**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE January 22, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

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

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

 Pete Roberts: Public Works Director

 David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING January 7, 2013**

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

ABSENT:

Vote: 5-0

No: 0

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Steve Unruh was present to express that he could not find the posting of the Public Hearing in the Newspaper, clerk pointed out that the Reflector published on 1/16/13. He also stated that it wasn’t on the town Reader Board. Clerk stated she had been out for a week and didn’t know why it wasn’t on the board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

 **A. Increasing Utility Tax to 6% Ordinance # 507**

The clerk stated that this was discussed at the last meeting and council requested that the Clerk bring an amendment back to make the correction to the previously passed ordinance that should of included utility tax not just the telephone tax.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 5-0

No:

\*Motion Passed.

 **B. Draft Resolution C-Tran Inter-local agreement- Discussion Only**

Council member Myers asked if there had been any feedback from Battle Ground council on the agreement, Clerk stated she had heard of none. Council member Gerhardt stated there was a workshop in late Feb and after that we would be scheduling a workshop with Battle Ground council on this matter. Mayor Carothers stated that he didn’t think we were in a hurry to get this passed, Council member Myers felt we should wait for additional feedback from Battle Ground council

\*Discussion Only

 **C. 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 7:30 pm. Mayor returned at 7:28 pm and stated it would be 5 additional minutes. Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm to Public Hearing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **A. Open Public Hearing –GMA Update**

Jeff Niten was present and showed a map of the proposed changes to the current GMA. He explained what the process was for approving this update moving forward and projected the completion to be in late February or March 2013. Steve Unruh spoke to the council and stated he felt that the GMA update was a huge Red Flag to citizens. No other comments were made by citizens. Mayor closed Public Hearing reopened regular meeting.

 **B. Resolution # 487- Replace existing Reflective Signs**

Pete Roberts spoke to the council about the new laws going into effect regarding reflective signage. He asked the council to allow him to replace the signs as needed about 5 per year until they were all changed out. Council member Hancock stated it was something that needed to be done.

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: 5-0

NO:

ABSENT:

\* Motion Passed

 **C. Business License- Rental Property owners- Discussion Only**

There was discussion on whether or not the Council wanted to impose a business license fee on property management owners or rental property owners. Clerk explained there was allot of information to review about this subject and it might be better to have the council review the information. Council member Myers stated that he would like to see what other municipalities charge. Council member Gerhardt wanted information about step ladder system that may be in place in other municipalities. Subject was tabled for further information to be brought back to the Council.

\*Discussion only

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor stated that Public Works and Clerk were working on getting more information on the creation of the Towns own building permit process. They would be attending a workshop with Battle Ground in the near future. He stated that there was a scholarship award available and if any citizens felt there was a deserving student to come to Town Hall and pick up the nomination form. He stated that February 4th was the deadline.

**Public Works Report**

 Pete stated the Skate park structure phase one is completed and council should stop by and see the work done. Clerk stated there was enough money left over that we were able to purchase a plaque recognizing the Parks Foundation for the grant money received to do the work.

**Treasurers Report**

Clerk told council to check their emails for some of the requested information.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 13,276.46

\*City Streets: $459.22

\*Cemetery $8.81

\*Skate Park $16,760.00

\*Warrants presented in the amount of $ 30,504.49

MOTION: Myers to pay the bills

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 5 - 0

NO:

ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:16 pm

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Minutes approved on 2/4/2013