**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: April 21, 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: Cindy Marbut

 Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

 Town Attorney: David Ridenour

 **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Urias

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor added item D under new business Proclamation Municipal Clerks Week

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Jan Shaul from the Friends of Library thanked the staff for providing the materials and the man power to hang the historical photos in the library.

**OLD BUSINESS**

 **A. Cemetery Ordinance #517**

 Council Myers stated he thought the public should have an opportunity to speak on the ordinance. Mayor asked if anyone had any comments, there were none. Council Myers said he liked what had been done and stated it was has been a long time in the making over a year then asked if this was the 2nd or 3rd time on the agenda. Clerk stated it was the 2nd. Ordinance was tabled for decision at the next meeting.

\*Discussion only no action

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **A. Liz Pike – Legislative Update**

Liz thanked the council and mayor for the opportunity to be present at the meeting. She thanked council Gerhardt for inviting her to the meeting. She talked about the 6 cities she represents and how it was much like having 6 children Yacolt being the smallest but none the less important. She talked about her history as a council member and how that experience keeps her focused on local government needs and challenges. She talked about bills she introduced over the legislative sessions, she wished all of her bills would have passed but she would keep trying. She discussed issues with changes in storm water requirements and its effects on small cities, local rule challenges, restoring the Public Works Trust fund and REET monies being able to pay for electronics as part of the construction processes. She asked that the town provide her with a list of projects before October so that she could include them in her Capitol Budget.

**\*\*** Discussion no action taken

 **B. Your “L” Café Building Permit- Gayle**

Pete Roberts, public works, went over the application and the issues that were needing to be addressed. He stated that he felt it best for all those concerned that they have their septic drain field located before approving the permit. Permit would not be approved until locate was completed.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

 **C. EMS Levy Resolution # 505 Ballot Measure- Ben Peeler**

Ben presented his resolution for an excess levy to the council for approval to be placed on the ballot. He talked about the needs of EMS and how they were funded. There was discussion on the amount of money they were asking for. He stated that for every full time employee there were 6 volunteers. The excess levy would pay for operations, staff and other day to day needs. He stated that this amount was equal to the excess levy in 2002. He stated that they collect timber tax revenue also on top of the property taxes they receive. They have capitol funds that help pay for their needs. They service more than just Yacolt. There was discussion on the amount of money needed compared to the last levy. Clerk asked what the game plan was if the levy failed. He stated that Yacolt has historically always passed the levy but if it did fail they would put it back on the ballot again in November. He didn’t really know what that would look like since it has never happened. There was discussion on ambulance services and what hospitals were used.

 MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4-1

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

NO: Urias

ABSENT:

\*Motion passed.

 **D. Proclamation Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor read a proclamation announcing the attributes of the Clerk Treasurer and her hard work for the week of May 4 – 10.

\*\* Proclamation Announcement

**Mayor Comments:**

Thanks to all those who attended the annual egg hunt on Saturday and those who volunteered. It is funny how it just takes a few minutes for 2000 eggs to disappear. He asked for anyone who felt they had a heart for service to step up and help organize the citizens committee so that some of the work load could be taken off the staff, it is difficult to run all the events without citizen involvement. He hoped that there would be someone to help out. Mayor talked about the Parks Foundation meeting he attended on Friday for the grant we placed to complete the skate park. He took some kids with him to help explain the project and needs to the board. He felt it went very well. He asked the council to spend the next week or two thinking about the vision for Yacolt. He asked them to consider where they felt the town should be in the next 5 years there is a real need for a vision for the town.

**Public Works:**

Pete added to the information that the mayor provided talking about how the roads were going to need major repair especially Parcel Ave. He stated that no one plans to fail but fail to plan. He advised the council that public works had done a lot of patching of roads over the last week. The Recreational Park should be open in a couple of weeks pending a good stretch of weather to finish up what needs to be done.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy gave an update of the total dollars collected from the Spring Clean up to be 1657.00 and the donations from the Egg Hunt were 140.67 including a 40.00 donation from Dave Ayers to give raffle tickets to random little kids for a chance to win a Easter Basket. Clerks stated that was very community minded of him to do that. She advised the council that she would be working on annual reporting and planned to have them filed a month early this year if all goes well. She was excited to have it completed early.

**# 12 WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 12,249.69

\*City Streets: $1,307.15

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\* Storm Water $ 10.70

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $13,576.35

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **7:50 to Executive Session**

**# 13 Executive Session**

Mayor read a statement for the purpose of executive session relating to collective bargaining, the first session lasted for 15 minutes the mayor returned and stated it would be an additional 10 minutes, mayor and council returned reopened the council meeting and closed the session to pay the bills.

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

**Adjourned Meeting at 8:15 pm**

**Minutes approved on the is 5th day of May**