



Quil Ceda Village

Regular Council Meeting

November 18, 2024

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order 1:05PM

President, Glen Gobin – Present
Council Member, Debra Posey – Present
Council member, Marlin Fryberg Jr. – Present

President Gobin calls the meeting to order with a full quorum and asks to proceed.

1) Motion made by Council member Fryberg to adopt the agenda for the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting for November 18, 2024, as presented.

Seconded

Questions: none

Ayes 3; Nays 0

Motion carried

2) Motion made by President Gobin to approve meeting minutes for the regular QCV Council Meeting held October 16, 2024, as presented and corrected.

Seconded

Questions: none

Ayes 3; Nays 0

Motion carried

3) Motion made by President Gobin to approve meeting minutes for the regular QCV Council Meeting held on August 21, 2024, as presented and corrected.

Seconded

Questions: none

Ayes 3; Nays 0

Motion carried

Public Safety & Justice

Discussion: Chief Shaughnessy, Council Member Posey, Hazen Shopbell – BOD, President Gobin, General Manager Jones,

3) Tulalip Bay Fire October Report

Chief Shaughnessy Tulalip Bay Fire Department (TFD) thanks the council for having him here today. Stats for October TFD Monthly Report, they responded to 121 calls, 87 of those calls went into Marysville, the rest are inside the Village or reservation. As discussed in prior months, we need to work on the tax collection from Marysville. We also need to start having conversations with Marysville Fire Department (MFD) to collect for services we are providing to their area. The Chief is waiting for a years' worth of data to provide, when meeting with MFD. Council Member Posey asks if six months' worth of data would be adequate. She states one year seems like too long for them to be getting services without paying any costs. When we were utilizing MFD services, they didn't give us leeway time, they billed us. The Chief explained MFD would bill us quarterly at \$600 per call, then transport fees and additional if their Battalion Chiefs would come to the reservation and assist during larger incidents. We currently collect transport revenue; we also collect Federal dollars for calls made in Marysville. We are collecting money for the calls, just not from MFD. Council Member Posey asks out of the 87 calls made to Marysville, what is the percentage of funding collected. The Chief told the council they make more than \$600 per call. The ALS transports billed at \$1,900 per call, every transport they make, they collect an additional \$2,700 in Federal dollars. Tulalip Bay Fire is getting paid from insurance companies and private transports and the Federal Government. They are not getting paid for services by MFD. Council Member Shopbell asks for clarification, if TBF gets called for services in Marysville jurisdiction, will we not receive funding? Chief Shaughnessy tells him we currently have not been collecting any tax revenue for the calls we responded to in Marysville. Currently Marysville is still collecting the taxes from their district that is here on the reservation. Which is up and down 27th outside of the Village. MFD is currently collecting those taxes, and we are collecting the transport revenue. When we send TBF trucks, Battalion Chiefs, anything non-EMS, we are not collecting for the services we are providing over there. Council member Posey suggests this is a topic for the leadership. The Chief has gone as far as he can go with the issue,

it's starting to become a political point. We took care of them, when we needed the services, it needs to be equitable and asks how to expedite this process. Chief and General Manager Jones met last week to discuss bringing in a consultant who has experience in the fire service. The Chief would like to hire a consultant to help them work through the issues between the two departments, taxes and jurisdiction. He would like to get moving on how to collect the taxes and get paid for the services provided to MFD jurisdiction. Council member Posey agrees, we need to expedite the process. We are a government and not a part of the same system. We are equal to the city of Marysville, Snohomish County and the State of Washington. General Manager Jones also agrees, we need a resolution, our own Village station agreement to invoice parties, nothing has been documented. Council member Posey does not believe we have been aggressive or assertive enough to pursue this. President Gobin doesn't want to continue discussion, in open session. He believes it's premature to bring in a consultant, until the Board of Directors sits down in a closed session with the General Manager, Legal Department and Chief Shaughnessy to review how they want to approach these issues. Then they can set up a budget for the department, we also need to understand how they operate. What the Fire Department protocols are between interagency. We need to understand how to set the boundaries, is it a legal process, a legislative fix? (Meeting request with Quil Ceda Village, Legal Department, Board of Directors and Tulalip Bay Fire). President Gobin states he noticed Quil Ceda Village Fire has a district number now. Chief Shaughnessy explained District 15 is the Fire taxing district, but this station up here (Quil Ceda Village) is District 59 and District 60 is out at Waterworks. Our Fire Station established Station 59 in Quil Ceda Village, that number comes from the county number for existing Fire Stations. President Gobin wanted to clarify, we are getting money from other sources, just not collecting from Marysville. Chief Shaughnessy, let him know this is correct. Running calls into Marysville Fire Districts is not unique to TBF. Getchell, North County Fire and other surrounding stations are having the same problems. Getchell is currently making twice as many calls as us. Marysville Fire is an underfunded agency, with a lot of responses in their area. They do not have adequate staffing. All the neighboring Fire Departments are taking on additional work. What is unique about TBF, we are a Fire District sitting in the heart of the community and we are not collecting the tax dollars coming in. President Posey expresses concern, when we first started this process Marysville Fire would not respond to anything. It has become a big problem. We have tried negotiations and trying to discuss this with MFD. Currently, it is not working. We need to move forward and create a plan.

Discussion: Chief Ledford, President Gobin, Council member Shopbell, Vice Chairwoman Napeahi, Chairwoman Gobin,

4) Tulalip Police Department October Computer Aided Dispatch Stats

Report given by Chief Ledford Tulalip Police Department. October Computer Aided Dispatch Stats are not accurate data, this shows for the month of October 41 thefts and 2 shoplifts. I know

it's closer to 43 thefts. We are working on a plan to make January stats more accurate. The rest of the report is a variety of things from stolen vehicles and car prowls, which is low for how much traffic we have in Quil Ceda Village. President Gobin inquires if there is a way to know how many shoplifts are at each store. Chief Ledford explained they are working on breaking the data down, to the top five stores for thefts. As of right now the Chief thinks a few could be Sunglass Hut, NIKE and Walmart. Police can prevent a lot of shoplifting from happening. For instance, Sunglass Hut just puts glasses out on display for people to take. Unlike a jewelry store, where items are incased. NIKE only calls us after they call security so they can file an insurance claim. Retailers need to start calling 911 right away, then be transferred to Tulalip dispatch center, this will help us to stop individuals. Council member Shopbell asks if the numbers are actual or just the calls reported. The Chief explained that is only the number of calls TPD received. Vice – Chairwoman Napeahi expresses concern, if the stores at the outlet mall are not reporting and the courts are not prosecuting, Tulalip Police could be wasting resources. Currently, most of the department stores are not prosecuting or have policies that do not allow for it. How do we get retailers on board? If retailers are doing business in our city and really want to put a stop to shoplifting, we must do more than arrest shoplifters, they must be prosecuted. Chief Ledford explained there are calls from Walmart, they want the offender to be trespassed. That doesn't do anything to help the situation. The offenders need to be charged and trespassed. We need to tell our officers that's not happening. There needs to be internal revisions. One problem is declines from Snohomish County Prosecutors. We have been working on data from 2019 – 2024, less than a five-year period. They have declined 1,132 of our cases. We are now asking for data for surrounding Snohomish County cities decline records, for comparison. President Gobin asked out of how many processed? Chief Ledford stated they are gathering data, to see how many they have filed charges on. President Gobin would like to know how many Tulalip Police have brought over to the county. Chief Ledford explained that he is not sure if he will be able to get that information after the fact. The county has been declining non-violent offenders. Snohomish County is blaming it on significant staffing shortages. Chief Ledford spoke with one of the prosecutors and has been informed they are fully staffed. We may not be getting accurate information. Another problem is, if we are going to book offenders into jail, they need to be held accountable. President Gobin would like to know if we are short staffed in our offices and whose responsibility it would be to keep track of the records and everyone, TPD brought over to Snohomish County for processing? Chief Ledford let him know we do not have anybody who is an expert in this field. There is a vacant position for a Crime Analyst and currently the stats reports are being taken on by an Office Manager. Council member Posey clarifies, in the past we did not do a great job of tracking the information or data accurately. Now, Shawn is here and going to take care of all of that, so we have good information in the future, information we did not have in the past. Chief Ledford let the council members know, they are shooting for January 1, 2025, to start tracking better, out of the records management, report writing system; rather than the current computer aid and dispatch

reports, this currently doesn't give us accurate data. The Chief is hoping to get at least seven or eight of the key sections answered. Another thing they are looking into, how many calls into the Village compared to the reservation. Dispatch response times is averaging 4 minutes for a priority call. We need to put percentages together for different locations of the reservation, so we know where to have officers located. We had a shoplifting incident on October 25th & 26th, we had several uniformed officers go to the Outlet Mall, police arrested two people for shoplifting. The visibility of officers helped. Police seen people walking towards the Village with large bags, ready to shoplift. After the arrests, they did not have any shoplifting calls for two days. It has helped to have police visibility at the Outlet Mall. TPD has a holiday plan, that is starting on Black Friday. There will be a lot of officers on shift that day, for visibility in the Village but also ready to help with traffic control. Officers will be there on overtime through the New Year. We want the visibility of Police presence surrounding the outlet mall and shopping areas. Chairwoman Gobin would like to discuss traffic safety for the Lights and Ice Event. She would like Police to assist with making sure families are crossing the roads safely. Especially walking around at night. Chief will set the expectations of no congregation, have police officers' interaction with the public, keeping them moving. The last slide is about suspicious person(s) and vehicles, Tulalip has been practicing proactive policing instead of reactive. The police are making arrests for narcotics, warrants, shoplifting, and other potential problems. The council thanks the chief for the updates.

5) Motion made by Council member Posey to adopt Resolution 2024 – 50 approving Tulalip Police Department Law Enforcement Services for the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village for the calendar year 2025 one-year (contract) as a Law Enforcement Services in the amount not to exceed \$3,026,131.00.

Seconded

Questions: Vice Chairwoman Napeahi has asked why the Village is approving this, prior to the approval of the 2025-year budget. General Manager Jones informed her we have already discussed this. It's a renewal that is required and the value amount does not change. President Gobin asked if there is an increase to the motion. City Administrator Flores let him know, there is not. With no further questions, President Gobin calls for the vote.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion carried

6) Motion made by council member Posey to adopt Resolution 2024 – 51 approving the one (1) year service agreement Tulalip Tribes Prosecutorial Services Agreement with the Consolidated Borough of Quil Ceda Village for the 2025 calendar year in the amount of \$236,928.00 with funding to come from the 2025 QCV Public Safety Budget.

Seconded

Questions: Vice Chairwoman Napeahi asked why this contract is being approved before the

annual budgets have been approved. President Gobin informs everyone it is alright to move forward with the motion because it is internal for Quil Ceda Village's budget. It can be modified if needed.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion carried

7) Motion made by Council member Posey to adopt Resolution 2024 – 52 approving the QCV Holiday Closure as presented, including 32 holiday hours and 24 administrative hours from December 24, 2024, through January 1, 2025, for eligible QCV employees with essential staff remaining active and available.

Seconded

Questions: Council member Fryberg asks if this Holiday Closure matches the tribal government. General Manager Jones responded, yes.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion carried

8) Monthly Finance Report

CFO Schmit presenting report, giving a quick update. Tax revenue and income remain steady. Motor Fuel we are about \$1,600,000.00 ahead in tax income; projecting it will be approximately \$1,800,000.00 by the end of year. We are ahead of the budget for 2024. We are looking a little light in October. We will see an increase in November and December for the Lights and Ice. We are still on track to being under budget on expenses, over on income.

9) Motion made by Council member Posey to adopt Resolution 2024 – 53 authorizing the opening of a new Quil Ceda Village Fuel Tax Investment Account with US Bancorp.

Seconded

Questions: Vice Chairwoman Napeahi asked why an additional account was being opened. CFO Schmit explained it is to segregate 25% of the fuel tax. Chairwoman Gobin would like to know if we have other money in US Bank Corp. CFO Schmit responded, Quil Ceda Village has two accounts a fuel tax account and a cigarette tax account.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion carried

10) 2025 Quil Ceda Village Council Calendar

President Gobin asks if this is an FYI and would like to know if the QCV Council has been given a copy of the 2025 calendar. City Administrator Flores informed him that she will email the calendar to the council members soon.

11) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by council member Fryberg at 1:37PM

Seconded

Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Staff & Visitors:

Vanessa Flores, Administrative Services Manager

Jennifer Flores, City Administrator

Teresa Meece, Operations Director

Casey Wren, Project Manager

Chief Ryan Shaughnessy, Tulalip Bay Fire Department

Josh Stadler, Tulalip Bay Fire Department

Ryan White, Tulalip Bay Fire Department

Chief Shawn Ledford, Tulalip Police Department

Kevin Jones, General Manager

Brian Kilgore, Prosecutor

Jereme Gobin, Public Works Director

Teri Gobin, Chairwoman

Misty Napeahi, Vice Chairwoman

Hazen Shopbell, Tulalip Board of Directors

Chris Schmit, Chief Financial Officer

Katie Jones, Tulalip Tribes Board Recording Secretary

Michele Robbins, QCV Paralegal

Lee Shannon, Office of Reservation Attorney

Minutes approved during the regular Quil Ceda Village Council Meeting held on December 20, 2024.



Vanessa Flores, Recording Secretary

