

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor: Jeff Carothers

Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Vince Myers, Dave Hancock

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Josh Karl, Nancy Tester

STAFF: Clerk Treasurer: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: not present

Town Attorney: not present

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item E under new business was stricken, and in its place the Backroads Food & Spirits Liquor License was inserted. Item F was added by Councilmember Dave Hancock to discuss a Library Request

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Kathy Lattig spoke to the council about the wellness program that the staff members are engaging in. She noted the gratitude graffiti that was placed on the windows of town hall as part of the program and encouraged council members to read and participate.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Discussions continued on this subject matter. David Ridenour, town attorney and Mayor Carothers attended Ridgefield's council meeting. Ridgefield discussed Yacolt and La Center having a meeting on the matter. Ridgefield's discussion included the amount of revenue the city has and weighted population voting. The Ridgefield council had in their possession the agreement that was worked out between Yacolt and La Center. David Ridenour, town attorney and Mayor Carothers both addressed the Ridgefield's council holding nothing back. Yacolt and La Center reached a compromise but Ridgefield's counter proposal is to have a 4 year rotation giving them the C-Tran seat every other year and a straight voting agreement beginning in 2016 with Ridgefield holding the first seat which would then give them the seat when the next composition board review took place. Ridgefield is concerned about communication, Mayor Carothers pointed out that Yacolt is the only one communicating. Councilmember Myers stated the 3 year rotation agreement reached with La Center should be satisfactory, every other year for Ridgefield is an attempt to have the advantage and to try to get weighted voting. Yacolt is sticking to their guns, no alternating years for Ridgefield and continue with the agreement reached with La Center. Mayor Carothers was instructed by

the council to relay that information to David Ridenour, town attorney. If an agreement is not reached by the end of the year it is possible that the seat would become vacant.

*Discussion Only

B. Resolution # 531 Recognizing Rick Urias as Councilmember

Mayor Carothers read aloud Resolution # 531 that recognized Rick Urias for his services as a council member for the Town of Yacolt.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2016 Levy Resolution # 534

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer reviewed the information for the council. Councilmember Myers was ~~not~~ ^{concerned} pleased with the way the information appeared on the form to the public. He asked if there was some way to have it changed so that it would read differently so the public had a better understanding of the form information. Clerk will inquire with the county assessor's office.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

B. Resolution # 535 EMS 2016 Levy

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer gave information on the EMS Levy.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

C. 2016 Budget Ordinance # 537

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, gave background on the budget process and that it included both wage increases. Corrections had to be made to the wage attachment to reflect the increases.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

D. Employee Contract Adjustment Resolution # 536

Mayor Carothers read the resolution and gave information on the adjustment to salary for the Clerk Treasurer as discussed in the budget workshop.

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

E. Backroad Food and Spirits Liquor License – (change to agenda)

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut discussed the changes in how liquor license forms are sent and have to be completed by the administration.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 3- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl, Tester

*Motion unanimously passed.

F. Yacolt Library Express Request – Dave Hancock (change to agenda)

Councilmember Hancock relayed to the council that the library would like to use an empty jail cell for an ongoing book store sales using the honor system. Councilmember Myers asked about the liability, Mayor Carothers advised that the library has its own insurance. There was a brief discussion, ultimately it would be up to public works if there was a conflict for the use. Councilmember Hancock was instructed to contact Public Works Director, Pete Roberts.

*Discussion Only

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Carothers thanked all the volunteers who helped with the tree lighting ceremony. It was a big success given the weather conditions. There have been lots of positive comments on the new lights placed on the tree this year.

Town Attorney

None

Public Works:

None

Clerk Treasurer:

Council was provided the treasurers report and budget position. There were 30 Santa photos taken this year which is double last year. The YMCA is moving forward with its rally to get signatures to place on bond on the ballot for the new facility in Battle Ground. This would include voting from Yacolt. Information was provided to the council. The investment firm confirmed that the Town is in compliance with its investment currently after the state auditor questioned the investment. All newly elected and currently held positions are required to attend training on the open public meeting act, a training session will be planned for January 2016.

*Current Expenses: \$15054.53

*City Streets: \$14232.64

*Cemetery: \$107.86

*Impact Fees \$1340.00

*Storm Water \$2193.14

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$32,928.67

MOTION Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 5-0

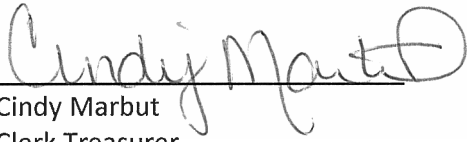
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester, Myers, Karl, Hancock

NO:

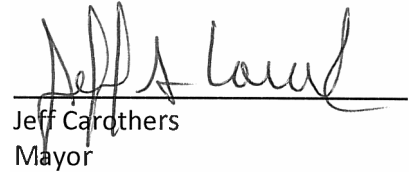
ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 8:05 pm



Cindy Marbut
Clerk Treasurer



Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on December 28, 2015