**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: September 15, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT: Mayor Pro- Tem: Lewis Gerhardt**

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Carothers

**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: Myers

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2015 CDBG Projects Discussion/Selection**

There was a review of the projects discussed in previous meetings. Council Myers asked if benches at the Recreation Park were feasible with the given space. He felt the benches should be permanent fixtures, anchored and weed controlled and realized there would be so issue with vandalism. Public Works, Pete told the council about the cost of surfacing the walking path with composite and gave a comparison of using asphalt instead due to the cost of composite. Council Urias suggested maybe someone would be willing to donate for putting their name on the path. Council Myers stated the exercise equip link he was provided did not provide enough to see how sturdy the equipment really is and wondered if there was a place to view equipment like that. Council Karl thought the equipment was going to be on another grant, Clerk explained that if there was enough money left over from the pavilion the plan was to us that. She also stated that the Mayor had suggested a concrete platform for the Town Park. There is always the Parks Foundation Grant that can be utilized also. Council Karl stated that we should apply for the CDBG grant and as mentioned in previous meeting if the town did not have enough match they could decline the grant.

Council Karl motioned to submit grant application for walking path improvements and bleachers.

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Petition for Annexation of Recreation Park**

Public Works, Pete stated that the property should have been annexed sooner, we had already annexed the parking lot. Council all agreed that they thought we had already annexed this property in. Mayor Pro-Tem Gerhardt mentioned that it was included in the Growth Boundary. Pete stated we are catching up in our original plan. Motion to accept petition.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

**B. Proclamation Constitution Week**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerhardt read the proclamation of constitution week.

\*Declaration

**Mayor Comments:**

No comments

**Public Works:**

Pete stated we should have the pavilion contract from CDBG by Wednesday. He told the council there were 24 applications for public works position and 18 interviews conducted. It was very hard to select one out of all the qualified applicants, but Tom Bellikka had been chosen.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy reminded the council that the newsletter would be going out to residents soon and if they would like to include information that she would like to have it by Wednesday. Council Urias had already provided some information to be included, Council Myers wanted information about marijuana included in the letter. She advised that the dept. heads had provided preliminary budget expenses for 2015 and she would be working on that. She told the council that they had a copy of the budget estimates for 2014 and explained that the costs of legal fees would be in or excess of 100,000 and that far exceeded what was budgeted, she explained that ULP settlement also was a contributing factor along with the continued costs of improvements at the Recreation Park. The CDBG grant was exhausted and we were over our match. She hoped that her estimates were over conservative and that the numbers would end up better but liked to be cautious. She told the council that there was an increase in complaints for dogs barking and local properties having trash and excess cars and trailers in their yards. Residents were upset because they could not list their homes for sale due to the surrounding properties causing devaluation.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $2,371.00

\*City Streets: $322.31

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $2,702.12

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Karl

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **7:20 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on October 6, 2014