**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: November 4, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Josh Karl

Clerk Treasurer: Cindy Marbut

**STAFF:** Customer Service Clerk: Kathy Lattig

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: Not Present

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Gerhardt, Myers, Urias

NO:

ABSENT: Josh Karl

\*Motion passed

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**  None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Marc Caughie spoke about a new non-profit community center in Yacolt in the karate building. It will operate with grants. They are offering exercise programs, homework help, health guidance, military preparedness, possible drug and alcohol intervention targeted to young people. They wanted ideas for programs and volunteers.

Bill Rowe spoke about why the executive meetings were being held privately while spending the town’s money. Also, about the attorney expenditures mentioned at the last meeting. The mayor said there were legal issues involving the lawsuit and state audit which need to be overseen by the attorney. Councilman Gerhardt and the mayor said the legal fees were more a part of what was going on with the union and ongoing resolution of issues with the auditor.

Steve Unruh spoke to the council about the need to research issues like the water and sanitation issues and to look for “what isn’t being said” in the manuals from Clark Public Utilities, the Growth Management Act and the Stormwater plan. He spoke about the recent Public Utilities water plan update, the four old well sites which are not mentioned, and the increased nitrate deposits. He urged them to read the manuals so they could be better informed to make future decisions about these issues.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **AT&T CELL TOWER – Pete**

Pete Roberts said that Ordinance 371 does not address the tower height issue. He mentioned talking to the attorney and the ordinance needs to be amended; recommended it be tabled at this time and be addressed at the next council meeting.

\*Discussion only

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution #499 and B. Building Permit – AT&T**

Mayor along with the councilmember’s’ said that it could not be approved until the amending of Ordinance #371. Resolution was voted down

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 0-4

YES:

NO: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Gerhardt, Myers, Urias

ABSENT: Councilmember: Karl

\*Motion passed

The mayor then asked if Noah Grodzinwould like to give his input on the tower and its proposed new location. He said the ball field was not feasible. It was now proposed that the location be at the Yacolt Fire Station. It was doable for cell coverage and worked for the fire station. Councilmember Gerhardt asked about the difference in location for service; Noah said it was negligible. Noah sited the citizen’s concerns over being too close to the school and in the middle of town. Noah said they wanted to work with the citizens of Yacolt.

There was also some discussion about the letter of approval stating that the only approved locations would be on properties owned by the Town of Yacolt – public vs. private. Councilmember Gerhardt stated that the town residents need to have the opportunity for projects like these. Steve Unruh mentioned that the fire station is a public location but that it is not town owned. At that location there would be no MonoFir because it was not necessary and that the base would be landscaped. Everything is to be addressed at the next council meeting. The cell tower information was not approved and tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 4-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Gerhardt, Myers, Urias

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember: Karl

\*Motion passed

1. **CDBG Project Proposals**

Ideas asked for and given for grant proposals:

1. Pavilion for Rec Park proposed by Pete Roberts. Materials acquired from Battle Ground and Amboy schools. 40X40 pavilion for a large covered area and a fire pit. Grant match.

2. Senior Center proposed by Ed Huffman. $40,000 may be available through the North Country Seniors.

3. Historical building in Yacolt along the county’s scenic route through town.

4. Skate Park in Rec Park, grant money may be coming through for second phase of project.

5. Terraced area for viewing events and music events at ball field.

Discussion of what was planned for the Rec Park: International soccer fields, frisbee golf, off-leash area for pets, and town events.

Councilmember Lewis liked the idea of protection during the rain. The mayor will talk to the seniors. Also, mentioned was the chance to fund several projects, not just one. Appreciation was given for the ideas.

**D. Waste Connection – Scott Campbell**

Scott briefly went over the Annual Report from Waste Connections. Points of highlights:

1. Vision and values.

2. Safety First

3. Educators and coordinators available for waste reduction plans.

4. Community, residential, multi-family and school recycling through presentations are available.

5. Responsive, supportive and engaged with Clark County parks foundation and community events.

6. Involved with numerous sponsorships

7. Exceptional customer response and resolution with customer service representatives.

8. Quality maintenance and safety with drivers, automated recycle trucks, safety committee meetings and drive cams.

The mayor sent his appreciation to Waste Connections for their vision in the community and their commitment to quality and safety.

**E. Town Garage Sale**

Dave Ayers could not be present. The mayor and councilmember Gerhardt wanted input from the public. They would like to make a day event with the Folk Festival, train robbery, scavenger hunt and other ideas. There would be a possible western theme “Yacolt Will Not Rob You” was given as an example. It would be heavily advertized. August 16, 2014 is tentative date.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor thanked the citizens for being present; it was encouraging to see so many citizens at the meeting tonight. He expressed his desire for citizen input and ideas to help move the town forward.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated there would be some repaving on Railroad Ave. There would also be gravel put by the crosswalks by the library. There may be grant money for hazardous waste cleanup.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

No report from the Clerk/Treasurer. Cindy was on vacation and Kathy filled in for her in for her in her absence.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $6,518.40

\*City Streets: $26,173.72

\*Cemetery $360.35

\*Transportation Impact $584.55

\*Stormwater $330.19

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $ 33,967.21

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Gerhardt, Hancock, Myers, Urias

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion passed

**ADJOURN** 8:25 P.M.

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Kathy Lattig Jeff Carothers

Customer Service Clerk Mayor