

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

**DATE:** August 3, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Karl with corrections

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Hancock

**VOTE:** 5- 0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item C under Old Business Awning for Library Express Discussion

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution # 524 Greenhouse Gas**

There was discussion on the differences in this resolution versus the one presented at the last meeting.

Council Myer asked for an additional change which was noted.

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Myers with changes

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Hancock

**VOTE:** 5- 0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

\*Motion unanimously passed

**B. C Tran Update – Mayor, David Ridenour Attorney**

Mayor recapped the issues with the C Tran Composition Board and the sharing of voting seat with Ridgefield and La Center. There was discussion on the draft Interlocal agreement proposal the Yacolt submitted for review. David attended council meetings for Ridgefield and La Center. There was discussion on whether or not the other council members from Ridgefield and La Center had all the information before them on the proposal that Yacolt submitted. Neither municipality contacted Yacolt about the proposal for a long period of time until a letter was sent to the respective Mayors noting that Yacolt did not agree to have

La Center's Mayor to sit on the seat as representative for Yacolt. Mayor had a conference call with all the parties concerned. Yacolt rejected the counter proposal submitted by La Center twice now. David noted that the other council's may have not even seen the original draft proposal from Yacolt. He was instructed to send a letter with the original proposal from Yacolt to each town clerk to place on their agendas of the other cities involved and copy the Mayors and Attorneys. Another meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. C – Tran's position on this matter is that if no agreement is reached then no one will sit on the seat until one is reached.

\*Discussion Only

### **C. Awning Library Express**

Clerk noted there was a drawing of the awning that the Yacolt Library Express would be putting up at the Library. Council had already approved the awning but wanted to see the drawing of what would be constructed.

\*Informational Only

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Linderman Property – RV Living**

Mayor stated he wanted this on the agenda and gave some history on this matter from a previous meeting, he talked about Mr. Linderman asking for a variance and then withdrawing it after being told the conditions and costs. Mayor stated this issue has been before the council before. Clerk suggested permitting process that was costly enough to discourage long term living and deter RV living on property. Council Karl directed town attorney to look into the legal recourse the town has. Clerk noted Town Zoning Ordinance # 371 makes reference to temporary dwellings. There was discussion on the RV's in town that were hooked up to electricity for the purposes of climate control for the protection of the RV vs those who were living in them. Further discussion on not outlawing the rights of owners. Residents in the audience had concerns of septic connections and gray matter waste and the unhealthy conditions. Residents in the audience noted that this allowance was opening the door to others to do the same and Mr. Linderman just ignored what the council had previously instructed him. Town Attorney would review file.

\*Discussion Only

### **B. Rendezvous Debrief**

This was a discussion on the past event on what worked well and what did not work. Participation has declined in areas over the last 3 -4 years. There were suggestions given for next year's event that included not having all day events as the attendance is poor. Changing the parade to evening, only 1 food vendor in evening hours possible non-profit like Little League, no music, music only 1 band, keep lawn mower races and Bigfoot Fun Run as those are successful. Difficult to get vendors even though they sought out in January. Fireworks to long and some thought it was perfect. Different feed of patriotic music.

\*Discussion Only

### **C. Liquor License Backwoods Bar and Grill**

No citations have been noted for this establishment, renewal of license granted.

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

### **D. Robertson Engineering – Fire Dept. Variance Request**

Clerk explained that a request for variance was submitted and legal notices were published. The public hearing would be on Sept 8, 2015 and the council could take that time for review the information presented by Robertson Engineering. At that meeting the Fire Dept. would be looking for approval so they can start construction before the weather impacts them. Public Works noted that they were not seeking the change in the street dynamics it was too costly and left to much to chance with the homeowners on that street.

**Mayor Comments:**

Reminded the council and those present about National Night Out, asked the council to consider entering the dunk tank, asked citizens to be aware of their surroundings and report things that are out of the ordinary.

**Public Works:**

Trusses will be delivered on Wednesday, Terry is volunteering his time to help and Larch Correctional will be here to help set up National Night Out and again for 4 days next week to assist in the Pavilion which should be completed next week.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Explained to the council the lack of cemetery plot sales and the potential need to transfer funds from the General to the Cemetery. Provided council with year to date budget position. Budget amendment for next meeting with the transfer of funds for the investment.

**WARRANTS**

*Current Expenses:	\$51,522.87
*City Streets:	\$16,148.16
*Cemetery	\$ 107.35
*Storm Water	\$2,430.10

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$70,208.48

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Tester

VOTE: 5-0

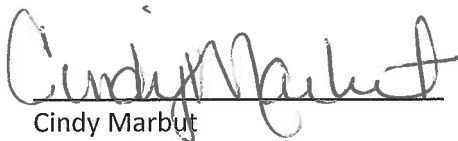
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Karl, Hancock, Tester, Myers

NO:

ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN: 8:39 pm**



Cindy Marbut  
Town Clerk



Jeff Garothers  
Mayor

Minutes approved on August 17, 2015