

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Nancy Tester, Dave Hancock, Jason Wallway, Vince Myers

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

STAFF: Town Clerk: Absent

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Tester and Wallway, *Myers*

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

John Barnes addressed the council about having chickens on his property. He supplied the council with a list of neighbors who approve of their having chickens. Councilmembers approved of the chickens since the neighbors were in agreement. Mayor Carothers thanked Mr. Barnes for following the proper steps for having them on his property.

Jack Thompson from Little League inquired about the plans for the 4th of July celebration. Mayor Carothers informed him there would be a twilight parade and fireworks display. He advised Mr. Thompson that it was entirely up to the Little League to open their snack shack but thought it would be a good idea. Little League is working on a volunteer list for that event.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Amendment Ordinance # 539 Park Rules

Councilmembers discussed the proposed sliding scale in the ordinance. Councilmember Myers was not in favor of it as it is subjective and a flat rate should be determined. Councilmember Tester suggested a fee of 35.00. Councilmembers agreed. Motion was made to pass the ordinance with the noted change to the refundable fee.

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

B. Avery Meadows

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, informed Councilmembers that the conditions for approval of Avery Meadows had been supplied to the developer to review and meet. There was discussions on the shrubbery and timelines for the conditions to be met. Council was advised that a warranty bond would be required to ensure that all conditions were met, the growth of shrubbery was guaranteed and all maintenance as presented. Once the developer agreed to the conditions they probably begin work.

*Discussion Only

NEW BUSINESS:

A.

Mayor Carothers, Comments:

Mayor thanked all those who have sponsored flower baskets and banners for the town, we have received more this year than any other year. The plan is to get more brackets to account for the additional baskets. Options for the banners are being considered, the banners need to be consistent with the home town, country feel, like the train or lumber industry. It would not be good to have a hodgepodge of banners in town. The town clean-up was a success, there was a good attendance. There was a great crew of volunteers who did litter pick up, we need to remain consistent on our town improvements. Mayor met with a Eagle Scout looking for a project along with Pete Roberts to discuss options, it appears he may be doing raised flower beds and a few benches in the "downtown" area of Yacolt. Mayor asked citizens to provide any ideas for future improvements to the Town, while grant money was not sought out this year the Town would be looking at options next year.

Attorney, David Ridenour Comments:

Council has been provided a copy of the demand letter to J & N Cable, there has been no response. This will be placed on the next agenda for discussion of options since their response time period will expire just before the next meeting. A binder of the draft municipal code has been provided to the council and was offered in PDF to anyone in the audience who requested a copy. Staff members and David met to review and make recommendations on the proposed municipal code and made good progress, there will be recommendations to repeal ordinances that no longer apply to the Town that are over 100 year old. Also recommendations for making penalties more conducive. There are changes to the Open Public Meeting Act that take effect in June, A quorum of councilmembers cannot meet in public and take action without proper notice of meeting or special meeting notice; the violation costs have been increased.

Public Works, Pete Roberts Comments:

A 12x12 sand box was built at the recreation park for the kids.

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut Comments:

None

WARRANTS

*Current Expenses: \$7,353.63

*City Streets: \$12,071.66

*Cemetery \$112.94

*Storm Water \$2,972.85

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$22,511.08

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Myers

VOTE: 4-0

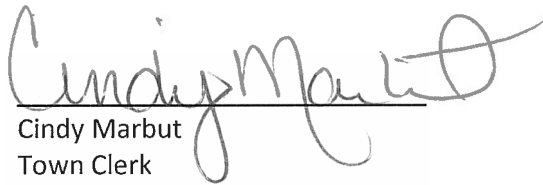
YES: Councilmember(s): Wallway, Tester, Myers and Hancock

NO:

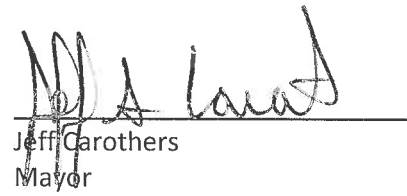
ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 7:30 pm



Cindy Marbut
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on May 16, 2016