**Minutes of Cusick Town Council Meeting held April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield at 6:03 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Mayor, Duane Schofield; Councilmembers, Everett Alford, Jessamyn Fitzhugh, Afton Servas; Clerk, Evin Olson; Assistant Clerk, Tonya Garske; Public Works Backup, Crystal Nelson; Maintenance Operator, Roger Brown; Council candidates, Christina King, Tina Alford, William “Scott” Lawrey. Remote by Zoom: Tell Hamilton, Kalispel Tribe Liaison (Housing and Public Works Director); Cathi Read, Commerce; Kyle Meschko, Keller Engineering; Nathan Ikehara, Department of Health; Cynthia Wall, Ecology, Brenda Smits (Department of Health), Donna Kelly (left meeting at 7:20 pm) and one unidentified person.

PLEDGE of Allegiance; Approval of Agenda as written; Acceptance of Minutes from March 2, 2021 and Financial Reports on motion by Jessamyn Fitzhugh; seconded by Afton Servas. No further discussion or public comment. Unanimous approval.

Fire District Report – Clerk Evin Olson read the Fire District report

Sheriff’s Incident Report – Clerk Evin Olson read the Sheriff’s Incident Report

Treasurer’s Report – Provided by Clerk Evin Olson.

and Waterworks Report – Roger Brown and Crystal Nelson provided update on projects. Crystal and Assistant Clerk Tonya Garske will work together to locate additional funding resources.

APPROVAL: Arrange with Big Sky to pump lift station 3 and anything else that needs to be pumped on motion by Everett Alford, seconded by Jessamyn Fitzhugh. Discussion included getting additional money through Federal funds that may be coming to the Kalispel Tribe. Town of Cusick needs to send letter of request to Kalispel Tribe. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL: Evin Olson to acquire Notary Public at Town of Cusick’s expense on motion by Everett Alford, seconded by Afton Servas. Limited discussion with unanimous approval.

APPROVAL: Mayor Duane Schofield to sign as “Officer” on Insurance Proof of Loss Form on motion by Everett Alford, seconded by Jessamyn Fitzhugh.

Council Vacancies: Limited discussion on council candidates / vacancies. It was determined that one candidate (Scott Lawrey) was not registered to vote in Cusick, WA, and was therefore not eligible for the position.

APPROVAL: Nominate Christine King for Council Position #4 on motion by Afton Servas, seconded by Everett Alford. No objections, unanimous approval. Oath of office sworn.

APPROVAL: Nominate Tina Alford for Council Position #5 on motion by Afton Servas, seconded by Jessamyn Fitzhugh. No objections, unanimous approval. Oath of office sworn.

Drinking Water Report – Discussion concerning Rural Development Grant status with Cathi Read, Kyle, Meschko, Cynthia Wall, and Nathan Ikehara. Ambrea (from Rural Development) has everything she needs and will submit for approval of $30,000 grant this week. Kyle is working on updating the project report. Cathi Read, Kyle Meschko, Brenda Smits and Nathan Ikehara will arrange a pre-planning meeting for all involved.

Wastewater Report – Discussion concerning needed update of Keller Associates Wastewater Facility Plan prior to applying for CDBG Grant. Suggested refinancing previous Rural Development loan from Department of Ecology for lower interest and less time to pay back.

APPROVAL: Send out Income Survey to residents of Usk, on motion by Afton Servas, seconded by Jessamyn. No further discussion, unanimous approval.

Open discussion – Included upcoming 2022 budget, 413 Winchester (burned house) being cleaned up, fliers to be sent with utility bills offering free help with overdue bills, Kalispel Tribal variance for upcoming multi-family housing units.

APPROVAL: Add new Councilmembers Christine King and Tina Alford to STCU account as check signers, on motion by Everett Alford, seconded by Afton Servas. No further discussion, unanimous approval.

APPROVAL: At 8:26 p.m. Afton Servas moved for adjournment May 4, 2021, at 6 pm, seconded by Everett Alford. No further discussion, Unanimous approval.

**Signed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**□ Mayor, Duane Schofield, □ Mayor Pro Tem, Everett Alford**

**Attested to by:**

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**Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk/Recorder** Treasurer’s Report – Provided by Clerk Evin Olson.