**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: June 16, 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): Josh Karl

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut Absent

Customer Service Clerk: Kathy Lattig

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

Corrections noted to statement by Mr. Hancock on Library being either for a fee or donation for jail cell photos.

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Sandra lives on East Jones street and concerned about speeders, also on Jones St. and Hubbard would like to have speed bump placed on Jones St. Mayor commented on the problems that Bill Rowe had with speeders on his street. He mentioned that the town had been in touch with the Sheriff’s Dept. about his concerns and working with them to help stop the speeders. There were a couple of Sheriff’s Deputies present at the meeting to address some of the concerns. Mayor stated that citizens needed to call 911 with the appropriate information. Sheriff stated that the 911 number is the number that is needs to be used in order to dispatch them to the area about the concerns. In regards to speeders on Hubbard and Jones they asked that they call with a description or license plate number, and date and time so they can address the issues. Traffic unit will work on getting a speed sign up to notify citizens of their speed in areas of concern. Bill Rowe asked about the helmet laws. They were explained. Pete Roberts, public works, stated that we needed to find less aggressive speed bumps and place them at stop signs that are problematic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Street Vehicles RV’s unlicensed, nuisance Ordinance Discussion**

Mayor stated he asked for this to be put back on the agenda. It was an item that was tabled some time ago. There is concern about RV’s, cars that are in the streets and not licensed. He asked attorney David Ridenour, for some direction from the nuisance ordinance. Council Myers stated do we talk to individuals and neighbors and let peer pressure resolve this issue or act on the whole town. Mayor stated he understood there had to be some happy medium on this problem. Council Urias stated there should be no permanent residences set up in RV’s along the side of houses. Mayor agreed, he stated that there are

citizens who do the right thing and come in and notify town hall about having an ill loved one and using it temporarily. He saw no problem with someone working on a home to move into and staying in a RV while the work was being completed. Council Hancock stated that in some instances the RV’s are being

used as a 2nd bedroom. Mayor stated that this issue really needs to be reviewed. Council Hancock noted that in the past there had been some discussion on a waiver or some sort allowing them. Council Gerhardt stated he found this a hard line to draw and regulate what people do on their own property, he would rather see them living in a RV than on the streets. He is on the fence with this issue, he said it is a hard line. Mayor stated that he wanted the council to review this and make notes and it would be put back on the next agenda.

\*\*Discussion Only no action taken

**NEW BUSINESS: BRT Council Position- Lewis Gerhardt**

C Tran provided the town with a presentation at the last meeting about the BRT that is being proposed. Council Gerhardt wanted to know the thoughts of the council and how they would like to direct Bill Ganley our representative to vote on our behalf on this issue. Council Myers stated he was pro BRT and felt that there needed to be BRT transit in Yacolt. He stated he felt that the presentation was very responsible. Council Gerhardt agreed he liked the idea of BRT and how the presentation was done. He felt as Council Myers that they were being very financially responsible. He stated that this type of project has been proven successful in other areas. The mayor agreed and stated that Council Gerhardt attends all of the C Tran meetings and that he knows more than anyone about the project. The council agreed that Bill Ganley should vote in favor of this project.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor stated that he received a letter from the Teamsters Union signifying that the union will no longer represent town employees. He gave a brief history of why the union was sought out. He talked about Flag Day and the tie contest that goes on. He stated he tied with the mayor of Vancouver for first place in the tie competition. He said he would be working towards winning it all next year. He thanked everyone for all their hard work and support for the upcoming Rendezvous event.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated the new Recreation Area would be ready by Friday, the Disc Golf baskets were being installed on Wednesday. The Mayor and Pete are already looking at projects for next year for grants and ideas for improvements to the park. Mayor reminded citizens that the town had been awarded the final phases of the skate park recently and construction would be starting soon. He had an idea for the walking trails of the recreation park for exercise stations to be placed around the trail. He felt it would be a good addition. Pete told council there had been lots of talented volunteers that have been helping out lately. Volunteers from schools, colleges and those who needed to complete community service. He was very thankful for their help. He also noted to council that Suzi Goedert had been hired as our temporary worker. He said some might know her from Amboy Saw Shop her and her husband used to own the business. He said to welcome her when you get a chance.

**Customer Service Clerk:**

Kathy Lattig, Customer Service Clerk was present for the Clerk Treasurer. She updated those present about the Bigfoot fun run and Rendezvous donations and that her and volunteers would be stuffing bags this next week. She stated that she would be making programs for distribution to those in attendance at the parade. Council Hancock stated that there would be a people’s choice award for the favorite Trike and asked that people stop by to vote for their favorite.

**# 12 WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 32,335.03

\*City Streets: $16,834.87

\*Cemetery $ 177.97

\* Storm Water $ 111.04

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $49,458.91

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

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

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on July 7, 2014