**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: May 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Vince Myers**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Mayor Carothers

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Rick Urias

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Cemetery Ordinance # 517**

David Ridenour, Town Attorney, handed out an update to the draft ordinance the council had received previously that outlined the actual legal description of the cemetery that had not been added to the draft. David explained this was the only change to the draft.

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Rick Urias

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**B. Storm Water Amendment Ordinance # 518**

Mayor Pro tem, Vince Myers stated this was the 3rd time this ordinance had been brought before the council.

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 2-2

YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Karl

NO: Councilmember(s): Myers, Gerhardt

ABSENT: Rick Urias

\*Motion Failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Petition Easement Christy St.- Ron Baumgartener**

Mr. Baumgartener was present to discuss the petition and expressed to the council he would like to proceed with the necessary steps for obtaining the easement. He had talked to his neighbor and they had some interest in the easement also but he wasn’t sure how much. There was discussion on whether or not the neighbor’s signature would be required on the petition. David Ridenour, town attorney reviewed his notes from previous meeting on this subject and provided some insight on what could take place in regards to easement. Council Hancock noted that if the property was vacated that the town would have to purchase it back, David Ridenour, acknowledged that was correct. Mr. Baumgartener was aware of that fact. David Ridenour noted that instead of the costly process of petition and vacating the property that it was allowable to let Mr. Baumgartener use that portion of the property for his intended purpose since in essence he owned it and there was an understanding there was an easement there. Since the town had no interest in utilizing the property it in the future. He wanted to double check, but thought it was a simple solution just wanted to be sure. Council Gerhardt stated that if it was allowable that would make more sense.

\*\* Discussion Only

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Pro Tem, Vince Myers stated he had no comments

**Public Works:**

Pete Roberts told the council that Bill Rowe had been volunteering and he was mowing the recreational area, he had another volunteer Terry Kaufman who was mowing the Little League field since their mower broke and we owned the property it was only right for us to help out. He also stated he didn’t know if the council had heard but Tim Wedding submitted his letter of resignation and that he would be leaving at the end of the month. He then told the council that it was his intention to go part time status of 24 hours per week, and if the council had a problem with that he needed to know right away because he had another opportunity that he needed to respond to immediately. He stated he spoke with the Mayor about hiring a part time temporary person to help get thru the Rendezvous and National Night out. He stated that he knew the town didn’t have any money and his private business needed more of his time. He asked that the hiring not be dragged out. Council Gerhardt stated he felt the part time status would be left up to the Mayor the Clerk stated that since this changes the budgetary outlook that it was in their right and the Mayors to discuss, David Ridenour stated that she was correct that it would change policy and budget and that the council and mayor would need to work together on this matter. Some parts would be for the mayor and other parts would be for the council. Pete then advised the council that the Ford F250 was leaking oil badly and was in need of repairs or we would need to purchase a new truck. He felt the cost of repairs would be about 8,000 and a new truck would be about 14,000; that was the price paid 7 years ago for the truck. The back hoe also was in need of repairs. Now is the time to generate some income.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Clerk noted that she provided the council with the treasurer’s report thru April. May was not reconciled as of yet. She also advised the council about specific line items that were over budget, Legal Expenses and Park Utilities. The park utilities during budget time was not increased for the cost of the new park on Hoag St. so that was the reason that line was over, she noted that the legal costs were due to circumstances that were on going. She reminded the council that we are fund budget and that we are not over budget just certain line items and it was her responsibility to let them know. She gave an update on the Rendezvous/ Bigfoot Fun Run and reminded council that there was a meeting at 6:30 pm on May 29th to discuss the events, she invited anyone who wanted to volunteer to attend also.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 12,531.53

\*City Streets: $1,466.56

\*Cemetery $ 78.79

\* Storm Water $ 6.42

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $14,083.30

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Rick Urias

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **7:45 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on June 2, 2014