**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE February 4, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

Councilmember(s): Josh Karl, Lewis Gerhardt, Dave Hancock, Vince Myers

**ABSENT:** Rick Urias

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

Pete Roberts: Public Works Director

David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING January 22, 2013**

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

ABSENT: Urias

Vote: 4-0

No: 0

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk asked that New Business item A be removed, there was no Resolution ready at this time and be replaced with Item A. Business Rental License Discussion

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Final Public Hearing on Growth Management Plan**

Mayor closed regular meeting and opened a public hearing on this matter. Steve Unruh signed up to speak on this issue. Steve noted he did not want to be dictated to by Olympia. He cited several portions of the plan he disagreed with on the update. He asked that one Council member vote on his behalf and vote no for the plan. Mayor asked if anyone else wanted to speak, there was none, he closed the public hearing and reopened the Council meeting.

**B. Executive Session – Continuation of Pending Litigation**

Mayor Carothers stated, the executive session will be about potential litigation affecting the Town, and might adversely affect the Town’s financial or legal position if it were held in public at this time. The Town attorney will be attending this session. RCW 42.30.110 Public meeting will reconvene in 15 minutes at 7:25 pm. Mayor returned at 7:25 pm and stated it would be 10 additional minutes. Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Approval Comprehensive Growth Plan Update Resolution**

Item was removed and replaced with the following

**A. Business License Rentals Discussion**

Clerk expressed to Council that she had provided all the information that she could find on this subject and wanted direction from the Council. Item was tabled for 2 additional weeks for review.

**Discussion Only**

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor thanked everyone for all their support during the time he was away for the passing of his mother. He stated the Skate Park at the Town Park was open and noticed that our youth were already using the fixtures he encouraged all the citizens to go by and check it out. We will be applying for a grant this year for the 2nd phase of the skate park. He wanted to bring attention to the rise in suicide in our area, he stated that it was more important than ever to establish places for our youth to go and the parks will benefit this goal. Mayor told council he was meeting on the 19th with Senior citizens in hopes of reaching an agreement for the property located behind Old town hall and possible asphalt for parking. Mayor noted that former Mayor Weldon had lost his wife and services were planned for March 2nd and when we had more information we would make it available.

**Public Works Report**

None

**Treasurers Report**

Clerk wanted to remind Council that Bias will trade out our software from utility billing to building permitting for free. Clerk stated she is working on making the Town a Wellness City, which would give a 2 % discount in insurance premiums and mini grant. She asked that the council check their emails for information on how they can help. She stated that she hoped that this program would get citizens involved as well.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 5,823.57

\* Payroll $14,656.68

\*Warrants presented in the amount of $ 20,480.25

MOTION: Myers to pay the bills

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4 - 0

NO:

ABSENT: Rick Urias

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:00 pm

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Minutes approved on 2/19/2013