

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Carothers

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

STAFF: Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: not present

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the family who lost their son to an accidental gun shooting in town.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE: Councilmember Listek with noted changes

SECOND: Councilmember Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT:

*Motion unanimously passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3 late changes were added under new business. Item D. Yacolt Trading Post Liquor License Renewal, Item E. Variance Application, Roger Foley, Item F. Chelatchie Prairie RR- Vince Myers

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Joel Becker addressed the council specifically Councilmember Tester, he handed Councilmember Tester a notice of civil violation for vegetation that he felt had not been cleaned up on his property.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Jeremy Bowe – Fireworks Display

Mayor Carothers reminded the council and the public about the potential plans for the 4th of July display next year. He stated there was another group that wanted their ideas heard by the council but they never showed up and we had asked Jeremy to return to discuss his plan further. There was discussion of the cost for the display in relation to budget feasibility. Council agreed that they should be pyrotechnic licensed to do the display.

MOTION TO APPROVE JEREEMY BOWE & ASSOCIATE TO PUT ON THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN 2017 PROVIDED THEY ARE PYROTECHINC LICENSED: Councilmember Myers

SECOND: Councilmember Tester

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember

*Motion unanimously passed.

B. Mobilitie Contract Update –David Ridenour

David Ridenour, town attorney, discussed the recent workshop that took place with staff and councilmember Hancock, he gave background to the project. He talked about potential revenue in relation to the length of the contract and how that needed to be put into the language since there were different tax regimes for different services. It was a lengthy contract Mobilitie was asking for and he wants to be sure there is language for defense to the town and that the town is fairly collecting revenue for all possible telecommunication services as there are different types to be considered that they could provide while protecting the town. There was discussion on market value of such services. There is no immediate or specific plans from Mobilitie for moving forward once an agreement is reached.

*Discussion Only

C. Playground Equipment – Public Works

Pete Roberts, public works director, was not present, Cindy Marbut , clerk treasurer, tried to explain what the public works director wanted relayed. She explained the cost differences and that she just received the information earlier so she did not have all the details that should be provided. There was discussion on the park slide being replaced in its original condition with the tube or the purchase of a new flat slide that Councilmember Llstek was in favor of. Councilmember Tester wants the children to be safe and replacing the slide to its original condition seemed cost effective. There was discussion with the public about the repair and the type of vandals that broke the slide. The consciences was not to allow a few bad people ruin it for the others. The item will be placed on a later agenda

*Discussion Only

D. Obsolete Ordinances – David Ridenour

David Ridenour, town attorney, explained that this item is referred to as “Repealer Ordinances” and that the number of repeals was growing as this would be the last of the repeals before sending it over to Code Publishing for review and Codification. He noted to the council he had limited availability to work on it over the last week. He talked about the history of the town ordinances and the discrepancies that were noted and found from previous years. He planned on having this ready by the next meeting.

*Discussion Only

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Kathy Hughes – Rats

Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, noted that Ms. Hughes was not present due to weather and transportation. She explained to the council the concern that she had about rats on her property, Ms. Hughes felt it was due to the new construction taking place on Jones and Cushman. She had put out rat traps and bait and felt that maybe she had resolved the issue but wanted to advise the council about the matter. There was discussion on what attracts rats. Councilmember Myers asked the Clerk to look into the County Health Dept. to see if there was some assistance as this is not the first issue about rats that has been discussed.

*Discussion Only

B. Public Hearing – Revenue Resources Budget 2017

Mayor Carothers closed the council meeting and opened to a public hearing, Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, provided a power-point on “Revenue Resources” for the town with explanations of its restricted uses.

*Discussion Only

C. Public Hearing – Hazard Mitigation Partnership

Mayor Carothers closed the public hearing and reopened to the next public hearing. Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, provide informational power-point on the partnership work that has been over the last year on the Hazard Mitigation Partnership with other local municipalities and districts. The purpose of the partnership is to allow immediate resources from FEMA and other agencies in the event of a natural disaster or event by having a plan already in place. She talked about the future need to approve the plan once FEMA had formally accepted the draft plan.

*Discussion Only

D. Late Change – Yacolt Trading Post Liquor License

Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, explained that the council has the authority to approve the renewal of a liquor license. There were no incidents filed against the Trading Post for violations.

MOTION TO APPROVE YACOLT TRADING POST LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: Councilmember Tester

SECOND: Councilmember Myers

VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

*Motion unanimously passed.

E. Variance Application- Roger Foley

Mayor Carothers expressed the need for affordable housing in Yacolt for all families. There was discussion on the size of the lot in comparison to the project Roger Foley was planning. Roger was seeking a variance to build a multi-family Triplex. Roger, explained that he had already gotten preliminary approval from the county on the septic system and there would be separate meters for each unit. He also noted the additional revenue it would bring to the town. He stated he would likely be keeping the rental units and not selling them. Councilmember Myers stated he was not in favor, Councilmember Wallway asked to hear the reasons from Councilmember Myers. A motion was made by Councilmember Tester to approve the application for the variance. Cindy Marbut, clerk treasurer, explained that there is a process that needs to take place before an approval of the application and asked that Councilmember Tester revise her motion.

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM ROGER FOLEY:

Councilmember Tester

SECOND: Councilmember: Hancock

VOTE: 4-1

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

NO: Councilmember(s): Myers

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

* Motion Passed.

F. Chelatchie Prairie Railroad – Vince Myers

Vince Myers, councilmember, asked the clerk treasurer if the railroad had ever come to the town and explained the project that they had been given a grant for. There was no communication on the project. The Mayor and several councilmembers attended a ground breaking ceremony that they knew nothing

about until the invitation. There were dignitaries present at the ceremony. Councilmember Myers asked the clerk to contact the railroad and ask them to come and discuss- present their plan(s) at the next council meeting .The council is not opposed to the project, they are still the governing authority and should have been contacted about the plans for the project.

*Discussion Only

Mayor Carothers, Comments:

Mayor discussed the progress on the Medical Facility and Clinic. He has been in contact with all the parties interested and was reaching out for more support for the project. There is a tentative meeting planned in Vancouver. He attended the Mayors Forum- Candidate Participation in Battle Ground, asking questions of those running for office in this election. He noted he wanted to know how they would support the needs of small municipalities that are being stripped of shared revenue resources.

Town Attorney, David Ridenour

None at first then a citizen asked that he explain what Mobilitie was about. David explained that they were a telecommunications company looking to locate infrastructure in Yacolt and provided a few of the details.

Public Works, Pete Roberts Comments:

None

Council Comments:

Councilmember Myers stated weather permitting the VFW would be placing the flag poles in the ground at the Yacolt Veterans Memorial. Councilmember Tester spoke to her commitment to obtaining more services in Yacolt from C-Tran and that our shared seat representative from La Center is a doing a great job. Mayor asked that the next meeting councilmember Tester remind the group that there was supposed to be a meeting rescheduled and he has not heard any tentative dates, to let them know that he has not forgotten and would be looking forward to a meeting.

Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Marbut Comments:

Cindy discussed the pre application due date for the CDBG project and the project would be for the paving of the parking lot at the Recreation Park as discussed in previous meetings along with the Welcome to Yacolt sign. The item discussed was the cost of removing feral cats to the town and options to remove them. She talked about the potential of several people who like to ride WA UTV vehicles coming to a future meeting and the Citizens Advisory Board meeting where the drug enforcement task force was present. She reviewed the meeting topics with them and some of the discussion. She then spoke about the potential for future assistance to those in need of transportation via Clark County Human Services. They called and asked if the Town would be interested in keeping reservation records for a ride program to Walmart 2 – 3 times per month for the elderly and low income. More information would be coming as this program develops. She talked about the newsletter and asked for any contributions to be to her by Wednesday.

WARRANTS

*Current Expenses: \$19,466.66
*City Streets: \$45,803.17

Pay Bills presented in the amount of \$65,269.83

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENTS: Councilmember Myers

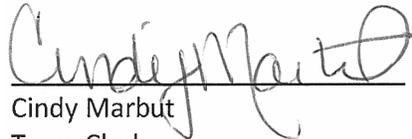
SECOND: Councilmember Tester

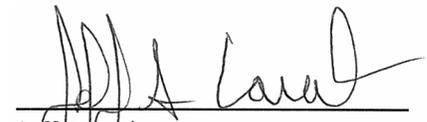
VOTE: 5-0

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

NO:

ABSENT: Councilmember
Motion unanimously passed.
ADJOURN: 8:45 pm


Cindy Marbut
Town Clerk


Jeff Carothers
Mayor

Minutes approved on November 7, 2016