

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Josh Karl

Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Nancy Tester, Vince Myers

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Dave Hancock

STAFF: Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: Not Present

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilmember Myers noted corrections

MOTION: Councilmember: Urias with corrections

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item G was added to agenda late during the council meeting, skipped over in this part of the meeting added is: Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. C-Tran Update – David Ridenour- Town Attorney

There was much discussion on the subject. Mayor and Town Attorney, David Ridenour had attended council meetings at Ridgefield and La Center with this subject as part of their agenda's. David made available the recordings of the 2 meetings for council to review. Both Councils at La Center and Ridgefield had been sent a letter from the Mayor of Yacolt to get directly involved in the issue of the shared C Tran seat. Both councils at Ridgefield and La Center rejected the proposal on the advice of their attorneys that was agreed upon from a meeting in January 2015 by a work session of all the prospective mayors and their attorneys which has led to the current situation. There was more discussions on the matter of 3 cities sharing 1 seat on the C Tran Board. Mayor was invited to a La Center meeting, Council Myers expressed his dislike of the Mayor being summoned to a meeting. David reviewed 3 issues with the council : 1) allow Mayor Irish to continue on the seat until the end of the year while this is being worked out between the municipalities- Council Myers did not agree with this, stated the seat should remain vacant until an agreement was reached, the others need to know that we are serious about this issue, Council Tester, stated we as a town were not being recognized and noted the other 2 cities re-wrote the agreement after a meeting had resulted in what was believed to be an agreement in January and sent it back to Yacolt Council. Council Myers motioned for Mayor Irish to continue to sit on the C Tran board until the end of the year.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 0-3

NO: 3

NO: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester, Myers

ABSENT: Hancock

*Motion unanimously failed to allow Mayor Irish to continue on C-Tran Board Seat.

Council Myers stated this is the first Council to put feet forward on issues that affect our citizens and C Tran. There was discussion on how the 2 cities made the changes and didn't ask Yacolt to be involved. 2) David noted, C- Tran will need to react and decide how to deal with there not being an agreement amongst the municipalities. David asked the council if selecting an alternative representative /alternate for the board seat at this time was something the council would entertain. Council Myers motioned that Mayor Carothers be appointed to attend the next C Tran meeting. 3) David discussed the possibility of a joint work session among the councils to work towards a resolution, the clerks in the effected municipalities could reach out to the councils for dates and availability, Yacolt council is in favor of this action. David will send talking points and the clerk could put together a tentative agenda based on the council's feedback and review of talking points prior to any meeting set up. David stated he would try to attend the La Center and Ridgefield upcoming meetings.

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester for Mayor Carothers to attend next C Tran meeting

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

*Motion unanimously passed.

B. Linderman/ RV Living – David Ridenour – Town Attorney

David noted this is a long time issue for the town regarding RV living and private property. The council has tried to be sensitive to private property use. The issues of health, zoning and temporary housing of RV's in town have been before the council many times. David had researched other ordinances from other municipalities and provided some possible ideas for the council to consider. There was much discussion on time limits, property values becoming de-valued, medical necessity and emergency situations, ground water protection, septic regulations from the Health Dept. Designation of Zoning Areas, Rentals not being allowed and hardships. The council agreed to a survey being sent to all the town residents on the matter and instructed the Clerk to provide a sample at the next meeting prior to sending it out.

*Discussion Only

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing Variance Fire Dept. Classroom 131- Chris Robertson, Robertson Engineering

Mayor Pro Tem, Josh Karl closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Chris Robertson was present to answer any questions. Public hearing was closed and reopened to the regular council meeting

*Discussion Only

B. Street Legal ATV in Town Limits per RCW 46.09.455 – Jeffery Jordon

Mike Haden spoke on behalf of the ATV riding club, he thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. The ATV club was going to town and county meetings to convince them to open up the city streets under 35 mile per hour to ATV riding. This would provide revenue, tourism, and allow disabled people more access and provide economic transportation for the town citizens while allowing ATV's to move between forest/trail areas on local streets. Arizona and Idaho both have opened up the streets to these vehicles, they are modified to be street legal. There was discussion on access to Weyerhaeuser land and the real ability to travel in the local area forests. The club was looking for support from the council to help in their

quest to get other municipalities to listen and possibly open their streets. The next stop for the club was to speak to the forest ranger in the local area. The club does a lot of maintenance of trails and riding areas at no cost and clean-up of trash, they also do fund raising events. They are requesting by ordinance the council open the streets up. There was discussion on what was truly Yacolt streets vs. County owned, private lands and gated areas. Council requests a public hearing before any further actions would take place.

*Discussion Only

C. Call for Budget 2016 – Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut, told the council that this was a formal announcement that the process for the 2016 budget would be in progress. The clerk asked the council to provide any cost savings or any projects that the council was looking towards in 2016 to be given to her so she could configure the budget accordingly.

*Discussion Only

D. Development Fees Zoning Ordinance 371 – Pete Roberts

Ordinance 371 does list fees but it does not adequately provide for the review process and there is nothing in place to cover the costs of subdivisions for engineering. There was discussion on amending Ordinance 371, town attorney noted that there was an amendment in place with ordinance 484 but he wasn't sure it was passed and signed. Pete wants the council to take actions before the next subdivision comes in which is going to be relatively soon to cover the costs. This isn't about making money this is about covering the expensive costs of engineering for the town. Roger Foley is looking to build 8 houses in Yacolt soon. This will be placed on the next agenda.

*Discussion Only

E. Rotate Finance Committee

Council Myers nominated Council Tester for the Finance Committee

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 2-1

YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Myers

NO: Tester

ABSENT: Hancock

Motion unanimously passed.

F. Feral Cat Coalition Discussion – Cindy Marbut

Cindy informed the council of the discussions with the Cat Coalition on solutions to the feral cat problem in town particularly around town hall. Mrs. Knowles spoke to council on her opinions of the problems. Cindy informed the council that traps would be set-up and the cats would then be removed and spayed or neutered, medically treated for fleas and ear mites and then returned. The ones that have diseases that are contagious to other cats would be euthanized. The Feral Cat Coalition was anxious to help the town with this problem, this is a benefit to all. Some of the kittens might be adopted out if they were healthy enough and tamed.

*Discussion Only

G. Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation (late change)

Mayor Pro tem Karl read a proclamation declaring the week of Sept 17 – 23, 2015 as Constitution Week

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

*Motion unanimously passed

Meeting returned to New Business Item A. Variance for Fire Dept. Classroom 131 as a vote on the actual variance was not taken.

Motion to approve the Variance for Fire Station Classroom 131 as presented.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Tester

VOTE: 3-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Comments:

None

Public Works:

John Duncan long time town engineer, passed away services were to be determined.

Clerk Treasurer:

Town received an award from AWC for having no insurance claims in 2014, Town Audit is scheduled to begin on September 21, 2015.

WARRANTS

*Current Expenses:	\$12,335.21
*City Streets:	\$14,549.34
*Cemetery:	\$109.78
*Storm Water	\$2,222.91

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$29,217.24

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Urias

VOTE: 3-0

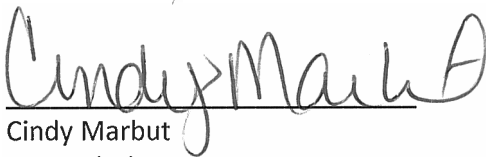
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester, Myers

NO:


ABSENT: Hancock

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 9:00 pm



Cindy Marbut
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on September 21, 2015