

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

**DATE: November 16, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Jeff Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s):

**STAFF:** Clerk Treasurer: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Absent

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Myers

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Tester

**VOTE:** 5- 0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item F under new business was removed, item G becomes F.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Discussions continued on this subject matter. There has been progress in a joint Interlocal agreement has been drafted. Ridgefield will discuss this as part of their agenda on November 19, 2015. Councilmember Karl, Mayor Carothers and David Ridenour will be in attendance.

\*Discussion Only

**B. C-Tran Transportation Benefit Conference Update – Mayor Carothers**

Mayor Carothers attended the conference on October 27, 2015. There were representatives from every community present. The idea for the meeting came from the Commissioners who wanted everyone to have a voice in the operations of C-Tran and how it spends its tax payer's dollars. There is a lack of representation from all areas including rural. Vancouver and Camas officials were advised by their respective attorney's that the meeting was a waste of time. Mayor Carothers was able to give his thoughts on service for Yacolt and money saving ideas before a vote was called to end the meeting. The next C-Tran board meeting there will be a vote for a meeting where everyone can have a voice.

\*Discussion Only

**C. State Auditor Accountability Act Legislation Update – David Ridenour, Town Attorney**

Town Attorney, David Ridenour has been in touch with different lobbyists and agencies to gain growing support for the legislation. He spoke with AWC lobbyists and clarified some questions. Republican and Democratic caucuses will be contacted and updated on the proposed legislation. Mayor Carothers gave some background on how the town became involved in the process. All agencies that were on board before the legislation break are still on board.

\*Discussion Only

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Public Hearing Proposed Budget 2016**

Mayor Carothers closed the council meeting and opened a public hearing. He explained the budget process to those present; there was a request for a medical facility from a citizen. Mayor closed public hearing and reopened council meeting.

##### **B. Resolution # 531 Recognizing Rick Urias**

This was delayed by request of council until the next meeting

\*Discussion Only

##### **C. Resolution # 532 Award Karvenon Paving CDBG Project 1505**

Public Works Director, Pete Roberts gave background to the bid process for paving the Recreation Area Park.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

##### **D. Storm Water Report – Pete Roberts, Public Works Director**

Public Works Director gave background to the storm water areas of the town and the work that goes on in those areas. The public works dept. does not have any special equipment to use to clean out the debris from the basins, they have to manually lift the traps to remove debris. This takes a lot of man power. The inmates will be helping for 2 full weeks, November is generally the big push to get everything cleaned out. The fire dept. development will add to the upkeep of storm water areas. He gave total dollars spent YTD on storm water. Mayor Carothers talked about a past photo presentation that was given that showed the areas around town and the work that has to be continually done.

\*Discussion Only

##### **E. Swearing of New Council and Mayor**

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut swore Mayor Carothers into office for his 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Newly elected council member was not present at this time.

\*No Action needed

##### **F. Yacolt Trading Post Liquor License**

There was a short discussion on the type of liquor sold at the trading post

MOTION: Councilmember: Karl

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Carothers thanked everyone for their support over the last 4 years, there have been a lot of accomplishments. He has had the support of council and the town attorney and he gave appreciation to them. He continues to be a representative for Yacolt at meetings and events. He looks forward to the next 4 years.

**Town Attorney**

None

**Public Works:**

Christmas tree will be trimmed on November 18, 2015 and he purchased some new LED lights for the star.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Council was provided the treasurers report.

\*Current Expenses:     \$33,719.19  
\*City Streets:         \$612.20  
\*Cemetery:             \$  
\*Storm Water            \$

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$34,331.39

MOTION Councilmember: Karl

SECOND Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

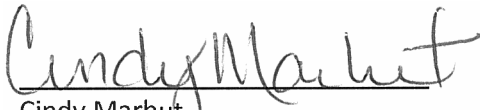
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester, Myers, Karl, Hancock

NO:

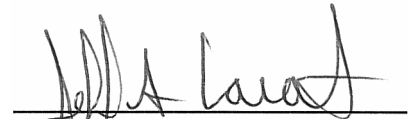
ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN: 8:05 pm**



Cindy Marbut  
Clerk Treasurer



Jeff Carothers  
Mayor

Minutes approved on ~~October 19~~ <sup>December 7, 2015</sup>, 2015  
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