**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: November 3, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Lewis Gerhardt, Josh Karl

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: Not in attendance

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Urias

SECOND: Councilmember: Myers

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Karl

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item B under new business was struck and in place was added Game Fitness- Gary Max

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Final Public Hearing Recreation Park Annexation**

Mayor closed council meeting and opened public hearing. Steve Unruh stated he was against the annexation because it was object driven to generate a sewer discharge plant. He and his wife felt this was a financial strain on the community. In past votes there was a 3-2 vote on the development of the sports park which indicates that it is not just he and his wife against the park. He stated there are 3 council members present and he wanted one of them to vote no to support he and his wife’s opposition to the annexation. Mayor asked if there were any other comments none being heard, he closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting.

\* Discussion Only

**B. Ordinance # 521 Annexation**

Mayor stated having heard the comments he called for a motion to approve Ordinance # 521. Council member Hancock stated he favored the park as it gives more opportunities to the citizens. Council Myers stated he was not in favor.

MOTION: Councilmember: Urias

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 2-1

YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Urias

NO: Myers

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Karl

\*Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Jack Marsh- Home Business**

Pete Roberts, Public works director asked Jack to explain the type of business he was asking to have approved. Jack stated it was a Metal Polishing business, the products were made out of bees wax and were not hazardous materials. He provided the council with a list of the material used. He explained the types of polishing he does and the equipment used. He stated he had one employee but sometimes had additional help depending on how busy he was. He was asked about noise, ground water contamination and respirator use. He stated the products were made of bees wax so it was like pollen in the air so a respirator was not needed either. He had operated his business regular hours and the generator he uses does not create a lot of noise. Conditions were set for approval of home business under the conditional use permit. Business license approved.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Karl

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**B. Andy Bronkhorst- Traffic Safety REMOVED**

**Added in place Game Fitness – Gary Max**

Gary Max from Game Fitness was present to discuss exercise equipment that can be places outdoors on a walking trail. He brought a piece of equipment to demonstrate the durability and sturdiness of the equipment. He spoke about the new trend to have these in parks as many people do not like going to the gym or paying for a membership they don’t use and the convenience of having them in parks. He stated that China was way ahead of the US in this area of fitness. He left a brochure of how to design a fitness park with the council members. Council Myers inquired about the durability, he stated it was made of galvanized steel and max durability. There were no pinch points on the equipment according to new guidelines that have been set. Mayor inquired about guarantee, he stated it was 5yrs. Council Myers asked about liability insurance to the town, Clerk stated the town is covered with the current playground equipment and skate park at the Town Park but she would find out more information.

\*Presentation Informational Only.

**C. Liquor License – Backwoods Food and Spirts LLC**

Richard and Cindy Beatle purchased the Red Fir and this was one of the steps necessary to complete that sale. Richard stated they were going through all the state required processes. There would be little changes in the beginning as to how it is run. He stated they were hoping for a social place and they had their own ideas for improvements. He felt there was a need for it. The new business would be offering employment opportunities. Mayor stated the Red Fir had always been a big supporter of the town. Council Hancock asked if there would be more of an emphasis on food. Richard said they have ideas.

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Karl

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**D. Mayors Budget Message**

Mayor read his budget message and stated that the town’s 2015 Preliminary Budget had been filed and that there would be a workshop on Nov. 10, 2014, Clerk stated it would be at 6 pm.

\*Informational Only

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor reminded citizens that with the time change that we all need to more cautious, with kids getting out of school and residents that walk coupled with darkness coming earlier. He asked everyone to mindful of their surroundings.

**Public Works:**

Pete talked about a speed bump on Spruce that had been modified so that the buses could maneuver the corner without injury to the kids on the bus. He was considering placing additional speed bumps in town that were modified. Possible locations would be on Jones St and Hubbard. He had been in touch with Steve Winsted about the creation of our own building department. They were very professional is their discussions and the services they could provide. Cindy stated that she had received a proposal from him and the start- up cost would be 3,900.00 but we still had some work to do and information that still needed to be gathered.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy stated that she had provided the council with the budget position and year to date totals. The council had the workshop information they needed for the meeting on Monday.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $8,106.12

\*City Streets: $12,618.97

\*Cemetery $ 178.16

\*Storm Water $2,895.50

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $23,798.75

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 3-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Gerhardt, Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **7:46 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on November 17, 2014