

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 28, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor: Jeff Carothers

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Josh Karl

STAFF: Clerk Treasurer: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) 12-7-15 & 12-21-15

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Urias

VOTE: 4- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Karl

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Items A and B under New Business where removed from the agenda and Items C and D moved forward.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Discussions continued on this subject matter. David Ridenour, town attorney and Mayor Carothers attended meetings with Ridgefield and La Center which resulted in the negotiation of an agreement for the ongoing debate of the C-Tran board seat. David Ridenour, town attorney gave some background on the negotiations with the parties concerned. Ridgefield and La Center councils have already agreed with the plan. The agreement would give Yacolt 1 year in control of the board seat as had been discussed in previous attempts for agreement. La Center will give up 1 year control to Ridgefield. The composition board changes at the end of this agreement. Councilmember Myers was not enthusiastic about the agreement and felt it was Ridgefield that caused all the impasse in reaching the agreement to start with and the rotation should be equal years for each municipality. It was noted that La Center gave up a year to Ridgefield. Councilmember Hancock stated compromise is the name of the game. A vote was taken on the signing of the 3 year agreement. Mayor Carothers thanked the council for its diligence on this agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers
SECOND: Councilmember: Tester
VOTE: 3-1
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester and Hancock,
NO: Councilmember(s): Myers
ABSENT: Karl
*Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transportation Improvement Board Grant - Pete Roberts, Public Works Director

Devin Jackson, AKS Engineering, was introduced as the person who helped the town work on the grant for no charge. Pete Roberts, Public Works Director gave background on the grant. Devin Jackson noted that this selection was a good project and more funding was actually added since it would be a joint effort with the County. The Town would be receiving a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for the road repairs on Yacolt Ave. and Amboy Rds. The grant did not require any match funding which would be a benefit to the 2016 budget as a small amount of funds had been allocated for that area. The grant was far greater than the amount dedicated. Staff was thanked for working on the project.

*Discussion Only

B. Swearing in Ceremony

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer swore in Jason Wallaway as Councilmember position #5 replacing Rick Urias. Mayor Carothers was sworn in for his (2) second term as Mayor. Both were greeted with applause.

*Ceremony

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Carothers noted that the Clerk Treasurer had provided the councilmembers a list of 2016 event dates as he had requested and their responsibilities for those events.

Town Attorney

David Ridenour, town attorney, thanked the council and staff for the past year of collaboration and acknowledged the time being a pleasurable working experience.

Public Works:

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, informed the council that there is power available at the Recreation Park now, paving would begin at the Library in 7-10 days and there was an issue with storm water and drains on Spruce Ave. that will be resolved in the spring by connecting 2 pipes that are currently not connected.

Clerk Treasurer:

Thanked the council for their support.

*Current Expenses:	\$8,597.99
*City Streets:	\$3,045.97
*Cemetery:	\$67.72
*Storm Water	\$4.28

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$11,715.96

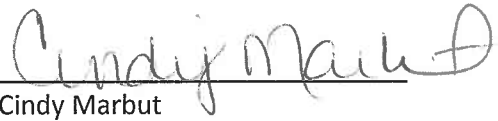
MOTION Councilmember: Myers
SECOND Councilmember: Hancock
VOTE: 4-0
YES: Councilmember(s): Urias, Tester, Myers and Hancock

NO:

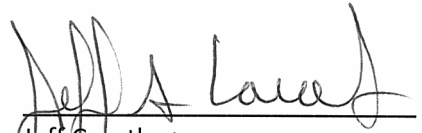
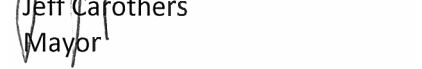
ABSENT: Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 7:25 pm

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Cindy Marbut
Clerk Treasurer

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Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on January 4, 2016