

The Town of Washington

"THE FIRST WASHINGTON OF ALL"

August 24, 2015

Continued from

August 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting

Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sullivan called the Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members Jerry Goebel, Gary Schwartz, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Ann Kuhn, Katharine Leggett, were present. Gary Aichele and Town Attorney John Bennett were absent. Town Clerk Laura Dodd was present.

Chairman Schwartz called the Planning Commission to order. Present was Commissioner Judy deSarno.

- OLD BUSINESS: a). Water and Sewer Rate Work Session with the Planning Commission: Mayor Sullivan reviewed the current water rates versus expenses and discussed that there had been a \$40,000 to \$50,000 loss in the prior year, which had been covered by general funds. He discussed it did not make sense to be operating at a loss and that the water rates had not been raised since 2007. He discussed that the goal should be to break-even in 2 to 3 years.

It was discussed that one of the goals was to have both water and sewer have the same minimum gallons per the minimum charge which was currently 3000 gallons for water and 2000 gallons for sewer.

There was a long discussion where various scenarios of how to raise rates over 1, 2, or 3 years to get to a break-even point on an annual basis were discussed. Council and the Planning Commission agreed by consensus that Ms. Dodd, Mr. Schwartz, and Mr. Goebel would bring a chart showing various options for raising rates to break-even in 2-3 years for water and 2-5 years for sewer for consideration at the next Council meeting in September.

- ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 p.m. the Council and the Planning Commission adjourned.

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dodd
Town Clerk

