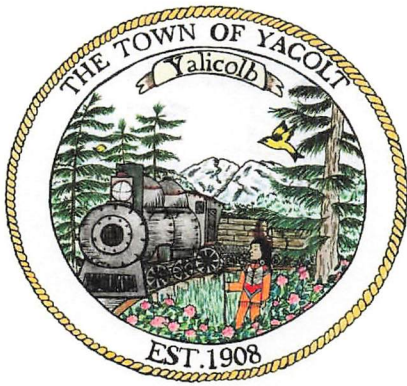




Town of Yacolt

Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop Minutes

Thursday September 11, 2025

5:30 PM

Town Hall

Call to Order

5:30 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Jeff Carothers, Kandi Peto, Craig Carroll, Brandon Russell, Marina Viray

Also present: Mayor Ian Shealy, Attorney David Ridenour, Public Works Director Terry Gardner, and Clerk Stephanie Fields

Unfinished Business

New Option for Legal Services

Council reviewed a resume from Attorney Brian Gerst and decided they would like to try him out. Attorney Ridenour said he could have Mr. Gerst begin immediately on real estate acquisition, since he has a lot of experience in that area. He could then begin to focus on Interlocal Agreements, Code Enforcement issues and revisions to the Code. He suggested that creating a social media policy might be a good project to have the attorney(s) at Heritage start with.

Budget Workshop

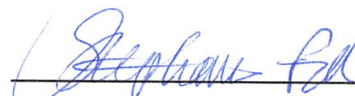
Council discussed ways to trim expenditures and perhaps increase revenues. Mayor Shealy brought up the topic of increased sales taxes, and Attorney Ridenour said he thinks we could only raise sales taxes if we have a special purpose tax (ie: transportation district). He will look further into this though. Council continued to go through the GL Accounts one by one to set amounts for next year, and Ridenour asked Council to consider budgeting for a subscription to the Washington Building Codes.

Next workshop is set for September 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:13 pm



Mayor Ian Shealy



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on 10-13-2025
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