**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: October 20, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Vince Myers, Lewis Gerhardt, Josh Karl

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Dave Hancock

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**\*With noted changes**

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias, Hancock

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Council Myers asked to have item B under New Business removed. Item was removed. Mayor added an executive session under Old Business item E.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

John Ley was present to speak to the council on the Tri-Met and C-Tran resolution passed on electronic fare collection system. He voiced his views on the plan and the facts of no cost savings and the incompatibility with the current system. He noted C-Tran had committed 1.7 million towards the system, the money could be better spent on new buses.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution # 508 Annexation Recreation Park**

Clerk, Cindy Marbut stated that the resolution was another step that was required in the annexation process moving forward. Council Myers stated the council has determined the forward progress of the annexation.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias, Hancock

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**B. Library Express Drawings – Jan Shaul**

There was discussion on what type of awning would be built and if it would be attached to the building or not. The awning will not be attached to the brick. Council Myers wanted to be sure that the Friends of the Library kept the awing period appropriate and the current drawing did not emulate that. Jan stated the awning would be free standing with some type of flashing. Council Myers stated he didn’t have a problem with the awning as long as the historical integrity was kept.

Jan informed the council that the FVL had installed a people counter and that over 100 people daily were using the Library Express.

\*Discussion Only

**C**. **Dennis Stephenson Annexation 30 Acres**

Public Works, Pete Roberts stated that the town could not bring this property into the town limits unless it was specifically for job creation. He relayed that information to Dennis who was not present at the meeting.

\*Discussion Only

**D. Public Works Employment Contract**

Town Attorney, David Ridenour spoke to the council about the contact draft. The contract was for part time and he needed council direction since it is very broad and he included questions that he hoped the council would consider. He stated he would have the Clerks contract in the next couple of days. He asked if there were any questions, Council Myers stated all his questions were answered. Council Gerhardt stated he didn’t feel comfortable with out the entire council present. Clerk suggested a workshop on October 28th since without the approved contracts it was difficult for her to enter the expenses in the budget for the meeting. She asked if they could meet on the contract that day instead of a budget workshop and move the budget workshop to November 10th @ 6 pm. It was agreed.

\*Workshop Date Determined.

**E. Executive Session – Fence Enforcement Litigation**

Mayor read a statement on the purpose of the executive session. Adjourned @ 7:21 pm to return in 10 min. Meeting reopened @ 7:31 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **CRESA Interlocal Agreement Disaster Preparedness- Scott Johnson**

Scott Johnson from the Regional office of CRESA was present to explain the Interlocal agreement that had been sent out to local municipalities to enter into as a financial contributing member that would entitle Yacolt to vote on administrative and financial issues. He talked about the urban area grants through FEMA and Federal funding for disasters. There was discussion on who decided representation of Clark County which included Yacolt and decision making. Council Myers stated that no one ever came out to this area and asked for the towns input or any of the surrounding areas. Scott stated he was not the person to answer that question. Council Myers stated he could not support this agreement that the services that are provided currently are sufficient for us. Mayor agreed with Council Myers, Council Karl suggested to leave the program as it is.

\*Informational Only

**B. Resolution # 509 Home Charter Rule –Lewis Gerhardt**

Lewis read the resolution to the audience. He explained the reasons for the support of the resolution and explained the Charter Rule and how it would change county government. Mayor stated he was pleased with

how the current county commissioners work with the Town. Council Gerhardt likewise spoke to the helpfulness of the county commissioners.

MOTION: Councilmember: Gerhardt

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias, Hancock

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**C. Resolution # 510 RMSA Membership**

Clerk, Cindy Marbut explained that the Town had been a member of RMSA for many years and that this resolution was just more of a housekeeping item this agreement was overlooked and we were asked to pass this as part of our continued membership as they are our Insurance provider. Council Myers stated we wanted to keep their services.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias, Hancock

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor hoped all had received the recently mailed newsletter which was sent out about a month ago. It is important since we are getting to a point of enforcement of the ordinances. He wanted citizens to have an opportunity to look at their deficiencies and give opportunity for them to make corrections or allow time to steer them to resources to assist. It is now time to prepare for winter and public works is busy getting the necessary work done, citizens can do their part by cleaning up leaves keeping them out of our storm drains. He thanked all the citizens who were in attendance.

**Public Works:**

Pete stated the Town parking lot had been striped and so had other town owned parking lots. A swale was built on Amboy and Cushman. A culvert was cleaned out at the fire dept. Bill Rowe who helps by volunteering to mow was ill and home now, there is a grate that needs to be installed on his street. PW was going to move or improve on a speed bump on Spruce where a child was injured in the school bus as it attempted to make the corner turn.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy let everyone know that RMSA would be out to do our annual audit on 11/24/14 and she went to training last week with AWC and got good information, and she would be gone a couple of days this week.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $1,149.21

\*City Streets: $5,926.70

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\*Storm Water $ 264.10

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $7,348.82

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias, Hancock

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **7:55 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on November 3, 2014