

**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: June 1, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Josh Karl, Dave Hancock, Vince Myers, Nancy Tester

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s)

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Absent

Public Works Director: Not in attendance

Town Attorney: Not in attendance

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING May 26, 2015**

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Karl

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Myers

**VOTE:** 4- 0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item C - new business, Change Order for Pavilion Slab

Item D - new business, Friend of the Library usage town hall.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Andy Bronkhorst was present to inform the council that the music preparations for Rendezvous Days was set up and Music World would be providing lighting along with some other props and skirting for the stag. The mayor thanked him for the undertaking of this project the last 2 years and helping out.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Swearing in Nancy Tester Position 3**

Mayor swore in Nancy Tester to the Council Position # 3 Nancy took her place among the Council.

\*Informational

**B. Jim Linderman – Conditional Use**


Mr. Linderman and his son Steve were present, there was discussion on the proposed trailer and its placement on the property. The council concerns were the size of trailer, the appearance and current town zoning. Council Urias inquired about placement, Council Myers understood this to be temporary hospice care and then trailer would be removed he also inquired about the usage and occupancy. Council Karl asked why the 2<sup>nd</sup> bd. In the home could not be cleaned out for occupancy, the response was it was not feasible at this time as it was being used for an office. He had concerns about the allowance of the trailer. Pete Roberts discussed the zoning concerns along with the current ordinance requirements, there was some confusion on how this trailer would be considered as a mobile home or a travel trailer which meant it is treated differently under the current rules. He made recommendations to the council if permit was granted. Mayor expressed

the property had once been cleaned up and the house built for Mr. Linderman to have better living conditions by the four square church and the allowance of the trailer could be a step backwards from where the town was going. Discussions continued on what the next steps should be, the fees of a conditional use permit and length of time of the permit. Discussions continued about allowing a 1 year permit with the council and mayor expressing their concerns. Further discussions went on about when it would be moved, proper installation, concern for actual appearance, conditions for a 1 year permit were discussed about the current property vehicles and trailers, progression of the family moving into the house after 1 year. Pete Roberts suggested that the town speak with the town attorney and be provided a picture before approval. Mayor and council were in agreement. Item was postponed to next meeting

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: ~~5-0~~ 4-0

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

NO: 1 Karl

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

### C. Arts Commission Representative Discussion

Council was opposed to the Arts Commission dictating representation for the Town through Battle Ground. Mayor will instruct clerk to place the need for representation on the website again and on the reader-board when space became available.

\*Discussion Only

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. Appoint New Mayor Pro Tem

Josh Karl was appointed as the new mayor pro tem

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

#### B. Employee Contract Pete Roberts Review PT Hours

Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> to make any changes to Pete Roberts employee contract, Urias asked Mayor how the hours are working out, Mayor stated that he was following through at this point. Pete pointed out that the time clock was restrictive but he felt the current hours were work.

\*Discussion Only

#### C. Change Order Pavilion Slab - Pete

There was a change in the bid for pavilion, our building official stated that it didn't meet the requirements which required more engineering, to add the footings and rebar, the money would come from CDBG. Pete talked to MRSC about requirements for the town regarding the change order. It was noted the town should formally accept the change order. Myers motioned acceptance of the change order dollar amount in detail.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers  
SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock  
VOTE: 5- 0  
YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Urias, Myers, Karl, Tester  
NO:  
ABSENT:  
\*Motion unanimously passed.

**D. Library Usage of Town Hall - Dave Hancock**

David Hancock asked that the Friends of the Library be able to meet at town hall due to the space constrictions at the current location. Fee would be waived.

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester  
SECOND: Councilmember: Karl  
VOTE: 5- 0  
YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Urias, Myers, Karl, Tester  
NO:  
ABSENT:  
\*Motion unanimously passed

**Mayor Comments:**

The big town celebration is coming up and we are looking for volunteers, tell a friend, we could use the help. A task force from the medical profession has been formed, we are trying to figure out if a medical clinic would be beneficial for the town. There have been 4 meetings and we are the point where citizen input is needed. A town hall meeting will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm at Yacolt Primary. Flyers are being distributed to surrounding area.

**Public Works:**

Now that we have our own building dept. we do not have some of the services we used to. A lot on Christy St. was sent to Auction and it has been PERC'd, presenting some potential problems in building a home on that lot. Policy or Ordinance with guidelines to deal with these problems needs to be in place. Cowlitz County has been contacted for some guidance since they deal with the problems we may be facing. There is a potential for some houses to be at the end of Jones St. that could pose the same issues. Mayor directed Pete to take the lead and put together what guidelines he feels is needed and go through David Ridenour our attorney as well. Marsh Adams was contacted for provide a bid on the trees around town that pose a problem, estimate was 22,000.00 with them climbing the tree and removing 30% of the canopy. We could maybe reduce the cost using Larch crews. Mayor wanted to know if there was any value in trees to offset cost. There were Maple Trees on Yacolt Rd. that are rotted and need to be removed.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Not present

**WARRANTS**

*Current Expenses:	\$11,661.93
*Current Expense Reserve	\$115,332.54
*City Streets:	\$6,747.77
*Cemetery	\$ 53.16
*Storm Water	\$910.87

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$134,706.27

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

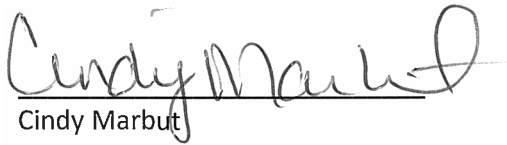
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Karl, Hancock, Myers, Tester

NO:

ABSENT:

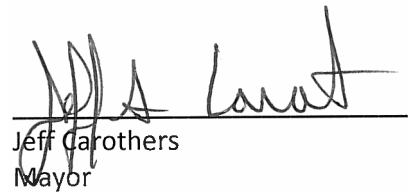
Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN: 8:30 pm**



Cindy Marbut

Cindy Marbut  
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers

Jeff Carothers  
Mayor

Minutes approved on June 15, 2015