**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: November 18, 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

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember Karl

\*Motion passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor added item to Old Business A. Resolution # 500 and item C. under New Business Bid Award/Able Fence Resolution # 501

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Doug Shaul’s was present to thank the staff for the crosswalks that were placed by the library and the warning signs. They have made a big difference. He also informed the public/ council about the PTA Book Sale partnership on Dec 7th from 9-4 pm. Mayor asked if it could go on reader board, Clerk stated after the meeting on Dec 2nd it could go up and she would put it on the website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. CDBG Project Approval Resolution # 500**

Pete explained that we had held a public hearing at the last meeting for project ideas. The pavilion was really the only item discussed. Council Myers asked the public if they had any further ideas, there were no comments. Clerk explained that the approval process was part of the application that had to be submitted.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\* Motion unanimously passed.

**B. Cell Tower**

Noah Grodzin was present to speak. He informed the council that after the last meeting he went back and discussed probably sites for the tower with the engineers. They decided that the MCI Tower location was the best option and the final place to house the cell tower. He asked the council not to limit the height when considering zoning changes to 135ft he asked for 165 ft that is what Clark County rural code allows.

This would to allow for expansion. Council asked what the time line would be after approval, he stated about 6 months to start project after approval. It would only take a couple of weeks to construct.

Clerk stated the zoning hearing was on Dec 2nd and a ordinance for review would be available on that date as well.

\*Discussion Only

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Final Budget Hearing**

Mayor closed council meeting to open public hearing. Steve Unruh spoke to the council and asked that if they were considering a tax levy increase that the funds, be ear marked for additional sheriff patrols. He said as a home owner of 3 homes he would be willing to pay more for the services. He stated that the Clark County Sheriff was under paid and that the town should pay more for service. There was discussion on the current contract with the Sheriff’s Dept. Clerk noted that there would be no way to determine if that would be available without having a conversation with the Sheriff. Council asked if the funds could be dedicated, response was yes but the contract was not up for renewal and we couldn’t really make a guess on services without a discussion. Clerk stated that during the meeting with the Sheriff the

Commander had stated they were already short officers and she didn’t think they would just add a deputy.

Mayor closed public hearing and reopened council meeting.

**B. Red Fir Liquor License**

Clerk stated that the Red Fir was up for renewal and asked if there were any issues that would prevent them from getting the license. Council stated they had no concerns.

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\* Motion passed

**C. Bid Award/ CDBG Able Fence Resolution # 501**

Pete explained the reason for the delay in the bid award. Given the circumstances with CDBG and concerns about the inmates helping on the project, a determination was needed before we continued on the Recreational Project. Now that the problem was solved and we were given the approval to proceed we needed to approve the bid for the chain link fence. He said that the he looked into a 5 ft fence vs. a 6 ft fence but the savings was only $ 1500. Council asked if the fence would support cattle leaning on it. Pete stated there are cattle now on the chain link fence located by Council Myers home and there were no problems

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\* Motion Passed.

**Attorney Update:**  David gave a brief update on the lawsuit with WA. State Auditor. The hearing is still scheduled for Friday at 10:30 in Judge Johnson’s courtroom # 6 on the 4th floor. This will be the first ruling and he anticipated there will more documents exchanged between attorneys as it gets closer. This is an oral argument in front of the judge.

Mayor read a statement stating the council would adjourn to executive session to discuss the budget/ SAO new information and adjourned to executive session for 10 minutes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm and reopened at 7:45 pm at which time the Mayor clarified the purpose of the executive session was to discuss collective bargaining information not the budget/ SAO he spoke incorrectly.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor thanked the citizens for being present; he stated how important it is to have citizen input on the issues that the town is facing. He reminded citizens that the Tree Lighting was on Dec 1st from 4-6pm and that we still needed cookies and volunteers for the event. Mayor told the council that the town had purchased new lights for the tree. They are LED lights and should last much longer than the old ones. The old ones were worn so bad it was time to replace them. He talked to the council about Mayor Levitt in Vancouver challenging the local municipalities to ring a bell for the local Salvation Army. The day that had been set aside for the Town elected officials and staff was on this Thursday November 21, 2013. Clerk already signed up for 10-12 and the Mayor said he would do 2-4pm and asked for council to fill in the other time slots. Council Urias volunteered for 4-6 pm and Council Gerhardt stated he would try to be there at that time too. Citizen Steve Unruh filled the last void from 12-2 pm to help out.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated that at the budget workshop he had mentioned wanting to collect money to provide the inmates that help us a nice Thanksgiving dinner, he noted the donations he had already received. Council donated to the cause, the date would be on November 27th @ noon and they were more than welcome to attend.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy presented the Mayor with a Trophy for an award he had received from a class of 5th graders for Patriotic Tie Day which was held on Flag Day earlier in the year. The mayor had been voted best tie in the event. He explained his winnings to the citizens/ council present. Clerk then directed the council to some information she had given them about a Shred Day in April, there was discussion and it was felt that maybe a day in May would be best suited for the event rather than the same day as the town clean up. She then directed them to the information about the credit/debit machine information that was available and noted that in the research done the plan before them was the best. The question was asked if residents/ citizens could utilize this as an on line payment system, clerk said yes it could be. She would provide contract information in the next packets. She then spoke about the discussions on changing banks they had at the workshop. She gave them the name of a Credit Union they could use. Council Meyers would like to see if there are other banks that might work as well before committing to a Credit Union. Mayor stated that Clerk was directed to set up a meeting with US Bank to discuss the fees charged and the potential to move the Town’s money.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 3,827.89

\*City Streets: $7,009.06

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\*Transportation Impact $62.44

\*Storm Water $ 916.14

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $11,824.74

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Meyers

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:15 P.M.

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on December 2, 2013