

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Carothers

Councilmember(s): Nancy Tester, Dave Hancock, Katie Listek, Jason Wallway 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 - Clerk noted changes that had been corrected prior to meeting in section C page 3 and under warrants – citizen communication Joel Becker noting rose bush was outside of easement, requested a call from the mayor and did not receive one.

MOTION: Councilmember: Listek with changes

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Changes were made to the order of Ordinances and Public Hearings

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 547

David Ridenour, town attorney discussed the need to require the Town to post a bond for the town clerk. State Auditor has accepted in the past that our insurance is sufficient, but our policy does not cover the clerk treasures position. There is a need for a policy decision to satisfy the RCW requirements. Clerk provided additional insurance information to the town attorney for review. There was discussion on possible costs and payment responsibility. There was discussion that clarified the difference between a bond and insurance policy. There was discussion on which employees should be bonded. Clerk asked to place this on the first meeting in October Agenda.

*Discussion Only

B. Ordinance #546

David Ridenour, town attorney, this ordinance is to restate the designation for meetings which is already in practice and allow the council to determine where meetings will be held.

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Listek

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed

C. Ordinance # 544

David Ridenour, town attorney, this ordinance is the 4th repealer of obsolete ordinances, tentatively approved in a previous meeting, staff was directed to bring back a final version.

MOTION: Councilmember: Myers

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed

D. Impact Fees Amend Ordinance #444 – Ordinance # 548

David Ridenour, town attorney the council approved an increase of impact fees in August meeting, going through this process has allowed some clean- up of the past ordinances . Councilmember Wallway had questions about Ordinance # 444 and its legality which was explained to be legal by the town attorney. The adoption of this ordinance would make Ordinance # 444 as exhibit. Councilmember Listek and Councilmember Myers requested change to the appeal language in ordinance #548 to be in writing to the town council in 60 days.

MOTION: Councilmember: Listek adopt with amended changes

SECOND: Councilmember: Tester

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed

E. Staff Report Variance Application

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, gave a report on the variance application from Evergreen Dwellings, he read his reports recommendations and noted that this was a variance only application solely for the purpose of a variance. There was discussion on property within the town limits and what was allowable. There was discussion on what the County allowed the town to add in the future. There was discussion on growth and impacts. Councilmember Myers inquired about the automatic replacement of the acreage being used for the purpose of this variance which was clarified by the public works director, Pete Roberts. Councilmember Listek noted growth needs self-sustainability. Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, noted that with the growth comes revenue that is needed in order to remain sustained.

*Discussion Only

F. Public Hearing Variance Application

Mayor closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing for discussion on the matter. Discussion included location of property request and impacts.

*Discussion Only

***Council returned to item E. on the agenda Variance Application**

Mayor closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting. Motion was made to approve the Variance application for Evergreen Dwellings

MOTION: Councilmember: Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Listek

VOTE: 5- 0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed

F. Staff Report SEPA Checklist Zoning Modification

Pete Roberts, Public Works Director, read his recommendations for the checklist, noted that this was a non-project request which had been discussed in previous meetings to make the allowance of conditional use uniform in the zoning ordinance. He noted that there could be possible changes coming to the railroad for revival of rock at Chelatchie.

*Discussion Only

G. Public Hearing Zoning Modification

Mayor closed the council meeting and opened the public hearing for discussion. Discussion included council control and development of parks.

*Discussion Only

***Council returned to item F. Zoning Modification**

Mayor closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting. There was discussion on if this item could be approved. Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut, explained that the Dept. of Commerce had not yet sent there approval of the change but it was expected any day. The approval would be on the next agenda.

*Discussion Only.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jack and Tracy Thompson Fireworks Display 2017

Neither were present for presentation to council.

*Informational

B. Call for Budget Process

Cindy Marbut, Clerk Treasurer, read a statement of Call for Budget and provided Pete Roberts, Public Works director and the Mayor with expense requests for 2017. She noted to the council that expenses needed to be inclusive of any projects ongoing and for planning of Capital Improvements including any CDBG grants the town might apply for that would be reflected in the 2017 budget. Expense requests will be filed with the Mayor by October 3rd meeting in preparation for the continued process of budget planning.

*Informational Only.

Mayor Carothers, Comments:

Mayor expressed his gratitude for the attendance of all the regular attendees to council meetings. He suggested that if rumors are going around that are untrue, that citizens who attend meetings should correct them. He gave an example of such a rumor recently that was brought to his attention at a local establishment where rumors commonly take place.

Town Attorney, David Ridenour

David discussed an upcoming meeting- event with Candidates running for election and AWC. He noted continued work on the legislation for accountability of the State Auditor. He inquired about the informational form used to provide information to the council prior to the meeting, council liked the information.

Public Works, Pete Roberts Comments:

Corner of Yacolt and Amboy is much smoother due to the grant the town received from TIB, there will be chip sealing done next week. A quote was received for the slide at the park which will be topic at the next meeting. He noted Rick Urias, former councilmember only has about 10 days left before he moves away.

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut Comments:

Cindy apologized for the agenda being in such a disarray having had eye surgery, the holiday and vacation was not an excuse but contributing factors and then she read information provided by the commander of the Sheriff's Dept. during the request for additional service in town. She noted that once the sheriff arrives everyone knows which causes a bit of challenge.

WARRANTS

- *Current Expenses: \$16019.40
- *City Streets: \$15029.57
- *Cemetery: \$ 114.36
- *Storm Water: \$3598.72

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$34,762.05

MOTION: Myers

SECOND: Tester

VOTE: 5-0

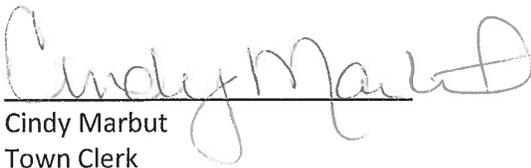
YES: Councilmember(s): Tester, Wallway, Myers, Listek and Hancock

NO:

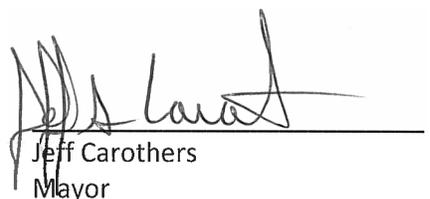
ABSENT:

Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN: 8:52 pm



Cindy Marbut
Town Clerk



Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on September 19, 2016