**Minutes of Cusick Town Council Meeting held May 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**: Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield at 6:02 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**: Mayor, Duane Schofield; Councilmembers, Everett Alford, Jessamyn Fitzhugh, Afton Servas, Tina Alford, Christy King; Clerk/Treasurer, Evin Olson; Assistant Clerk, Tonya Garske; Maintenance Operator, Roger Brown; Tracy Morgan (KTI Grant Writer), Madi Casto (Kalispel Tribe Representative), and citizen William “Scott” Lawrey. Remote by Zoom: Cathi Read (Dept of Commerce); Nathan Ikehara (Department of Health); Cynthia Wall (Dept of Ecology), Brenda Smits (Department of Health), Donna Kelly (joined meeting at 6:45, left at 7:20 pm), and one unidentified person. Tell Hamilton, Kalispel Tribe Liaison (Housing and Public Works Director) joined Zoom at 7:30.

**PLEDGE** of Allegiance; **Approval** of Agenda with following additions: letter to PUD for renewal and renegotiation while Crystal trains; and Donna Kelly, No Smoking signage in Town of Cusick. **Approval** of Minutes from April 13, 2021 on motion by Jessamyn Fitzhugh; seconded by Afton Servas. No further discussion, unanimous approval. Public comment: Tracy Morgan indicated need for letters of support for School Zone Safety Grant.

**Maintenance Report** – Roger Brown looking for ideas on where to put benches supplied by Kalispel Tribe.

**APPROVAL**: Declaration and sale as surplus Chevrolet S-10 pickup and cycle mower, currently in Town possession but not being used, on motion by Afton Servas, seconded by Jessamyn Fitzhugh. **Resolution 2021-02** passed with unanimous approval.

**APPROVAL**: Purchase new weed trimmer and push mower for lawn maintenance on motion by Afton Servas, seconded by Christy King, with unanimous approval.

**Waterworks Operator Report** – Report filed by Crystal Nelson, distributed to council members. Unanimous approval to assist financially with Crystal’s training and/or certification.

**Fire District Report** – No Fire District report was submitted.

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

**Treasurer’s Report** – Provided by Clerk Evin Olson. Discussion ensued concerning PERS and eligibility, with DRS Exit interview scheduled. Clerk Evin Olson will provide summary to council members.

Donna Kelly reported on “No Smoking” signs (per RCW) for placement around town. She will bring examples to next meeting.

**Drinking Water Report** – Discussion concerning upcoming Pre-planning meeting on May 6, 2021, Brenda Smits will send agenda and checklist. Rural Development Grant process is continuing, SAM account has been updated.

**APPROVAL**: Clerk Evin Olson will submit letter to Mayor Duane Schofield, explaining why PUD contract’s 7th renewal should be re-negotiated for 1 year, at which point Mayor will submit letter on council’s behalf to PUD asking for re-negotiation of contract, on motion by Jessamyn Fitzhugh, seconded by Tina Alford, with unanimous approval.

**Wastewater Report** – Discussion concerning issues at 5th Avenue manhole. Crystal will begin documenting status with pictures and reports. Usk Income Survey is progressing. Pre-plan meeting was held with Keller Associates and Dept. of Ecology on updating Wastewater Facilities Plan. Advised to continue work on pre-construction, planning, and design. Nathan Ikehara, Cathi Read, and Cynthia Wahl left Zoom meeting at 7:30pm.

**APPROVAL**: Variances for Kalispel Tribe construction of 2 multi-family housing units and 1 single-family unit in Town of Cusick. Approved 4-1, Christy King dissenting, with request for Tell Hamilton to provide additional information at next council meeting regarding property on Timber Street.

Mayor Duane Schofield will sign letter of support for Kalispel Tribe to apply for School Zone Safety Grant. PILT discussion postponed until next council meeting.

**OPEN FLOOR**: Included discussion on if money is due for hayfield rental; DOT will reimburse Town of Cusick for road patching materials; 413 Winchester (burned house) is making progress on clean up; items for future agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Council went into session at 8:30, adjourning at 8:45, with personnel, budget sustainability, and contract negotiations continued to June 1 council meeting. Pay and PERS issues tabled.

**APPROVAL**: Reports: Payroll, Accounts Payable, check signing, table pay raises.

**APPROVAL**: At 8:57 p.m. Jessamyn Fitzhugh moved for adjournment until June 1, 2021, at 6 pm, seconded by Christy King. 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.