

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mayor Carothers

Council-member (s): Vince Myers, Katie Listek & Jason Wallway

ABSENT: Council-member(s): Hancock

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 was made by council-member Myers

SECOND: Council-member: Listek

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Council-member(s): Myers, Wallway and Listek

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock & Tester

ABSTAIN:

****Motion unanimously passed.***

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

Citizens Communication

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resignation Letter Council-member Nancy Tester

Mayor Carothers read the statement of resignation from Council-member Tester citing the town was a great place to live and providing resignation effectiveness as of June 1, 2017. There was discussion on how to proceed with the appointment of a replacement. It was agreed by council to have application process as used in the past. Applications will be due by July 7th and interviews will take place at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of Yacolt's C-Tran Board Representative

There was discussion on who would be the representative for Yacolt on the C-Tran Board. Council – member Listek wanted more information on the seat. Mayor Carothers suggested talking to Nancy and to John Main. Council-member Wallway was interested in the seat as well.

There was discussion on council-member Tester's role on the C-Tran board and how it is shared among the Interlocal agreement with La Center and Ridgefield. John Main is currently the primary and will continue until Yacolt does appoint an elected official to the seat as required.

****Informational Only***

B. Public Hearing Ordinance #371 Zoning Removal of Heavy Manufacturing Districts

Mayor Carothers closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Gary Albrecht was present from Clark County Planning and explained the agreement with Yacolt to update the zoning to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. He is explained the removal of heavy manufacturing districts in the update. There were no comments from the public the hearing was closed.

****Discussion***

C. Ordinance #564 Removal of Heavy Manufacturing Districts

David Ridenour, Town Attorney, explained a couple of changes to the draft ordinance in final version. He stated there was nothing substantive in the changes.

A motion was made by Council-member Listek to approve Ordinance # 564 as amended.

SECOND: Council-member: Wallway

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Council-member(s): Myers, Wallway and Listek

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

ABSTAIN:

****Motion unanimously passed.***

D. Public Comment on Battle Ground School District Yacolt Primary Modular

Mayor Carothers closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing. Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, explained Yacolt Primary would be removing and replacing modular classrooms. There was plans already to add another in the near future. Council asked if there were any plans to just update the school all at once. Pete Roberts responded with having no idea how they do their updates on the school facilities. Council asked for clarification on what a determination of non-significance was. No public comment was made. The hearing was closed

****Discussion***

E. Battle Ground School District Modular System Determination of Non Significance.

A motion was made by Council-member Wallway to approve the DNS

SECOND: Council-member: Listek

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Council-member(s): Myers, Wallway and Listek

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock & Tester

ABSTAIN:

****Motion unanimously passed.***

Mayor Carothers Comments:

The Mayor attended a tie competition with other local Mayors and Yacolt won again for the 3rd time. He explained and showed his ties and how the 5th graders were the judges.

He showed the plaque the town was awarded. Mayor Carothers read a statement that was difficult, he read his resignation letter explaining after long deliberation and consultation with his care team and family it was necessary for him to resign due to medical conditions that were obtained in his military service. He was leaving knowing there was good staff in place and a bright future for Yacolt.

David Ridenour, Attorney Comments:

Stated it was an honor to work with Mayor Carothers and he was the right person for the job of Mayor during his time.

Council Comments:

Council-member Listek stated she would not have been on the Council if it had not been for the encouragement of the Mayor.

Council-member Myers explained he had asked for a timeline and distribution on the Municipal Code project, he directed his comments to David Ridenour, town attorney. He explained over 420 legal hours and no closer to getting our code published and at a great deal of expense. The council was supposed to see a near finalized draft over a month ago. David Ridenour, town attorney stated that was a good question and one obviously the council deserved an answer to. He stated there were a couple of matters that required decisions that caused roadblocks and referenced peeling an onion as an example. He stated that as the town prepares for the events of the summer and council turnover we have been stuck in this process to see where we land to have the decision makers in place to make the decisions. He repeatedly offered a workshop to discuss and willingness to provide details. Council-member Myers stated that was unacceptable answer, at this point we owed the town the finished product there has been a lot of money and resources put in to the code and wanted to know when the town would reach the finish line instead of the goal always moving. He asked for what the hang up is and a report to be provided at the next meeting. David Ridenour, town attorney stated that he would not have a draft code to look at the next meeting and would provide a report. Council-member Myers expressed to Mayor Carothers his privilege working with him.

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director:

Thanks to Terry Gardner, a temporary employee of the Town of Yacolt public works dept. made the town now has a boom truck. The fire station has asked to borrow in the event of a fire of substantial height. The truck has a generator on it that will provide service to Town Hall in a power outage. We are getting things ready for the upcoming events. Pete recognized the support of the Mayor during a challenging time and appreciated all he has done.

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk

The town is down about 20 registrations for the Bigfoot Fun Run but that is no concern since we get so many the day of the race, the preparations for the Family Fun & Games is going well, 2 vendors will be there, there are lots of prizes donated. Parade pre-registrations are up this year and the trophies have been received. Grand Marshal has not been selected yet, citizen of the year will be Moulton Falls Winery owners in appreciation of all their contributions and support of Yacolt.

Cindy recognized the close working relationship and the difficulty in the Mayors resignation, she stated he was a great Mayor and supported her position throughout his tenure and could go on but it was too emotional.

****Motion was made by Council-member Myers to pay the bills on behalf of the town in the amount of \$5,985.89***

SECOND: Council-member: Listek

VOTE: 3-0

YES: Council-member(s): Myers, Wallway and Listek

NO:

ABSENT: Hancock

ABSTAIN:

****Motion unanimously passed.***

WARRANTS

*General Fund	\$4,046.58
*Streets:	\$1,393.21
*Cemetery:	\$546.10
*Storm Water:	\$

****Motion unanimously passed.***

***Additional Comments – Discussion**

Before the meeting closed there was a discussion started by Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk on the appointing process of an interim Mayor. Mayor Carothers explained his thought for the appointment to be Council-member Wallway. There was some discussion on the need for more information. It was explained on the how the appointment would work if hypothetically Council-member Wallway were appointed in relation to his current time as a council member. If appointed then 2 council positions would be left vacant to fill. There is no order in how either vacancy of Mayor or Council is filled it is up to Council. Council-member Listek expressed her desire to be considered as a candidate because she feels she speaks for the general population and has a family. Her term is up in Nov and she volunteers for everything and she would like to remain but was in Europe when she was supposed to declare candidacy. David Ridenour, town attorney explained the term would be through 2019 for any person appointed. Further discussions led to the agreement by council that the application and interview process should be opened to all qualifying and to those council members interested. Applications to be received by July 7th for interviews at July 17th council meeting and that this was more of a priority before appointing a council member seat.

****Discussion for appointment procedure by Council.***

ADJORN: 7:43pm.


Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk

Minutes approved on July 3, 2017


Vince Myers, Mayor Pro -tem