

DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11TH, 2019

OPENING

Flag salute.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chairman Anthony Rizzi. Roll call was taken. The six council members in attendance established a quorum. Chairman Don McDermott and Councilwoman May Ann Pauline were on excused absences. There were 44 citizens in attendance.

SPEAKERS

Marty Hudson of the Klickitat County Weed Control Board Office spoke about control of invasive plants. He highlighted puncturevine, poison hemlock, skeletonweed, outlining basic control measures for each. Mr. Hudson also mentioned invasive plants, butterfly bush, flowering rush and purple loosestrife.

Jim Smith, General Manager, Klickitat County PUD, spoke about the waste water system and electrical power systems. He noted the waste water system is at 50% capacity with 420 homes. Currently the rate is \$45 per month, but will increase 3% to \$46.12 in 2019. Mr. Smith put this rate in context, showing it is a lower rate than the rate in most surrounding communities. Based on a community member comment, Mr. Smith discussed wastewater fees being charged per household, rather than based on usage since measurement of wastewater is difficult. He noted the connection charge for new service is \$3,894. Regarding the electrical power system, Mr. Smith recently proposed a 1.5% increase in rates for 2019 to keep the approximately \$50M expense and \$50M income in balance. He mentioned that 85% of the power is purchased from Bonneville Power Administration. Mr. Smith briefly discussed generating power and natural gas from landfill emissions, and the impact on rates these could have. Mr. Smith noted the electrical connection fee was \$25, but could be more if additional infrastructure needs to be built for that particular installation.

Ted Strong, Executive Director, Yakama Nation Housing Authority (YNHA) spoke about the planned housing development of 66 housing units between 3rd Avenue and Sunridge Avenue, immediately west of Dallesport Road. He talked about traditions, history and principles guiding the development. Mr. Strong summarized the types of units in the development. Randy Settler, Secretary-Treasurer, YNHA discussed some of the financial and organizational circumstances surrounding the development including tax credits, sale thereof, and tenant agreements. The discussion, involving several community members, touched on law enforcement, potential problems with drug use, maintenance, and similar issues seen in other YNHA developments. Mr. Strong mentioned notions of adding a tribal police substation, a community center, a maintenance center, health and administrative offices, and contributing to local economic development and schools. The community challenged the YNHA to commit to adding these resources and questioned if there was enough land to accommodate them. Various other topics were discussed. Also in attendance from the YNHA were Preston Harrison, David Northover, Kelly Coons, and Lone Jones.

SECRETARY

Co-Chairman Rizzi brought to the Council's attention the draft minutes from the Council meeting on March 14th, 2019. Secretary Hotchkiss proposed an edit to correct Mr. Coons' title to "Project Manager."

A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The motioned was seconded and passed.

CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Swing summarized the most recent Treasurer's report, noting the month ending March balance of \$3,478.28 and summarizing recent bills.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Discussion of public relations was deferred to the next Council meeting.

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Council briefly discussed the legal and financial circumstances surrounding a proposal by Sagetech Corporation to purchase the Dallesport School Property from the Lyle School District. The Council noted pending appraisals and another hearing that will take place in the near future before the sale is to be finalized.

WATER DISTRICT

Councilman WJ Morris made a motion to defer discussion of the Dallesport Water District to the next Council meeting, the motion was seconded and carried.

BYLAW COMMITTEE

The Council noted the Bylaw committee will meet in the near future.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Co-Chairman Rizzi noted the future speakers included the Port Authority and Marty Hudson of the Klickitat County Weed Control Board Office.

A member of the community in attendance asked that YNHA speakers be invited back periodically to keep the community apprised of the development and keep communication open.

The potential for having Frank Hewey of Klickitat County Code Compliance speak at a future meeting was discussed. Councilman Morris agreed to call Mr. Hewey.

The potential for Rita Pinchot of Klickitat-Lyle Against Substance Abuse Coalition (KLASAC) to speak at a future meeting was discussed. Co-Chairman Rizzi agreed to call Mrs. Pinchot.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Morris spoke about the responsibility of the community to hold developers including the YNHA accountable to county, state and federal laws, and developers' responsibility to address issues raised in the process. He briefed the council on several errors found in the YNHA development SEPA (SEPA2019-06).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer commented on how tribal and county law enforcement coordinate with one another.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and carried.

Co-Chairman Rizzi adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Caleb Hotchkiss, Secretary