**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE August 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

Councilmember(s): Dave Hancock, Vince Myers, Rick Urias

**ABSENT:** Josh Karl, Lewis Gerhardt

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

 Pete Roberts: Absent

 David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING July 15, 2013**

MOTION: Councilmember: Urias

SECOND: Hancock

ABSENT: Karl, Gerhardt

Vote: 3-0

No: 0

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor removed item C under new business

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

 **A. Public Hearing on Comprehensive Growth Plan**

 Mayor closed council meeting and opened to a Public Hearing. Jeff Niten explained that all the County Commissioners had met and approved the plan asked if the council or citizens had and questions. One citizen came forth and asked to see the map Jeff showed her the map there was no other comment. Mayor closed Public Hearing and reopened Council meeting.

\* Discussion Only

 **B. Comprehensive Growth Plan Approval**

Mayor called for a vote having heard from Jeff Niten to approve the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan in its current form.

MOTION: Urias

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 2-0

NO: Myers

ABSENT: Karl, Gerhardt

\*Motion Passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **A. Public Hearing- Citizen Comment on Naming of Recreational Park Hoag St.**

Mayor closed Council meeting and opened public hearing. He asked for suggestions from citizens present. Council Myers stated he didn’t understand why we had to name the park, he suggested it remain Yacolt Recreation Area. Bill Rowe citizen suggested Joe Warren get some type of recognition for all he did for the town as mayor. There was further discussion on naming just sections of the park vs. the whole park. Council Hancock along with Myers felt keeping the name Yacolt Recreational Area and naming sections was a better idea. A citizen agreed it was a good idea. Mayor Carothers suggested this should be tabled for further discussions since there was no hurry to name park. Mayor closed public hearing and reopened Council meeting.

\* Discussion Only

 **B. Ordinance # 511 Amending General Rules of Town Park**

Clerk stated that the current ordinance # 422 did not allow for skateboarding or any other type of device and the town had installed the skate park equipment so it needed to be amended. It was brought to the clerk’s attention by council member Gerhardt. This was the correction. David Ridenour stated the ordinance was written in a way that the council had control over what was considered reasonable for the park. There was discussion about no smoking.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 3-0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Gerhardt

\* Motion Passed

**Attorney Comments**

David stated that the Town was on track for the litigation and the hearing date had been changed to Oct 11th. He would be working over the next couple of weeks on drafts for review.

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor stated that the Town still needed volunteers. Ideas were needed and valuable feedback whether good or bad, it was needed to help move forward positively. The town continues to beautify but it is hindered by vandals. We have replaced 5 flower baskets so far. Urged citizens to keep their eyes open for vandals. He reminded those present of National Night Out. He stated that in the past we had done drawings but this year there would not be one.

**Public Works Report**

Larch Crew was not available to help with cleaning up the town for National Night out since the fires started. There was a person who would be completing his community service ordered by the court for the next 25 days with us so that would help get things done. Bid opening is scheduled for August 8th for the 2nd phase of our CDBG grant on the Recreational Park

**Treasurers Report**

Clerk asked council if they had received the correction to the website verbiage for the EZ view link. It was suggested the words “in the event” be changed to “if it becomes necessary” all agreed. She noted the treasurer report was in front of them for review. She also talked about National Night out.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 15009.37

\*City Streets: $13581.71

\*Cemetery $369.75

\*Recreation Imp. $3313.63

\* Payroll $19094.41

\*Warrants presented in the amount of $ 32,274.46

MOTION: Urias to pay the bills

SECOND: Myers

VOTE: 3 - 0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Gerhardt

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 7:49 pm

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Minutes approved on August 19, 2013