayor Duane mentions budget is in the wrong section, no objections to agenda. Tina motions to approve agenda, Jessamyn Seconds Motion to approve August 1st agenda Passes unanimously. Council member Tina motions to approve July 11th Minutes, Everett seconds motion, Passes unanimously.

Utilites/Billing/Receivables

Customer Victoria Pullin filled a grievance regarding her sewer line fix. Council member Everett explained the sewer at residence was at the fault of the Town and motioned pay \$250 of the customer's bill, in kind. Receipt of plumbing bill required by Town, also further discussion needed re: Mrs. Pullins encroaching fence, and her dog tags issue. Tina motioned, Jessamyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously to pay \$250 to customer.

Clerk Lisa found discrepancies in Kathy Constaitch billing in prior years. Discussion suggested calling Marget Smith regarding audit notes found in customers account. Tabled till next meeting. Clerk Lisa discussed Monty Williams and Gerald Vorhees sewer shutoffs. Everett will talk with Monty. Tabled till next meeting.

Sheriff/ fire reports

Sheriff Blakeslee is present and reads the Sheriff's report. Fire Chief Webber reads the District 4 report.

Clerk/Treasurer's report

Lisa reports office operations are ok but paper supplies are needed. Julie asks council for another instance of Springbrook to work on. Council member Everett motions to add a single instance of Springbrook to the Springbrook account. Council member Tina seconds motion. Passes unanimously. Danielle from STCU updated council on banking and training.

Maintenance report

Everett Alford and Roger Brown had been reading water meters for 3 days and will again in 30 day to get an annual read on water consumption and overages. Reported 3 or 4 small leaks, Laundry Mat in Usk had meter problem, needs to be dug out. Pond looks good.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

Water Tech Casie Monge reports water is good, nothing different as far as operations go. EPA is requesting that contract for procuring engineering be redone, Cathi Read states requirements are stricter than when the Town began process. Casie will continue to move forward with the process.

Waste Water Treatment Facilities Operations

Casie Monge will write up Lift station penalty fine appeal letter to be signed by the Mayor. The POC Fair grounds put in a new pump before the 2023 fair. An additional lift station pump needs to be acquired before winter. Discussion about hiring a Sewer water Tech. Council member Everett motions to hire Casie Monge as the Town of Cusick's Sewer Water Tech. Tina seconds. Jessaymn approves. Luke approves. Afton denies. Motion passes.

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Work Session June notes

Committee needed for RFP, for procurement process. Afton volunteers, Luke volunteers. Afton motions to create committee for procurement of engineer. Luke seconds. Everett opposes. Tina abstains. Jessaymn approves. Motion passes.

Surplus sales/Exchanges/Nuisances

Kalispel Tribe parcel purchase, tabled till next session.

Old business

Preliminary budget 2023 –2024, Council member Tina motions to create a budget committee, Jessaymn seconds motion. Passes unanimous. Council members Tina and Jessaymn and Clerk Lisa will form the committee.

New business

"No swimming" sign tabled till next session.

The Town Insurance company spokesperson, Ashley Jones, has requested the Town to hire a forensic accountant. Tabled till next meeting.

*Mayor Schofield dismisses Clerks for Executive session

Executive session action

No action taken.

Council member Jessaymn motions to move September 5th regular council meeting to September 12th, Tina seconds, Passes unanimously.

Mayor Duane Schofield adjourns August 1st Council meeting at 7:55 pm till September 12th, 2023.

Signed Duane Schofield August 23rd, 2023

Mayor Duane Schofield

Attested [Signature] August 23rd, 2023

Clerk Lisa Davis, Clerk