**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: October 21, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Rick Urias

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

 Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

 Town Attorney: Not Present

 **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Rick Urias

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

 Mayor added item F. under new business cell phone tower discussion

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Steve Unruh spoke to the council about the commitment the council made to communicate with the public through the website, reader board and posting of agenda on front door. He stated he knew there were staffing issues but noticed the agenda was not posted on the door on several occasions, he felt the website had not been updated properly and he noticed on one occasion that the reader board was not updated until the day of the meeting. Mayor acknowledged his complaint.

**OLD BUSINESS**

 **A. Speed Bump Information- Update**

Clerk expressed to council that she had provided them with all the information she found through the County and through WSDOT on speed bumps. The ones installed were legal with one exception we needed to place additional signage that states “speed bumps ahead” Public works agreed and suggested the cost would be around 150.00 ea. Council agreed that they would stay installed for the time being and asked public works to install the signs.

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO: Urias

ABSENT:

\* Motion unanimously passed.

 **B. C-Tran Update- Lewis Gerhardt**

The review committee met on Oct 8th and Tom Mielke was present and made a proposal that Yacolt have its own seat on the C-Tran Board. This was interesting in that it was unexpected. This is currently up for vote at the next meeting. There was discussion and some resistance from others present at the meeting. There is a request for a judge to make a decision on the veto vote. The next review meeting would be on December 10, 2013. Steve Unruh thanked Lewis for representing the town.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **A. Lawn Mower Purchase – Pete Roberts**

The council was provided with 3 individual quotes on separate but like mowers. Two brands were Kubota and one was John Deere. Pete expressed the differences and the packages that were available. He stated that Kubota in the past had provided better service than John Deere. Council agreed to the Kubota purchase.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

\*Motion passed

 **B. Liquor License Renewal – Yacolt Trading Post**

Clerk stated that the Trading Post was up for renewal and asked if there were any issues that would prevent them from getting the license. Council asked citizens if there were any complaints about their sale of liquor. None noted.

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

\* Motion passed

 **C. Building Permission- Ron Krieitzer**

Mr. Krieitzer was present and spoke to the council about the potential purchase of property located at 106 N Blackmore. Council asked Pete for a plot map of the location. Reviewed map and discussed the process to move forward. Mr. Krieitzer was inquiring / feasibility study before the purchase to be assured he could build a home on the property. He was informed he would have to meet all the county requirements and provide a building permit application prior to the building there was no opposition on the home.

\*Information Only

 **D. Public Hearing Property Tax Revenue/ 2014 Budget Presentation- Clerk**

Mayor closed regular council meeting and opened public hearing on property tax revenue, clerk presented a power point for discussion. Mayor closed public hearing and reopened the regular council meeting

\* Discussion Only

 **E. Finance Committee Rotation**

Clerk noted that it was time to rotate council member Karl off the finance committee, council member Myers was in line for the next turn. Myers nominated himself

Motion: Gerhardt

Second: Hancock

Vote: 4-0

NO:

Absent: Urias

\* Motion Passed.

**F. Late Change to the Agenda item – Cell Tower ATT**

Noah Grodzin was present from ATT and provided the council with a potential location of a cell tower. He noted the design would be ascetic to the surroundings in the form a mono fir tree. There was discussion from residents about the safety of the tower. There were questions on locations and if changes could be made he acknowledged that the location could be changed if necessary. Noah stated that other providers

could locate on this tower in future also. There were more discussions that lead to this item being tabled until the next meeting when further information could be provided to the council as requested.

\* Discussion Only

**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 the chipper was getting lots of use and if there were any citizens that wanted to dispose of debris they could take it to the Recreational Area and drop it off.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy passed along a message from David Ridenour that the State Auditor Hearing had been rescheduled for November 22, 2013 @ 10:30 am. She also noted she would be on vacation for the next meeting and that Kathy would be filling in for her in her absence.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 3,997.85

\*City Streets: $3,632.10

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\*Transportation Impact $547.15

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $8,185.91

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

Motion unanimously passed.

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

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on November 4, 2013