**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE January 5, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

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

**ABSENT: Josh Karl**

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

Pete Roberts: Public Works Director

David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING December 15, 2014**

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Gerhardt

ABSENT: Karl

Vote: 4-0

No:

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The following items were added under late changes: Old Business, Item C. Eckman Fence Settlement; New Business, Item B. Interlocal Solid Waste Clark County, Item C. Resolution # 516 Recreation Park Master Plan.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance Amendment 371 Home Occupation Defined**

Clerk Cindy Marbut provided the council with the requested amendment from a prior meeting, there was discussion on the viability of the amendment and the detail of definitions, it was decided by the council to move this item to another meeting and change the level of detail in the amendment.

\*Discussion only

**B. Public Hearing Jack Marsh/ Rezone- Home Business Occupation**

The Mayor closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. There was much discussion on the issue of a home business and the building that was being used for that business at Mr. Marsh’s residence. After much discussion Mr. Marsh declared to the council for the record that he was removing his request for a conditional use permit and would remove his business from his home along with the building/buildings that housed the business that was not permitted or up to the proper codes. Mayor closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting where a A motion made to approve the Conditional Use permit was made but became null and void with the decision of Mr. Marsh requesting to withdraw his request for the permit, council gave Mr. Marsh 30 days to remove the business and its buildings.

**C. Eckman Fence- Settlement**

Town Attorney, David Ridenour advised the council that there had been a settlement agreement and there was no hearing. The Eckmans had removed their fence and signed the settlement. He asked the council to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Gerhardt

ABSENT: Karl

VOTE: 4-0

NO:

\*Motion Passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RMSA Loss Prevention Report- Discussion**

Clerk, Cindy Marbut expressed to the council that during the annual audit from our insurance company we had implemented all the suggested changes, there was one item regarding million dollar certificate of insurance for the rental of town hall that had not been complied with due to the minimal amount of rentals of town hall. Most rentals are for an occasional baby shower, birthday which would not require such a certificate. Public Works, Pete Roberts reported about the parks, sidewalks and other areas of town, he asked for information on trees. He then advised the council about the concerns about the mortar on the old town hall building and the recommendations from our representative. There was a suggestion of selling the building to the Library and having them as a stipulation put it on the historical registry.

\* Discussion Only

**B. Interlocal Agreement Solid Waste Clark County**

Public Works, Pete Roberts explained that this agreement was a renewal of the current agreement. Council Myers stated it was a housekeeping issue.

MOTION: Gerhardt

SECOND: Myers

VOTE: 4-0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\* Motion Passed

**C. Resolution # 516 Yacolt Recreation Park Master Plan**

Public Works, Pete Roberts expressed to the council that CDBG required that a master plan be in place for the current application and that it was a good idea to have a plan. He noted that Rod Orlando helped him with the verbiage on the plan.

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Urias

VOTE 4-0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion Passed

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor he didn’t have anything to add, his comments were made during the discussions.

**Public Works Report**

There were some problems with the tree lights this year due to them not being commercial grade, all the decorations would be removed in the next couple of days.

**Treasurers Report**

The town is receiving complaints on the Jean Hardin property, she asked the council and town attorney what could be done, there are several people trying to sell their homes and the real estate companies are telling them they will never be able to sell them as long as that mess is there. David, town attorney asked the council to confer with clerk and mayor and schedule an executive session for the next meeting. Clerk asked the council to increase the cost of business licenses, she provided comparison to other municipalities stated that the fee had not been changed since 2011 and we are currently the lowest around. She suggested a 50.00 fee, with a 5.00 price break for those who continually renew. Council asked for ordinance amendment for next meeting. Clerk continued with information regarding the building dept. development and its progress, Pete talked about a meeting with IBCC and how they had a better option for the town. Council asked to meet with the representative and for references to be checked out.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 24,602.65

\*City Streets: $ 2031.06

\*Cemetery $ 2920.01

\* Storm Water $ 6267.73

\*Bills paid presented in the amount of $ 54103.45

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 4- 0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:50 pm

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Minutes approved on January 20, 2015