

TOWN OF CUSICK, WA

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2023 | 6:00PM

The Town Council of the Town of Cusick, WA held a regular monthly council meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in council chambers, at Cusick Town Hall, 111 S. 1st Ave.

All Councilmembers were present and accounted for, constituting a quorum. The meeting called to order at 6:00pm, with Mayor Duane Schofield presiding.

Roll Call:

Present (In-Person)	Present (via Zoom/Phone)
Duane Schofield, Mayor	Kate Hupp, WA. Dept. of Ecology
Everett Alford, Councilmember	Cathi Read, WA. Dept of Commerce
	Bob Webber, Fire Chief – POC Fire Dist. 4
Tina Alford, Councilmember	
Jessamyn Fitzhugh, Councilmember	Cynthia Wall-Fuller, WA. Dept of Commerce
Afton Servas, Councilmember	
Luke Servas, Clerk/Councilmember	
Robert Rosencrantz, POC Commissioner	
Glenn Blakeslee, POC Sheriff	

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

This Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Cusick, WA was called to order by Mayor Schofield at 06:00 PM.

Review & Approve Meeting Minutes – 02/07/2023:

Council reviewed the regular meeting minutes from January 3rd. Jessamyn motioned to approve the minutes and Tina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review & Approve Meeting Agenda – 03/07/2023:

Council reviewed the agenda for this meeting and Tina motioned to approve the agenda as written. Jessamyn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emergency Action/Non-Agenda Item:

Upon commencement of the meeting Everett Alford brought before the Council an emergency non-agenda item. Earlier in the day Everett had gone to STCU to request some documentation that he thought would be helpful as he and Luke begin their financial review. Upon looking at the account, the STCU employee informed Everett that there was quite a bit of activity on the Mayor's credit card. (At this time we are not sure why STCU failed to notify us or make any attempts to protect us from potential fraud.) Everett asked for a printout of all the activity which was provided. Upon review of the documentation, we have learned that there has been extensive fraud and theft from our accounts. We have also found unauthorized access to other accounts and services since. While we do not know exactly what methods were employed to gain access to our accounts, Council did discuss directing STCU to close our current accounts and re-open a new account which would hopefully serve to sever any unauthorized access.

Councilmember Tina Alford made a motion, which was seconded by Jessamyn Fitzhugh, that the Town close our current accounts with STCU and re-open a new account with completely new account numbers, user access, etc. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jessamyn Fitzhugh asked how quickly we thought this would happen as we need to issue elected payroll for this meeting. Luke said he didn't see why STCU couldn't do this pretty quickly as it would seem to just be a matter of moving data from one place to another.

Signed on this 8th day of March, 2023, by  INACQUATE

Duane Schofield, Mayor – Town of Cusick, WA

Attested to by 

Luke M. Servas, Clerk – Town of Cusick, WA