November 21, 2005 Council Chambers

The Yacolt Town Council met in regular session on November 21, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. The call to order by Mayor Weldon was followed by the flag salute. Councilmembers present were Warren, Marbut, Smith, Mason, and Stewart. There were visitors present.

There was a motion by Smith, seconded by Marbut to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2005 meeting. Motion Carried.

There was no citizen communication.

Mayor Weldon adjourned to a public hearing on the matters of revenue sources for the 2006 budget and the Big Timber subdivision.

There was no input from the public on the revenue sources for the 2006 budget. Pete Roberts asked how the Big Timber subdivision would affect his conditional use permit at 505 E. Jones Street. Councilmember Smith responded that the placement of a privacy fence had been required when the conditional permit was renewed in 2005 to mitigate the impact on future development in the area. William and Wendy Davison of 408 E. Wilson Street expressed concerns about construction noise during the development of the Big Timber subdivision. Mayor Weldon closed the public hearing and reconvened to the regular Council session.

Old Business:

There was a discussion on the real estate at 202 W. Cushman Street. The Clerk/Treasurer will contact Fred Pickering to obtain a copy of the appraisal on the property.

The Clerk/Treasurer shared an e-mail from the residents of 201 E. Jones Street. There was a discussion on the e-mail. The Public Works Supervisor will either get grass seed planted or mulch the area until grass seed can be planted, and repair the sidewalk leading up to the house. The Clerk/Treasurer will check on the terms of the purchase and sale agreement regarding the location of utilities.

New Business:

Julie Piper Finley and Joan Smith from Loaves and Fishes were present to inform the Town Council that they will now be providing senior nutrition services in Clark County. There was a discussion on the Big Timber subdivision application. There was a motion by Smith, seconded by Marbut to give preliminary plat approval for Big Timber subject to all requirements of the Clark County Health Department Development Review Evaluation, Clark County Fire Marshal, Clark Public Utilities, Centurytel, J & N Cable Systems, and the Town of Yacolt being met. Motion Carried. The Mayor named Councilmember Mason and Councilmember Stewart to serve on a committee to further review the subdivision with the Public Works Supervisor and John Duncan from Gibbs & Olson Inc. A committee meeting on the Big Timber subdivision was scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

There was a discussion on including funds in the 2006 budget for improvements to the Town Park. The Public Works Supervisor and the Clerk/Treasurer suggested exploring the possibility of installing a tennis court. They will provide a cost estimate at the December 5, 2005 meeting.

There was a discussion on Resolution #398. There was a motion by Warren, seconded by Marbut to adopt Resolution #398 – Authorizing A 1% Increase In The Regular Property Tax Levy. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on Resolution #399. There was a motion by Smith, seconded by Warren to adopt Resolution #399 – Authorizing A 1% Increase In The Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy. Motion Carried.

The Clerk/Treasurer informed the Council that the Red Fir's liquor license is up for renewal. There was a motion by Mason, seconded by Stewart to approve the liquor license renewal for the Red Fir. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on impact fees. There was a workshop scheduled on impact fees for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2005.

There was a discussion on staff salaries for 2006. There was a motion by Marbut, seconded by Smith to authorize a 2.5% pay increase for the Public Works Supervisor, the Clerk/Treasurer, and the seasonal Public Works employee. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on scheduling a date to administer the oaths of office for the eligible newly elected Town officials. The oaths of office will be administered to Joe Warren, Karen Holyk, and Cindy Marbut at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2005.

The Clerk/Treasurer requested that the matter of a Clark County Health Department policy be added to the agenda. There was a discussion on the matter. There was a motion by Warren, seconded by Mason to authorize a letter of support for the Clark County Health Department policy/procedure approved on December 13, 1994 regarding lot sizes in the Town of Yacolt. Motion Carried.

There was a motion by Smith, seconded by Stewart to accept the October, 2005 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried.

Mayor Weldon had no comments for the Council.

There was a motion by Warren, seconded by Marbut to approve warrants #10071 through #10079 as follows: Current Expense - \$7,730.60; Fire Department - \$183.70; Parks Department - \$21.91; City Street - \$1,022.31; Cemetery - \$7.73; and Stormwater -\$25.00. Motion Carried.

Mayor Weldon declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MAYOR