**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: MARCH 17, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Absent

Customer Service Clerk: Kathy Lattig

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

With changes noted.

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item B under New Business moved to item # 13 after the payment of warrants

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Storm Water Update – Pete Roberts**

Pete, Public Works, expressed to the council that a matrix had been provided to the council of all the surrounding municipalities to show comparisons. They discussed the meaning of impervious surfaces in relation to how the charges were determined. Council Myers asked for clarification on the cost for a home that was double the sq. footage would be double the cost? Pete stated that residential homes were averaged and this would apply commercial and churches.

**B. Property Sale Christy St Update- Dave Ridenour**

David Ridenour, town attorney, updated those present with the recent information about the purchase of right of way on Christy St. He gave some background on why the research had been completed. He stated he had looked at the details for the sale of the property. He stated that the RCW statue states that the town cannot sell this particular piece of property. Council Myers asked if in the next 5 to 10 yrs. in the future would the town need this property? Pete, public works stated that it was possible they would need the property for satellite sewer pods. He also felt that the resident needed more space. Council Myers stated he thought they should just vacate the property to the property owners. Council Lewis stated that if the town were to use that piece of property for a different function as in the satellite pods that would potentially vacate the easement. There was further discussion on the interpretation of the RCW statue with the David, town attorney. Council Lewis stated there was no action needed from the council and it would be up to the property owner to petition for the right of way. Council Karl stated that he would need to talk to the neighbor to see how they felt about the issue. Council Myers stated that both property owners would have to sign the petition. Property owner was present and understood what he needed to do.

**\*\*** Informational

**C. Traffic Signs Update – Pete Roberts**

Pete Roberts, public works spoke about the no parking signs on Ankeny and Clark. He stated that he had the authority according to Ordinance 480 but he wanted to bring it before the council since it was changing the roadway. There was discussion on the need for the signs and agreement to place the signs.

\*\* Discussion

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Public Hearing Cell Tower Amboy Rd.**

Mayor gave a brief update of the purpose of the hearing and then closed the regular scheduled council meeting and opened the public hearing. There were several people signed up to speak on the matter. Paul Tester stated he had his question answered by the mayor’s statement. Gary Walker provided some pictures for the council noting his view if the tower were to be built at the proposed site. He referred to the zoning ordinance for height restrictions and was opposed to the site location. He noted there were sites that were not in town limits that would be good sites. He cited concerns about health and safety of the public. Steve Burinsky was happy that the tower was not going to be placed in his backyard and was opposed to the tower being placed in any resident’s backyard. Carol Alongi stated there was no accountability from the cell tower companies about health concerns. She stated that there needed to be some kind of research about the health issues. She noted health issues from radiation from cell tower. She stated it wasn’t just about economics it was about health. Noah Grodzin from AT&T answered some questions that were asked regarding location of the tower, there was further discussions among the mayor, council and the audience.

\*Discussion no action taken

**B. Executive Session – Moved to item # 13**

\*\* Informational

**Mayor Comments:**

We have a new Recreation Park going in, we get grant money to put the projects together and have to compete with other cities. We put in for a grant for a Pavilion, and we received the grant to upgrade the facility.

**Public Works:**

Pete added to the information that the mayor provided about grants, stating that we had complied building materials at little cost to provide match money that is required towards grants. We don’t have a large budget and we have to be resourceful in how meet our required match.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Kathy Lattig, Customer Service Clerk was present for the Clerk Treasurer. She updated the public about the upcoming events and the need for volunteers and donations.

**# 12 WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 8236.54

\*City Streets: $4825.68

\*Cemetery $ 112.33

\* Storm Water $ 269.62

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $13,444.17

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Myers

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **8:28 pm to Executive Session**

**# 13 Executive Session**

Mayor read a statement for the purpose of executive session the first session lasted for 32 minutes the mayor returned and stated it would be an additional 15 minutes, he returned after the 15 minutes and stated it would be an additional 15 minutes. The council returned at 9:30 reopened the council meeting to an empty room and closed the council meeting for adjournment at 9:30 pm.

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on April 7, 2014