

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor: Jeff Carothers

Councilmember(s): Jason Wallaway, Vince Myers, Dave Hancock, Josh Karl and Nancy Tester

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

STAFF: Clerk Treasurer: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: not present

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Wallaway, Karl, Myers, Tester and Hancock

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

A.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. C-Tran Board Seat Representative Appointment

Mayor Carothers gave background to the last meetings decision to the sign the Interlocal agreement with Ridgefield and La Center, this is the next step in that process. Mayor asked if there were any volunteers from the council for this position. Councilmember Nancy Tester agreed to be the representative for the town. A motion was made to accept.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 5- 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Wallaway, Karl, Myers, Tester and Hancock

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

B. Personnel Policy Updates Resolution

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer gave background to the reason for the need for changes to the personnel policy and some of the unclear verbiage in the current policy. David Ridenour, town attorney will be

working with the Clerk to obtain the best possible way to address the issue. This may or may not require an ordinance or resolution it was unclear yet which would be the best viable course of action. More information will be brought back to the next meeting.

*Discussion

C. Mandatory Garbage Pick-up

Mayor Carothers had talked with staff and citizens on their thoughts about this issue. He had considered all situations and priorities in this matter. There have been complaints about properties not addressing garbage and creating an unsanitary environment. Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, spoke with Peter Dubois from Clark County, the sustainability of the spring clean-up and costs due to scrap metal dollars declining is a concern. Peter Dubois suggested the option of having mandatory garbage pick-up to help with the costs. This service could be contracted out at a discounted cost to citizens. Discussions took place after councilmember Wallaway asked about alternatives. Mayor Carothers detailed how complaints are handled through the administration. Councilmember Myers stated he is not in favor of government mandating garbage pick-up since it is a commercial product. He inquired about the verbiage in the current nuisance ordinance. There was continued discussions. Further information will be supplied to the council as requested at a later meeting.

*Discussion

D. Finance Committee Rotation

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, advised it was time to rotate the finance committee. There were discussions on the Mayor Pro-Tem term expiration and the duties of the finance committee member. Two (2) motions were made for appointment, councilmember Myers motioned for councilmember Karl to be appointed, no second was made to the motion causing the motion to fail. A motion was made by councilmember Hancock to appoint councilmember Wallaway.

MOTION: Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 4- 1

YES: Councilmember(s): Wallaway, Karl, Tester and Hancock

NO: Councilmember(s) Myers

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Carothers advised citizens that there had been some car prowls and burglaries recently. There has been some destruction of town property also. There are some individuals that have no respect for others property or the town's property. He asked citizens to be aware of their surroundings and to report to the Sheriff any suspicious behaviors, we need to look out for each other.

Town Attorney

Not present

Public Works:

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, informed the council of a grant opportunity for LED Lights for the street lights in town. Clark Public utilities does not have any LED lights in Clark County. There will be discussions on this matter with the commission in the near future and we would look at our options at that time.

Clerk Treasurer:

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, informed council that Verizon Wireless was interested in placing a satellite dish on the current AT & T tower, which is no longer owned by them but had been bought out by a corporation that manages cell towers. The conditional use permit for the tower would be up in April at which point the company would be looking to make changes to allow the satellite. Verizon would like to be up and running by June 2016. Clerk suggested that the conditional use permit when renewed be for 10 years vs. 5 years, and as information became available she would let the council know.

*Current Expenses: \$21,445.88
*City Streets: \$19,566.83
*Cemetery: \$3,137.56
*Storm Water \$8,728.35

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$52,878.62

MOTION Councilmember: Myers

SECOND Councilmember: Karl

VOTE: 5-0

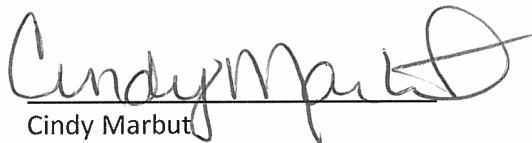
YES: Councilmember(s): Wallaway, Tester, Myers, Karl and Hancock

NO:


ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 7:37 pm



Cindy Marbut
Clerk Treasurer



Jeff Carothers Josh Karl
Mayor Pro Tem

Minutes approved on January 19, 2016