TOWN OF WOODWAY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Meeting held virtually due to current COVID restrictions

Members Present	☑ Mayor Mike Quinn☑ Councilmember Elizabeth Mitchell☑ Councilmember Tom Whitson	☑ Councilmember Brian Bogen☐ Councilmember Andrew DeDonker☑ Councilmember John Brock
Staff & Guests Present	☑ Town Administrator Eric Faison☑ Building Official Tom Phillips☑ Police Chief Alan Correa	☑ Clerk-Treasurer Heidi Napolitino☐ Town Planner Bill Trimm☐ Public Works Director Terry Bryant

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember DeDonker had an excused absence.

I - APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS - NOVEMBER 1, 2021 CLAIMS

Councilmember Whitson moved to approve the November 1, 2021 Claims Checks #13584 through 13602 and EFT #1472 totaling \$86,838.20. Councilmember Brock seconded the motion. The Council discussed hazard tree removal and Town Hall emergency repair expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

I - APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS - OCTOBER 2021 PAYROLL

Councilmember Brock moved to approve the October 2021 Payroll EFT Transactions #1449 through 1461, 1463 through 1469, and check #13583 totaling \$66,287.38. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 19, 2021

Councilmember Bogen moved to approve the July 19, 2021 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Whitson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 16, 2021

Councilmember Whitson moved to approve the August 16, 2021 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the September 7, 2021 council meeting minutes. Councilmember Brock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tracy Westlake asked the Council to consider allowing long-term guest house/caretaker's cottage rental.

III - COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Brock commented on a pothole on Algonquin Road.

Councilmember Whitson:

- Asked if the recent power outages were caused by trees within the Town's boundaries.
- Commented on hazard tree removal in the Olympic View Water & Sewer District watershed. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Mitchell:

- Thanked resident Teresa Pape for her recent email related to road overlays.
- Referred the Council to the information previously sent by email regarding a community discussion of ADUs in Lake Forest Park.
- Commented on the Brier police department's staffing challenges and thanked Town Administrator Faison for his work negotiating the Town's current police contract.

IV - MAYOR'S REPORT

- Shared more information about police hiring in south Snohomish County.
- The recent e-newsletter included information on the proposed 2022 budget, community safety tips, and hazard tree removal in the Olympic View Water & Sewer District watershed.
- A recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting discussed the Snohomish County Buildable Lands Report and the schedule for the Sound Transit light rail line to Everett.

V - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Communicated additional information related to police hiring challenges, public safety costs, and staffing.
- Clerk-Treasurer Napolitino shared that Kim Sullivan had been hired as the new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer/Permit Technician and noted that she brought 15 years of permit experience to the position.

VI - PUBLIC HEARING: FINAL 2022 BUDGET

Mayor Quinn opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm. He commented on several items including amounts that were changed since the October 18 meeting:

- REET, sales tax, and building permit fee revenue.
- Road overlay expenses.
- A proposal to include major play area maintenance in the 2022 budget.

• Shifting several items from ARPA funding to REET funding. Town Administrator Faison gave a detailed explanation of what changed.

The following people made public comments:

- Resident Tracy Westlake asked a question about how the 2020 tree/clearing & grading/environmentally critical areas code update was paid for.
- Resident Bill Krepick commented on the timing of when ARPA funds need to be spent, thanked the Council for including his written comments in the public comment section of the packet, the 2022 proposed expense for MUGA-related legal costs, hazard tree removal in the Town's rights-of-way, staff retention bonuses, and requested the Council take more time before they pass the budget.
- Resident Teresa Pape referred to the comments she emailed to the Council.

Mayor Quinn, several Councilmembers, and staff responded to many of the items brought up during the public comment period. Mayor Quinn closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm.

VII - ORDINANCE 2021-633: 2022 BUDGET

Mayor Quinn introduced Ordinance 2021-633: 2022 Budget and asked the Council to discuss whether they were ready to move forward with approving the proposed 2022 budget. Councilmember Brock suggested the Council add money to complete the renovations of the play area. The Council discussed how much to include; the consensus was to add \$10,000 in 2022 and to ask for donations and volunteer workers to complete the project.

ACTION:

Councilmember Bogen moved to approve the amended version of Ordinance 2021-633: 2022 Budget with the ARPA/REET changes plus an additional \$10,000 for play area renovation. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION - CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

Councilmember Bogen asked when the "Watch for Pedestrians" signs would be installed at the bottom of Wachusett Road hill.

Councilmember Mitchell asked about the leaf removal schedule for walking paths and catch basins.

Councilmember Whitson commented on the earlier audience member question about how the 2020 tree/clearing & grading/environmentally critical areas code update was paid for. Town Administrator Faison responded.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bogen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Whitson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Heidi K. S. Napolitino, Clerk-Treasurer

Elizabeth Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Council Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)