**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: August 18, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Josh Karl. Dave Hancock

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Lewis Gerhardt, Vince Myers

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: Not in attendance

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Myers

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Bill Rowe talked about all the plastic bottles, garbage and political signs around town making it hard to mow and the effects it has on our town parks. He stated you would think if they can carry it in they can carry it out if there is no garbage cans. Even if there are garbage cans the trash is still just dropped right by the cans. He understood the town can’t police it but asked if a letter could be sent out. Mayor authorized the clerk to place a reminder on the reader boards. There was a suggestion of creating an ordinance for littering fines. Clerk will look to see what has already been created. There was suggestion of signage to indicate fines for littering.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Budget Public Works Maintenance Salary**

Clerk went over the impacts to the 2014-2015 budget if the wage for the new hire would be 22.00 per hour. She noted that the figures did not include overtime as that was hard to predict at this time. She also stated that it did not include benefits as she was not aware of the type of package that would be offered. She noted that if there was no change to current package that was in place for the former public works position then there would be no impact to part of the budget for 2014. The figures for 2014 were contingent on a September start date. The figures for 2015 were estimated. It was agreed that the full council needed to be present before any decision would be made

\* Discussion Only

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **EMS Building Permit New Facility/ Design – Engineer Karl Johanson**

Karl Johanson was present with a power point presentation on the design of the new building. It would be built in phases and was contingent on various factors. The building would be a completely new one as the current one was built in 1927 and doesn’t meet codes. The replacement would be done in phases. There were discussions on vacation of areas on Hoag St. This troubled citizen Dave Ayers as he lives on the street and his property is adjacent, his concerns were for his property values among other issues. There were short discussions on utilities and placement. Most of the information was dependent on further reviews and bid processes.

\*Informational Only

**B. Rotate Mayor Pro-Tem- Vince Myers**

Vince had been nominated for Finance committee at the last meeting following his tenure as Mayor Pro-tem. Council member Karl nominated Council Gerhardt for the Mayor Pro-tem position after discussion of who had been on which committee.

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Myers

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**C. Events Calendar 2015- Clerk Treasurer**

Clerk explained that there is free publication of events for the local and surrounding municipalities that we use every year. She wanted to go over the next year’s events dates and confirm with the council the events. The dates were discussed and agreed upon with the exception of the Rendezvous Days and Big Foot fun run. It was agreed that those events should have full council opinions and that the wrap up meeting for the 2014 event should take place before that decision. Those dates would be selected at a meeting in September.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor thanked all the volunteers for Junk and Jazz; he thanked the staff for all their help also. He stated that the Friends of the Library were very helpful and are always there during events. He said they did very well in their sales at the festival. He felt it was a good event. The yard sales were a success. There were individuals that were already planning for next year to help with the sound and music. The musicians liked the venue. The Mayor and other business owners talked a little after the event about what they learned and ideas of how to make it better.

Mayor talked to the council and citizens advising of the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 29, 2014 @ 2pm for the 2 parks projects in town. He stated that there would be dignitaries there who helped in the grant process, along with the parks foundation. Clerk stated she had contacted all local newspapers and TV for coverage. She stated that Liz Pike and County Commissioners would be in attendance also. The mayor stated it was time that the town be recognized for the good things it does and that people in the area know that these parks are here for use.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated he was on vacation and that Suzi was doing a great job in his absence. He would be gone another week.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy wanted to let the council know about an award, The Mayor read the statement from AWC/ RSMA awarding the Town of Yacolt for having no insurance claims for the year 2013. She was asked how many years the town had been given this award, she noted it was only for 2011 and 2013 that she was aware of.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $53,265.98

\*City Streets: $6,371.53

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $59,646.32

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 3-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Myers

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **8:00 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on September 2, 2014