**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: January 6, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Vince Myers

**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, Urias, Hancock, Gerhardt

NO:

ABSENT: Vince Myers

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Oath of Office – Hancock, Gerhardt**

Clerk gave the oath of office to both council members Hancock and Gerhardt

ABSENT: Myers

\* Oath of Office no further action required

**B. Parks Foundation- Cheri Martin Presentation**

Cheri provided a printed power-point presentation for the council, mayor and public. She noted that she and brought along another board member from Waste Connections. She noted she had grown up in the Yacolt area, and was able to bring her grandsons to the skate park. She was very proud to be a part of the that project. Her primary goal was to update the council and public on the grants available and their fund raising efforts. She went over the amount of awards that had been given to the local municipalities and the projects they supported. She stated that Vancouver and Clark County were now separate participants in the grant request process now. She went over several different programs that are available for partnerships in the community. Parks foundation would partner with communities and provide the 501C , non- profit to assist in their efforts to fund raise for projects for free. There are several programs available to low income families for scholarships such as soccer and swimming lessons. There is a “Nature Explore Program” that is also free to communities. June 3rd is the annual luncheon, where they officially award approved grants. Parks Foundation set a goal of 100,000 to be raised by the end of 2013, they far exceeded that goal.

**C. Arts Commission – Discussion**

Mayor asked Clerk to give an update. Clerk stated that Patricia Thomas no longer wanted to be the Town’s liaison to the Arts Commission. She had been in touch with Lori Homala and was waiting to hear back as to who Lori thought might be interested, she also stated she had met a couple that was new to town and she might be interested, Clerk directed her to the Website and asked her to call Town Hall if she was interested. Clerk could not recall her name. Mayor stated that it was important to have some representation of the Town on this commission. There were questions from the audience about what the liaison would do for the town? The Mayor explained that the person would help provide information on how to bring Art to the Town.

\* Informational Only

**D. Executive Session- Collective Bargaining**

Mayor read a statement citing collective bargaining as the reason for the session. He adjourned regular meeting for 15 min. at 7:40 pm

Mayor returned and opened the regular council meeting at 7:55 pm

**E. Consideration of ULP Settlement Agreement**

Mayor explained to the public what the settlement was about. He explained that when there was unrest in the council prior to his tenure as Mayor, the employees contacted the union for representation. In the process of budget in the 2012 the council decided to have employees pay a portion of their benefits which was a violation of the proposed union negotiations. The settlement was to make right that action taken. The agreement would provide that outcome.

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Myers

\*Motion unanimously passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor thanked the citizens for their participation in the meetings. He stated it was nice that citizens to see what actually was taking place in the meetings and give an accurate account of the information rather than the sometimes rumors that take place without merit. He stated their participation was vital to the council making good represented decisions. He asked for volunteers for the upcoming events, we are in need of a lot of volunteers to help. The town would not have successful events without the volunteers.

**Public Works:**

Pete was not present

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy talked about the events that were coming up and the need for 15-20 volunteers with the timing of the events for the 4th of July. With the Big Foot Fun Run; starting at 8 am and then the parade at 10 am there still needed to be help for the venders setting up at the park. She asked for approval to put Gov-Net in place as the debit/credit pin pad for the town. After much research they were the only company that provided the service without a cost to the town. Council agreed to the use.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 25,971.78

\*City Streets: $20,878.68

\*Cemetery $ 6,157.94

\*Storm Water $7,876.27

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $60,884.67

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 4-0

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

ABSENT: Myers

Motion unanimously passed.

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

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on January 20, 2014