**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: June 2, 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 with correction to vote**

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item E. Public Works proposal, Item F. Library- Dave Hancock

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance # 518 Storm water Fee Increase**

Mayor explained how this had been brought up at the last meeting and tie vote failed the ordinance. He expressed to the council that there was a lot of research that was put into this subject prior to the creation of the ordinance. He stated that was the reason this was put back on the agenda. He asked for comments, none were given. Allowing this would still be below any other municipality in Clark County, and we need it to help with infrastructure and of storm water drains and maintenance. It could cost the town more money later if we do not address it now. The cost increase is minimal. We have good streets and we need to stay proactive. Mayor called for a re vote on the ordinance.

VOTE: 3-2

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

NO: Councilmember(s): Gerhardt, Myers

ABSENT:

\*Ordinance passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **C Tran 20 yr. Update- Scott Patterson and Chuck Green**

Scott and Chuck gave a power point presentation about the plans for C Tran in the near future. Now that the light rail crossing project was dead there was a need to re adjust their plans. They gave a broad update to the plans they have for increasing productive ridership in the surrounding areas, creation of bus rapid transit and new centers throughout Vancouver. They spoke of the areas that had the highest ridership, timing issues and how they hoped to address it in the future. They talked about the funding for the projects and presented the graph to show the breakdown in their presentation.

They spoke of increase in ridership from Yacolt to the V.A. hospital area. Mayor stated that the Seniors committee would use the service but it was limited and that is what keeps them from riding. There was discussion about how if you missed the bus you would be stuck in Vancouver. No immediate plan to address that issue was discussed but they mentioned that their hopes were to have a midday run in Yacolt if the plans they have set forth work out. Power point presentation is attached.

\*Discussion no action taken

**B. Building Permit- Jerry Eckman**

Background was given by David Ridenour, town attorney and public works, Pete Roberts on how this permit came before the council. The Eckman’s were building there fence out to the sidewalk with was on the Town right of way and were asked to stop construction, they had not obtained a building permit and they were not allowed to take over town right of way. Mr. Eckman stated he moved from Idaho to Yacolt in 2010 and didn’t know he needed a permit. The Eckman’s obtained an attorney who got in touch with David Ridenour, who then provided the ordinances that state what the requirements are to build a fence. Mr. Eckman apologized for his wife’s behavior when they were asked to stop construction. He provided pictures on a poster board of the fence and asked the council to approve the permit. He stated it had already cost him a lot of money. Council agreed it was a nice fence. Public works provided the property length and width according to the plot plan which was well known and readily accessible and expressed that they were taking property that did not belong to them. Mr. Eckman was concerned that if he had to move the fence it would interfere with a rock wall on his property and cause harm to his children. Council asked if he built the wall or if it was already there when he purchased the house. It was already there he stated. There was much discussion on if he was allowed to keep it would it set president to other citizens to build out to the street and take town right of way. Council member Urias called for a motion to approve the building permit as written. There was no second, motion failed. There was much discussion among the council and town attorney on possible solutions and the legal challenges that could face the town, and fairness to all citizens. Council Myers stated that the property survey should have been done at the sale and spoke to the availability of the pin hub information. Pete public works stated that he had contacted Diana Requa who sold the property to attain the correct property information. Council Gerhardt stated that the fence was in direct violation of the ordinance.

MOTION to allow building permit with the provision the fence be moved back to property line: Gerhardt

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion Passed with provision

**C. Ron Wells – Container on Property Building Permit**

Mr. Wells was not present and had not provided any information to the Town in the form of a permit other than his inquiry. Clerk stated that there was no ordinance or resolution that addressed the possibility of a container being placed in a homeowner’s back yard other than a building permit which and felt it important to bring to the attention of the council. Council Karl stated that homeowners insurance would not cover such an item being placed on a homeowner’s property. Council Myers stated since there was no one present there was no need for further discussion until they provided an actual permit to review.

\*Discussion Only

**D**. **Finance Committee Rotation**

Clerk stated that Council Gerhardt turn was up on the committee. Council Gerhardt nominated Council Hancock.

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Myers

V OTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion Passed

**E. Public Works Proposal**

Mayor stated that this was brought up at the last meeting but really wasn’t addressed and he felt it needed to be on the agenda. Pete stated that he was wanting to work 24-28 hours more if warranted. He wants to pursue his outside business. He would fill in when needed also. There was discussion on whether he should remain Public Works Director and how long it would take for a replacement. Council Karl asked at those limited hours could he do the job of Public Works Director. Council Hancock stated that Pete knew what needed to be done and it would be difficult to replace that and he was in favor of him staying as the director, Clerk stated that according to policy that position was a 40 hr. per week job. Pete stated he would take leave without pay if he needed. Council Gerhardt stated that the Mayor would be in charge of those decisions and that more would be discussed in future meetings.

\*Discussion Only

**F. Library- Dave Hancock**

Friends of the Library would like to do a fund raiser that would allow them to take pictures of people in the jail cell. This would be for a fee or for a donation ( corrected) This would event would take place on August 16th the same day as the Junk and Jazz event. Since it is a fund raiser the council had no problem with them holding the photo op. Council Gerhardt said that the Yacolt Catholic church was planning to hold a kids carnival that same day also.

**Mayor Comments:**

We are still in need of volunteers for the Rendezvous, signs were placed around the area advertising the Rendezvous. Mayor will be attending the Parks foundation luncheon to receive a grant they gave us for the completion of the 2nd and 3rd phases of the skate park. Flag day is 6/14 and he will be defending his title for best tie. There was a staff meeting today with David and department heads to address issues that were raised in the last couple of audits. We discussed ways to improve and areas that needed improvement.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated that the town had received a loss prevention grant and we would be looking at getting security cameras for the parks with the funding. Pete stated that we needed a different kind of material for disc golf field.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy gave an update on the upcoming events and how they were progressing.

**# 12 WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 5,253.95

\*City Streets: $11,143.82

\*Cemetery $ 274.75

\* Storm Water $ 160.69

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $16,833.24

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **9:05 pm to Executive Session**

**# 13 Executive Session**

Mayor read a statement for the purpose of executive session the first session lasted for 20 minutes the mayor returned and stated it would be an additional 10 minutes. The council returned at 9:35 reopened the council meeting to only 3 citizens remaining and closed the council meeting for adjournment at 9:36 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on June 16, 2014