**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE February 19, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

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

**ABSENT: Dave Hancock**

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

Pete Roberts: Public works Director

David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING February 4, 2012**

**Clerk noted there were some spelling corrections in the minutes made.**

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Karl

ABSENT: Hancock

Vote: 4-0

No: 0

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk asked that item E. be added to New Business Finance Committee Appointment

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Bill Rowe was present to ask council how many speeding tickets had been issued in the last month. He stated that there was no discipline from the Sheriff’s office in town. He stated that the citizens knew they could get away with speeding because there were no consequences. There was discussion on holding a public meeting with the commander. Clerk was instructed to set up the hearing and get a report that contained information on speeding tickets in town if it was available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 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 30 minutes at 7:45 pm. Mayor returned at 7:45 pm and stated it would be 15 additional minutes. Public Meeting reconvened at 7:57 pm. Upon return the Mayor stated the reason for executive session to the public; the decision was made to move forward with a law suit against the State Auditor’s office. He stated that Resolution # 488 would allow for such action to move forward. Motion was made approve Resolution # 488 and move forward with law suit.

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Myers

ABSENT: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

NO: 0

**\* Motion Passed**.

**B. C-Tran Inter-local Agreement- David Ridenour**

David advised the council that he had sent information on the agreement to the attorney for Battle Ground but had not yet heard back from them. He would reach out to them again would let council know when he had more information.

**\*Informational Only**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Town Investments –Steve Rader**

Steve referred to the information that had been provided to the council in their packets. He stated that the numbers were just slightly different since he only had an estimate but now had the correct figures. He showed a slide that stated the difference in the amount of interest that could be earned by the town vs. what the current rate of yield interest was. Council member Myers wanted to know if the original investment would be safe with the possible pending sequestration. Steve assured the council that the original investment would not be at risk and if there was some kind of impact it would only be on the rate of return interest earned. Clerk will put the matter on the next agenda for decision.

**\*Discussion only no action taken**

**B. CAAB/Community Action Advisory Board Position**

Mayor and clerk discussed with the council the requirements for being on this board. Mayor noted that the current North County representative is Battle Ground and that person could no longer full fill the board position. Council member Myers was interested but stated that his current job and other activities prevented him from being able to attend. Mayor expressed to council that he knew they were all involved in various boards and that their jobs might have an impact on serving on this particular board. Clerk asked if council wanted her to contact council member Hancock to see if he was interested, she was directed to do so.

**\*No Action was taken**.

**C. C-Tran Direction – Lewis Gerhardt**

Lewis detailed for council legislation that was going to be discussed at a C-Tran workshop on February 23rd. He asked the council to give him direction on how the town should be represented on the pending legislative bills. There was discussion on all the measures and collaboratively, the council expressed their opinions on how they would like to see the measures voted on by the lobbyist for C-Tran who would be attending the meeting in Olympia. Council was in favor of SB5085, SB5088, SB5090, SB5093 and against SB5502.

**\*No action necessary discussion only**

**D. Food Cart Discussion**

Clerk explained she had been approached by a citizen wanting to provide a food cart service. She told council that there was no Ordinance or Resolution that addressed food carts. She referred the council to the information that was obtained by the Battle Ground website and the policy they had in place. Council member Myers stated he pulled information from the county and felt it was better suited to promote small business, he felt the Battle Ground policy was to strict and discouraged this type of small business. Council member Gerhardt liked some of the policies in the Battle Ground information. Clerk asked if she could take from both and draft a Ordinance and bring it back at the next meeting. Council agreed. Council member Gerhardt will email Clerk the parts of Battle Ground policy that he would like to see incorporated in the Town policy.

**\*Discussion only**

**E. Finance Committee Appointment**

Clerk stated that council member Myers tenure was up on the committee and it was time to appoint a new member. She stated that Lewis Gerhardt was the only council member who had not had a turn yet. A motion was made to appoint council member Gerhardt.

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Myers

ABSENT: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

NO: 0

**\* Motion Passed.**

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor told the audience and the council that the restaurant next to town hall would be opening on March 2nd asked that people start to spread the word in support of the new business in town. He talked about the flower baskets that usually are set up on the streets of town and asked if anyone wanted to donate towards the baskets it would be appreciated. He was working this year with the horticulture dept at the local high school to have the baskets made. They will be the larger size baskets 14 inch and they would cost the same as last year 20.00 per basket. He felt it important to support the high school students. He also stated that they would get all the recognition for the work done. He reminded everyone that Spring Clean up day would be on April 13th this year. In conjunction with the clean up a street trash pick-up was also being planned. A local business owner was working on getting youth organizations involved to earn various types of recognition for their volunteer services. Mayor also stated a newsletter would be coming out soon to update citizens on upcoming events.

**Public Works Report**

Pete stated support for a local crab feed taking place on the 23rd and invited everyone to be there. He gave council dates for various meetings that he felt the council should attend if possible. He stressed the importance of attending the meeting on 2/27/13 with the County Commissioners. This meeting would be in support of our pending Comprehensive Plan approval. The mayor stated the commissioners were impressed with the support Yacolt council showed at the last meeting. Pete stated that he was working on getting a street sweeper in town. He was hoping to get Battle Ground to come and do it since it might be cheaper, the total cost if the county was to do it would be about $1500.00 and no definite date had been scheduled but would let council and citizens know when it was.

**Treasurers Report**

Clerk informed council about the Wellness program she was putting together. She stated staff had their first meeting today and would be holding one meeting a month that would include a pot luck of healthy foods. She stated she was working towards making Yacolt a Well City that would include the citizens to participate in a healthier lifestyle. She noted a discussion with Dave Ayers suggesting a Treasure hunt that could be planned, felt it was a good idea. She invited council members to attend meetings council member Myers stated if they all attended it would have to be a public meeting. Clerk stated that they could rotate weeks if and when they were available.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 4,768.47

\*City Streets: $2,480.51

\*Cemetery $13.09

\*Storm Water $21.68

\*Warrants presented in the amount of $ 7,283.75

MOTION: Myers to pay the bills

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: 4 - 0

NO: 0

ABSENT: Hancock

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 9:05 pm

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Minutes approved on 3/4/2013