

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE January 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor, Jeff Carothers

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

Pete Roberts: Absent

David Ridenour: Town Attorney

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING December 17, 2012

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Hancock

ABSENT:

Vote: 5-0

No: 0

*Motion Passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Added under Old Business item B. Poet Laureate Patricia Thomas and Item C. Executive Session

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Patricia Thomas was signed up; the Mayor expressed to her she could speak during Old business since she was added to the agenda

OLD BUSINESS

A. C-Tran –Discussion - Appointment

Lisa Walters Mayor of Battle Ground was present to speak with the council. She expressed concern for the C-Tran appointment. Her goal is to come to some kind of agreement to allow Mr. Ganley to continue on the C-Tran board for one more year. She stated he was going to be chairman of the board and it was a big deal to have someone for North Clark County in that position. She stated she understood that Ganley being the representative for such a long time was part of the issue. She noted that bylaws for C-Tran are looked at every 4 years and that would be coming up in the near future. This may be the time to allow for changes in representation. Mayor Walters stated that all of North County needs to stick together. She asked that council member Gerhardt shadow Ganley for this year and they make decisions together.

Bill Ganley spoke of his tenure on the board and his decision making for the Town of Yacolt. He stated he didn't know where all the information about light rail came from but he was not for light rail, it had no benefit for Battle Ground and he suspected it didn't for Yacolt either. He stated he was a rapid bus transit person, it was his passion. He expressed his fight to keep bus service in Yacolt.

Mayor Carothers expressed his concern about communication being very limited from Mr. Ganley in the past. He read a portion of the C-Tran bylaws to Mr. Ganley about the voting process and communication. Mr. Ganley wasn't aware of the specific bylaw but expressed he was available for information at any time. Mayor Carothers stated that he needed to communicate more with the council not just himself. Mayor Carothers noted that in Battle Ground Council minutes that the City Council

appointed an alternate for the C-Tran board. He stated that Yacolt holds the alternate position with Council Member Rick Urias. There was discussion about C-Tran meeting minutes availability. Mayor Walters stated that Battle Ground could not have an alternate but their council member was going to shadow Mr. Ganley at the meetings. Mayor Carothers stated that there was no Inter local agreement for this position and there needed to be one in place. Clerk stated she had drafted one and given it to the Town attorney.

There was discussion on workshops and quarterly meeting between the Town of Yacolt and Battle Ground Mayor's and Council members. A motion was made to retain Bill Ganley as representative for Yacolt on the C-Tran board with Lewis Gerhardt as alternate shadowing Mr. Ganley for the next year. The Clerk or the Attorney will send over draft Interlocal agreement to Battle Ground Council for review. It was noted that there was to be more communication.

MOTION: Lewis

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-1

No: Myers

*Motion Passed.

B. Poet Laureate Patricia Thomas

Patricia stated that Patrick Knowles was a good candidate for the position and she felt the council should appoint him. He would work with her and other poets to help get the program started. Council member Myers asked Mr. Knowles if he really wanted to take on this position, Mr. Knowles stated he did and he understood how kids feel trying to get started.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 5-0

*Motion Passed

C. Executive Session – Continuation of Pending Litigation

Mayor Carothers stated, the executive session will be about potential litigation affecting the Town, and might adversely affect the Town's financial or legal position if it were held in public at this time. The Town attorney will be attending this session. RCW 42.30.110 Public meeting will reconvene in 15 minutes at 8:10 pm. Mayor returned at 8:10 pm and stated it would be 5 additional minutes. Public Meeting reconvened at 8:18 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appoint Finance committee member

Dave Hancock was nominated by Council member Karl to take his turn. Council member Hancock asked what the process was, Clerk advised the committee meets at 6:30 pm prior to the council meetings.

Motion: Karl

Second: Gerhardt

Vote: 5-0

ABSENT

* Motion Passed

B. Red Fir Liquor License

Dave Ayers owner of the Red Fir was present, council member Myers made the motion to approve the license.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

NO:

ABSENT:

* Motion Passed

C. Library Express Signage

Clerk told council to view the proposed signs and decide which sign they wanted. Mayor expressed that the sign should be astatically correct in appearance. Council member Myers had concerns about the Sherriff's sign on the building and wanted it preserved. Clerk stated that Public works wanted to make sure that they Library would be installing the sign above the transom which is above the window above the door. There was discussion on which sign to pick, the majority ruled in the selection of the single line signage.

MOTION: Lewis

SECOND: Karl

VOTE 5-0

NO: 0

ABSENT:

*Motion Passed

D. Utility Tax Increase -Discussion

Clerk explained the Ordinance in 2012 that was passed was passed for only the telephone utility. Council member Karl stated he thought that it included all the utilities. Clerk expressed that it did not and it could easily be amended or new one could be drafted. Council member Myers asked what would be easier, clerk stated amendment to reflect all utilities. Clerk was instructed to amend ordinance and bring back to the next meeting.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

NO:

ABSENT:

*Discussion only

Mayors Comments

Mayor thanked the citizens for their attendance to the meetings and suggested spreading the word to friends and neighbors about meetings. He thanked the council for their continued involvement with all the issues before the town. He stated that the town in the past held a Spring Clean up. He was going to consider a clean-up 2 times a year. He is going to contact the County and see what they can do to help clean up the trash by using inmates or those who were part of a community service program. He will be contacting citizens interested in helping with the project.

Public Works Report

None

Treasurers Report

Clerk told council to check their emails for an explanation on the reduced Levy Certification and that there would be a reduction in property tax revenue due to the reduction in assessed valuation and the lawful limit the town can collect.

WARRANTS

*Current Expenses: \$ 21,880.25

*City Streets: \$17,074.98

*Cemetery \$244.41

*Skate Park \$43.14

*Recreation Imp. \$ 3,800

* Payroll \$12,051.87

*Warrants presented in the amount of \$ 49,045.28

MOTION: Myers to pay the bills

SECOND: Gerhardt

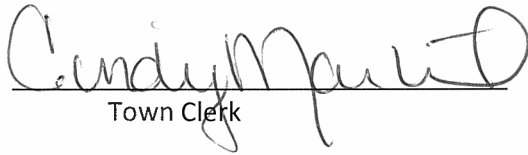
VOTE: 5 - 0

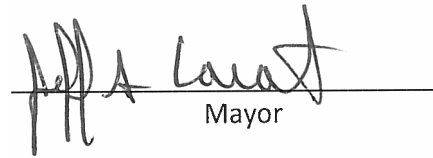
NO:

ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN 8:42 pm


Town Clerk


Mayor

Minutes approved on 1/22/13
~~1/07/2013~~