**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: December 15, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Rick Urias

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item E under New Business added, Executive Session on fence litigation with the Eckman’s

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Pete Munroe with Clark County Community Development Presentation**

Pete presented a Draft 5 year Consolidated Plan for the Town of Yacolt. He provided a powerpoint presentation. He reviewed the housing and income challenges for the local area.

\*Informational Only

**B. Commander Horch, Clark County Sheriff’s Dept.**

The Commander passed out information about the statistical information for Yacolt. He reviewed the number of traffic tickets and their types, he went over the number of calls and how they get recorded. He talked about seatbelts not being used in town as an issue. Council Hancock asked what the main incidence calls this time of year, Commander responded with Burglary is on the rise this time of year. He suggested if ever approached to just give them what they want, people are getting shot for minor reason these days. He discussed with the council the opportunity to get traffic control device in town. He went over the upcoming changes in the New Year. Mayor thanked him for coming and supporting the efforts of the town.

\*Discussion only

**C. Budget Amendment Ordinance # 525**

Clerk, Cindy Marbut explained the need for the budget amendment. She reviewed the changes made in the past year and the need to include them in the budget amendment, Council Myers asked if there should be a zero in the funds that had just a dollar sign, clerk stated she would enter corrections as a scribers note.

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**D. Zoning Home Occupation #371 Discussion**

Public Works, Pete Roberts spoke to the council on the issues he had discussed with Jeff Niten at the County, concerning the way that the Town Zoning Ordinance reads for allowance of Home Occupation. He relayed the information Jeff provided him to the council. Clerk, Cindy Marbut provided the council a copy of the home occupation, zoning and requirements that Battle Ground has after a request from Council Gerhardt. There was discussion on the application of this detail and how it could be applied to the Town’s ordinance, Town Attorney, David Ridenour stated it would be an amendment to the current zoning ordinance. Clerk reminded Council that there was a public hearing on this property on January 5th. Council Gerhardt suggested that an amendment be drafted and brought back to the next meeting, Clerk asked for the draft to be presented at the 2nd meeting in January due to the holidays.

\*Discussion Only

**E. Executive Session item added under changes to agenda**

Mayor read a statement and closed the council meeting for 15 minutes at 7:55 pm. Clerk returned out of session and informed those present it would be an additional 5 minutes. Meeting was reopened to regular Council meeting at 8:15 pm

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor and Council Hancock stated the Camel @ the Town Tree Lighting was a success, it was well attended and the weather helped. Mayor thanked all those who volunteered for the event.

**Town Attorney:** David Ridenour, thanked the council for the past year and appreciated all their efforts.

**Public Works:**

Pete also thanked the volunteers for the success of the event.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy told the council of a gypsy moth that has been found in Yacolt and there would be some aerial spraying she would forward the information to the council via email.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $2,243.30

\*City Streets: $2,097.47

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\*Stormwater $182.82

Pay Bills presented in the amount of $4,492.40

MOTION: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Urias

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** **8:25 pm**

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Cindy Marbut Jeff Carothers

Town Clerk Mayor

Minutes approved on January 5, 2015