**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: January 20, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

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

**ABSENT: Myers, Karl**

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

 Pete Roberts: Public Works Director

 David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: January 5, 2015**

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Gerhardt

ABSENT: Karl, Myers

VOTE: 3-0

NO: 0

\*Motion Passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Mayor moved item D. under new business to item E. and item D. became Recycle Bins.

**Citizens Communication:**

Christy Reid asked the council about putting a 2nd home on their property in town. PW Director, Pete Roberts stated that he could not find anything in our ordinances that said you could not put an additional home on an existing lot, the health department stated that the septic system would have to be in compliance according to how many bedrooms on the property. Council stated they were not opposed to the idea but needed more information moving forward.

**OLD BUSINESS**

 **A. Ordinance # 526 Business License Fee**

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut expressed that the Ordinance was what the product of the last meeting discussions on the increase of business licenses. All the council members agreed it was reasonable and overdue.

 MOTION: Gerhardt

 SECOND: Urias

 VOTE: 3-0

 NO:

 ABSENT: Myers, Karl

\*Motion Passed.

 **B. C-Tran Update – Discussion Lewis Gerhardt**

There was discussion on a meeting that took place on January 9, 2015 with La Center, Ridgefield and Yacolt representatives. The town attorney David Ridenour, prepared a draft agreement as a result of that meeting and other discussion on the composition board representatives. David will prepare the agreement for signature at the next meeting.

Discussion Only

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **A. Michael Monen – IBCC Services - Discussion**

Michael introduced himself to the council and audience, he explained the services he provides. He talked about his qualifications, and experience. He talked about the Ordinances 527-533 adopting the International Building codes. He talked about the cost of his services. Council Hancock asked if having his services would put more work on the staff, Clerk stated there would minimal increase of workload and nothing the staff couldn’t handle.

 **B. Ordinance # 527- #533 International Building Codes**

Council reviewed the ordinances.

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 3-0

NO:

ABSENT:

\* Motion Passed

 **C. Clark County Fire District Discussion Gibbs & Olsen**

PW Director, Pete Roberts talked to council about concerns that the town engineer had on the Fire Districts plans to expand. He asked the council to review the concerns about vacation of property that John Duncan had provided. John had stated that this could be a very difficult situation and whatever the town did it needed to be in writing. Pete stated that the Fire Districts Architect was asking for any other comments from the council. John Duncan had made some recommendations regarding the filtration, swales and other aspects of the project dependent upon the ability to vacate the property. Council asked if the property owners were in the loop of what was going on, Pete responded with a yes answer.

\*Discussion Only

 **D. Recycle Bins (added to agenda)**

Mayor gave background on the recycle bins located on the property located on Yacolt Rd. He explained the problems that have been going on with the owners of the bins and the upkeep. He expressed that the Railroad wanted them removed. He wanted to bring the issue before the council for consideration and not just remove them. He suggested that they might be moved to one of the parks but was concerned about garbage and the overall upkeep of them. The council agreed the bins should be removed.

\*Discussion only

 **E. Executive Session: (moved from item D to E)**

Mayor read a statement giving the reason for the session, closed the council meeting and stated staff and council would return in 17 min. Council meeting reopened on time.

**Mayors Comments**

Mayor thanked the citizens for their attendance to the meetings, he thanks Lewis Gerhardt for his hard work in representing the town with C-Tran. He reminded those present that Spring clean-up was just around the corner and volunteers would be needed to help out those unable to clean up their property and for the trash pick-up that takes place the same day. PW added that the Hazardous waste would be on the same day and the clean-up April 11th. Mayor asked if the town attorney had any comments, he replied no.

**Public Works Report**

AT&T towers are set to be completed in 6-8 weeks they had to make some changes to their design. Council asked if they were following the conditions of the permit, Pete responded with a yes.

**Treasurers Report**

Clerk stated she had given them all a copy of newspaper article from a local resident on bullying. The resident had sent a email via the website which was also included. She felt they should read it. She didn’t think there was any action that could be taken but that the resident went to the trouble of sending the email to ask that it be read.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: $ 15,509.10

\*City Streets: $ 2410.20

\*Cemetery $ 8.81

\*Bills paid in the amount of $ 17,928.11

MOTION: Gerhardt to pay the bills

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Myers

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:20 pm

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Minutes approved on February 2, 2015