

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Carothers

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

STAFF: Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting w/ changes: Councilmember Tester with noted changes

SECOND: Councilmember Listek

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: **Motion unanimously passed.*

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Repealer's Ordinances- David Ridenour

David Ridenour, town attorney, gave progress report on the repeals of the obsolete ordinances. He will be sending out a drop box invitation to council to view up to 52 of the 62 that need to be repealed. He offered anyone in the audience the ability to view them as well.

Discussion Only

B. Playground Equipment – Pete Roberts

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, provided the council with 3 bids on the repair of the slide at the town park. There was discussion on the costs, warranty and interconnectivity of the different brands.

Councilmember Myers asked for customer service reviews. Pete will bring back that information at the next meeting.

Discussion Only

C. C-Tran – Councilmember Nancy Tester

Councilmember Tester, spoke to the council about her meeting with the other representatives of the C-Tran board. The discussion included remaining the same representatives due to her job and availability. Nancy expressed that John Main is willing to remain in the position and she would be his alternate, she stated he does a great job of keeping everyone informed and will continue to attend the meetings that she can due to her job. It. A letter would be drafted to Town of Yacolt on the arrangement if all were in agreement.

Motion to retain John Main on the board and allow Nancy to be the alternate for Yacolt seat

Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

YES: Hancock, Listek, Wallway and Myers

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember(s)

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s) Tester

****Motion passed unanimously***

D. WATV Allowance in Yacolt- David Ridenour

David Ridenour, town attorney, provided the council with an update on the laws that regulate the allowance of these and other vehicles on the roadways. There was discussion on speed limits and age restrictions. Dennis Corn was present and agreed with all that the town attorney stated. Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, noted there were 11 other municipalities that currently allow the usage of these and other related vehicles on the local roadway. David reminded the council that our current policy states no motorized vehicles at all are allowed at the Town Parks. Staff was directed to draft an ordinance to bring back to the next meeting.

Motion was made to draft an ordinance for WATV

Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Listek

Motion was made to clarify and add golf carts to the draft ordinance

Councilmember: Hancock

SECOND: Councilmember Listek

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Hancock, Listek, Wallway, Myers and Tester

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember(s)

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s)

****Motion passed unanimously***

E. Forest Practices- David Ridenour

At a previous meeting in November there was discussion on the need or want for a ordinance or policy on Forest Practices and was held over to this meeting so that the town attorney could provide more information. There was continued discussion on the matter. Councilmember Myers did not want to reinvent the wheel on this matter and neither did Councilmember Tester. There will be no action on this now or in the future at this time

****Discussion Only***

F. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Multi-family Housing Update – David Ridenour

David Ridenour, town attorney, cited areas of statute and legal information on spot zoning and the information provided by town staff on the Comprehensive Plan for guidance on changes to include multi-family housing. Herbert Noble was present he first apologized for his behavior at the last meeting and asked for clarification on the current zoning ordinance that which David Ridenour explained its application that was in question by Mr. Noble in regards to placement of multi-family housing. There was discussion on available properties and sewer triggers. There was discussion on needs and property values. There was discussion on possible dates for a public hearing on the matter. Councilmember Wallway asked for clarification on the word "void" in respect to the current zoning ordinance. David Ridenour asked for clarification of the zones the amendment would pertain to. There was discussion on saving steps in the future and to allow all zones as conditional use.

Motion was made to proceed with the process to amend the current zoning ordinance, to include a public hearing and draft ordinance for the council to review.

Councilmember: Wallway

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5/0

YES: Hancock, Listek, Wallway, Myers and Tester

NO: Myers

ABSENT: Councilmember(s)

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s)

****Motion passed unanimously***

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bill Baumann – Human Services Council- Transportation Discussion

Bill Baumann introduced himself and the agency he works for. He wanted to address the council with his ideas to provide limited but free transportation services to seniors and those in need of transportation to do shopping, doctor appt. and other miscellaneous errands. He was looking for contact information for those that would be helpful to assist in the planning and possibly hold a valuable seat to represent Yacolt. Councilmember Tester suggested C-Tran and explained their proposal for additional services to Yacolt but noted it was also in the planning stages. Mayor Carothers gave him several contacts to speak to about the planning and needs. Bill Baumann stated he was in the early stages of planning and would keep the town updated. He spoke about some available grants that would be looked into as part of the planning.

****Discussion Only***

B. Preliminary Budget – Clerk Treasurer

Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, stated the preliminary budget was available for any citizen or persons that would like a copy of it.

****Informational Only***

C. Bill Douglas – Yacolt Community Church Property

Bill Douglas, Yacolt Community Church Pastor, explained the letter that was provided to the council was to ask for annexation of the church property of 12 acres across from the Little League field. The purpose was to remain in the town limits and still be able to build a new church that was much needed. There was discussion about growth boundaries and if the property could be annexed. There was discussion on septic vs. sewer. Additional information would be provided by the town Public Works Director.

Motion was made to accept letter of request for annexation and allow progression on the annexation process

Councilmember: Listek
SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock
VOTE: 4-0
YES: Hancock, Listek, Wallway and Myers
NO:
ABSENT: Councilmember(s)
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s) Tester
****Motion passed unanimously***

D. SEPA Submission – Public Works Director

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, deferred comments to the Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut who explained that the SEPA for Yacolt Crossings and Forest Practices Moratorium was submitted last week and is under review by our engineer for determination. The next step is to hold a public hearing on the SEPA. Yacolt Crossings subdivision packet was also submitted but it has not been determined to be complete at this point. Once all the information became available she would share that with the developer and council.

****Informational. Only***

Mayor Carothers, Comments:

Mayor Carothers acknowledged the large turnout of citizens and appreciates all the input from them on these matters and other issues. Association of Washington Cities is offering a scholarship for seniors in High School, he noted the Clerk Treasurer will place it on the website the deadline for nominations is March 10, 2017

Town Attorney, David Ridenour

None

Public Works, Pete Roberts Comments:

Pete attended the IACC conference and learned of some valuable grants including a full Census grant that can be utilized by the town. He had concerns of the median income being placed to high and the need for the proper median income to be represented for Yacolt as this effects many grant opportunities for the town.

Councilmember Myers: Asked if there was light missing on the old town hall as it was very dark by the Veterans Memorial, public works will address the light.

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut Comments:

None

WARRANTS

*Current Expenses: \$29,408.55

*City Streets: \$7,909.91

Motion to Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$37,318.46

Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember Tester

VOTE: 5-0

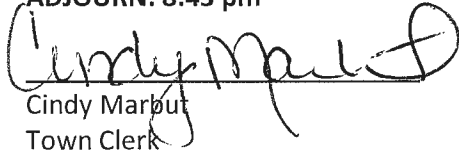
YES: Councilmember(s): Wallway, Tester, Listek, Myers and Hancock

NO:

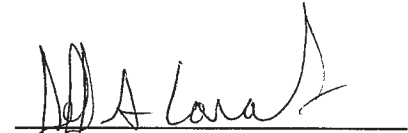
ABSENT: Councilmember s

****Motion unanimously passed.***

ADJOURN: 8:43 pm



Cindy Marbut
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on December 5, 2016