

**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 7, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember(s): Josh Karl

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Pete Roberts

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING with corrections**

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Myers

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Hancock

**VOTE:** 4- 0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:** Karl

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None at the start of the meeting after the public hearing was held the Mayor returned to this item so that Charlie Witt could speak to the council. He signed in on the wrong sign in sheet. Charlie addressed the council and staff regarding an email he received from the town. Charlie gave his opinion on the matter of the email. There was discussion on the intent of the email and other past issues between Charlie, Mayor Carothers and the Public Works Director, Pete Roberts. There was no resolution to the email request by the town to Charlie.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Spring Clean-up Fee Increase**

Clerk Treasurer provided the council with the requested comparison information that had been requested at the previous meeting. Mayor Carothers gave background into the purpose of raising the fee for the clean-up and the history of the event. Councilmember Wallway stated that the current costs were approximately 2 ½ times to the town and increasing to 25.00 could provide a break-even in costs. Councilmember Tester agreed. There was discussion with residents in the audience on rates and convenience of services. Councilmember Hancock was concerned about home pick up of garbage could be only 1 or 2 items and the fairness of the costs proposed. There was discussion on the residents who wait all year to get rid of trash on this day creating a hazard for the town and their neighbors. Councilmember Myers motioned for an increase to 20.00 per truck load, 15.00 per car w/trailer and 30.00 for use of town resources to pick up at a home residence with the provision that home owner is present at the time of pick up and the discretion of the Mayor to charge more or less if needed.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers  
SECOND: Councilmember: Wallway  
VOTE: 4- 0  
YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Wallway, Tester, Myers  
NO:  
ABSENT: Karl  
\*Motion unanimously passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Public Hearing Avery Meadows Subdivision Short Platt**

Mayor closed the council meeting @ 7:26 pm and opened the public hearing. A sign in sheet was provided to those who wished to comment. There was discussion on easements, public safety, access and length of time to complete. Public Hearing was closed @ 7:45 pm and reopened to council meeting.

\*Informational Only

**B. Avery Meadows Approval**

Motion was made to move forward on the Avery Subdivision pending the SEPA approval.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers  
SECOND: Councilmember: Tester  
VOTE: 4- 0  
YES: Councilmember(s): Hancock, Myers, Tester, Wallway  
NO:  
ABSENT: Karl  
\*Motion unanimously passed.

**C. Conditional Use Permits Portable Buildings**

Public Works Director, Pete Roberts discussed the zoning ordinance and the discrepancies for restaurants that are take- out vs. eat in establishments in the commercial zoned areas of town. C2 is conditional use permitted only, where C1 zoning was not permitted. There have been inquiries to place portable building coffee stands in town and the zoning seemed to be a hindrance and not conducive to bringing business to town. The buildings are on skids and nonpermanent. The health department has a rigorous approval process. There was discussion on the best way to address the issue of portable buildings and encouragement of businesses including when a conditional use permit might be needed for such establishments. There was discussion with the audience on this issue. David Ridenour, Town Attorney was asked for his insight, he stated the definition of restaurant would need to be looked at but didn't see any problem with the amendment. Michael Monen, building inspector for the town spoke to the possibility of a canopy request for the buildings, Councilmember Myers noted that would be addressed under a different area of the zoning ordinance and the town would address when the request was made. Clerk Treasurer will bring amendment to next meeting for zoning to include portable buildings of nonalcoholic beverages and various pre-cooked foods for consumption to be added under zoning ordinance #371 Table 5 section E. Retail Sales.

**D. Fourth of July Event**

Mayor Carothers, reminded council that this item had been discussed in a previous meeting. There was discussion on the event status and participation of citizens. There was audience suggestions on ways to improve the event. The event will remain on the fourth of July as a twilight parade and fireworks at dusk.

\*informational only

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor thanked the citizens present for the input and participation in the meeting, this helps to give reassurance to the directions the town is going. My door is always open, if you see me around stop me if you need to talk to me. Volunteers are always wanted for various events and projects. There was no grant funded projects slated for this year, ideas are welcome for next year. We are looking into the spring flower baskets for the town, a local Boy Scout group is being considered. Sponsorship of the flower baskets are 30.00 and holiday banners can be sponsored as well.

**Attorney Comments**

David Ridenour gave history to a bill in legislation HB2148 and how it came about, the support it has received. He gave information about the audit process to the citizens present and the importance of the bill. The bill will be re-introduced with changes next year.

**Public Works:**

Pete Roberts clarified the exchange that took place during citizen comments by Charlie Witt. The recreation park walking path is now paved. Sidewalk Chalk Contest will be the same day as the Bigfoot Fun Run.

**Clerk Treasurer:**

Cindy Marbut reviewed where the town was in the process of Hazard Mitigation Phase 3 and the planning that needed to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup> and the benefits of the program. Budget to date was provided to council. She requested that J and N Cable be placed on the next agenda to discuss repealing the cable franchise agreement with them.

**WARRANTS**

- \*Current Expenses:     \$15,289.43
- \*City Streets:         \$13,077.56
- \*Cemetery             \$ 106.41
- \*Storm Water         \$ 3,005.31

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$31,478.71

MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Wallway

VOTE: 4-0

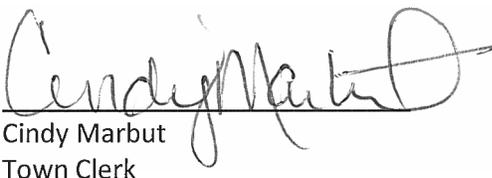
YES: Councilmember(s): Wallway, Myers, Tester, Hancock

NO:

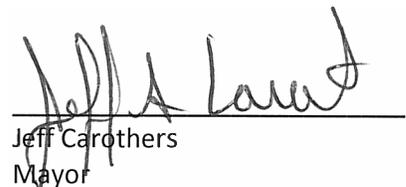
ABSENT: Karl

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN: 9:00 pm**



Cindy Marbut  
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers  
Mayor

Minutes approved on March 21, 2016