

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

**DATE:** July 5, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Nancy Tester, Dave Hancock, Jason Wallway, Katie Listek 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:** Councilmember: Listek

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Hancock

**VOTE:** 5-0

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

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Steve Unruh described problems with fireworks on the streets and the inability of emergency vehicles and other vehicles to maneuver around citizens lighting off fireworks in the middle of the streets. He spoke about the fire on Thompson Rd. He spoke about his neighbors and the fireworks they were lighting off and the excessive violence displayed by them. He spoke about the changes for 2017 and fireworks in relation to Yacolt. He expressed his concern about Yacolt becoming a magnet for fireworks with the changes in 2017. He asked the council to get more in line with the County and take control of the problem. He asked that it be an open agenda item for the public to weigh in on the issue. He spoke about PTSD and pets being effected by all of the fireworks and his concern for no police patrols.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Proposed Ordinance # 543 Repeal of Obsolete Ordinances**

David Ridenour, town attorney, discussed the large size of the project of creating a municipal code and repealing obsolete ordinances. He expressed his desire to make it as cost effective as possible. He would provide 2 ordinances at the next meeting with a presentation of the project time line, proposed codes and show what we have done and the problems that have been encountered in this project. The project is over the hump and the biggest portion should be done.

**MOTION:** Councilmember: Tester

**SECOND:** Councilmember: Listek

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

**B. Proposed Amendment to Ordinance #371 Zoning Discussion**

David Ridenour, town attorney, reviewed each item on the letter he supplied to the council related to the zoning ordinance changes. Council and Public Works provided input on a final version of the Ordinance to be brought back to the next meeting. It was discovered that the council did not have all of the information in front of them. Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer would email the council members the missing pages. Copies were provided to the public correctly.

\*Discussion Only

**C. Proposed Separation and Severance Contract – Possible Executive Session**

Council did not elect to hold an executive session. David Ridenour, town attorney discussed the status of Kathy Lattig, Customer Service Clerk being on administrative leave until July 15<sup>th</sup> at which time her employment would be terminated. The Mayor would need permission to sign the separation contract if Kathy Lattig chose to sign also by July 15<sup>th</sup>, the next council meeting would be past that deadline.

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Llstek

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

**D. Roger Foley – Christy Street**

Roger Foley addressed the council proposing the possibility of building homes on the property surrounding the Little League field. There was discussion on lot sizes and the current zoning for the property of discussion. The homes would meet the 12.5 lot size and be on septic systems. Public Works Director, Pete Roberts, noted that having homes surrounding the Little League field was more conducive than a light manufacturing company.

\*Discussion Only

**E. Westwood Enterprises**

Representatives were not present for discussion. There was discussion on the proposed project regarding the engineering of the satellite sewer and its functionality. There was discussion on traffic issues. There was discussion of the grant obtained to build the Recreation Park in relation to sewer system and future needs. There was discussion on public utility, revenue and costs associated.

\*Discussion Only

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Amy Boget – Arts Commission**

Amy was not present to discuss the Arts Commission

**B. Teleconferencing Meetings**

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, stated that Councilmember Myers asked to have this item placed on the agenda. Councilmember Myers, discussed the ability with today's technology to attend meetings when he is out of town or anyone else that could not physically be present at a meeting but could attend by some source of technology. Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, read information provided by Municipal Research

Center related to the topic. She read information provided about the open public meeting act and the allowance of the use of such technology during council meetings. She pointed out that there had to be the ability to have speaker system to allow 2 way hearing of conversations. Clerk was instructed to draft a policy and or ordinance.

\*Discussion Only

**Mayor Carothers, Comments:**

Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked and complimented Councilmember Listek on her work on the Sidewalk Chalk Contest. He talked about the recent events and participation. He talked about making the events better next year with help from interested citizens. He talked about compliments the town received on the Bigfoot Fun Run. There was discussion with citizens on how to make the events better next year. He reminded citizens of bench donations and the town's desire to get banners up as part of making Yacolt more welcoming.

Mayor asked the councilmembers if they had any comments, Councilmember Tester enjoyed the public's participation in the parade this year and liked the idea of keeping the parade on Saturday as it has a large turnout. Councilmember Myers, was not in favor of citizens prohibiting traffic flow especially emergency vehicles in lieu of lighting off fireworks and shared that there should be some governance of fireworks as a future agenda item.

Citizen, Larry Blacken asked the council to consider marking the parking lot in front of the Library and fixing the concrete in front of the Library as well.

**Town Attorney, David Ridenour**

David reminded the mayor and council about the current election year and the rules regarding usage of town facilities for the advancement of a campaign.

**Public Works, Pete Roberts Comments:**

Pete talked about the upcoming TIB grant and the work that would be starting on the corner of Amboy and Yacolt Rd. The Bid walkthrough is on July 6<sup>th</sup>. He talked about a portion of road in front of the Little League field being repaired also. He talked about LED Lighting grant possibilities along with possible other options.

**Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut Comments:**

Cindy gave the council an update on the meeting with Commander Kasberg, Clark County Sheriff's Dept. She gave status on the increased costs of adding additional services to the town and options that had been discussed with the Commander. She gave total costs for additional services as a amendment to the current contract the town has with the Sheriff's Dept. Councilmember Wallway made a motion to allow the signing of the request for additional services. This was not an agenda item but a motion was the proper way to handle the request due to the budget impacts.

MOTION: Councilmember: Wallway

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

\*Motion unanimously passed

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut noted the council has been provided with current budget position.

**WARRANTS**

\*Current Expenses: \$12,836.55  
\*City Streets: \$13,669.80  
\*Cemetery \$123.81  
\*Storm Water \$5,347.98

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$29,978.14

MOTION: Myers  
SECOND: Hanock

VOTE: 5-0

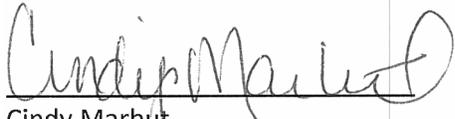
YES: Councilmember(s): Wallway, Tester, Myers, Listek and Hancock

NO:

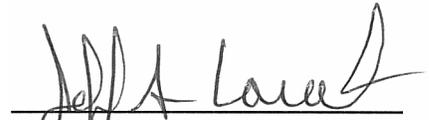
ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN: 8:50 pm**



Cindy Marbut  
Town Clerk

  
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Jeff Carothers  
Mayor

Minutes approved on July 18, 2016