**TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 3, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALIEGANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Jeff Carothers

Councilmember(s): Rick Urias, Vince Myers, Lewis Gerhardt, Dave Hancock

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

**STAFF:** Cindy Marbut: Town Clerk

Pete Roberts: Public Works Director

David Ridenour: Town Attorney

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION: Hancock moved to approve the minutes

SECOND: Myers

VOTE: 4- 0

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion passed.

**LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

\*Mayor asked to remove New Business # C tax levy increase to be placed on the Dec 17th agenda due to lack of information and replace it with C-Tran Discussion

MOTION: to approve Urias

SECOND: Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion passed

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Pat Spence spoke about speeding and stop signs on Twin Falls Rd. and Hubbard. He is concerned that children may get hurt by the speeding. He has contacted the Sheriff and felt like they are not doing anything about the issue. Mayor stated he would contact the supervisor at the Sheriffs Dept. and advise them of the concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Basketball Hoops Discussion**

Clerk informed the council that there was already an ordinance in place that covered the issue with the basketball hoops. She stated she did not want to put together another ordinance since # 390 covered all the necessary steps to address the problem but did offer to put together an amendment. Councilor Myers stated there was no need to put together another ordinance or amendment since #390 covered it all. He stated we need utilize the ordinance to address the issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Building Permit Jim Linderman 204 N Parcel**

There was much discussion on the type of flooring that could be allowed so that Jim could build his shed. Council and Public Works expressed concern about the placement of the shed on the drain field. Jim stated he wanted it to look nice. Council agreed he could have the shed with the provision it was on skids (removable) in case the septic drain field was needed. A wood floor would have to be installed no concrete flooring.

\*MOTION: Hancock

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4 -0

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion passed

**B. Public Hearing Final Budget Citizen Communication**

Steve Unruh addressed the council and urged a balanced budget be passed. He made comparisons with his previous work history and Battle Ground in staff layoffs.

**C. C-Tran Discussion**

Mayor Carothers advised council that new information had come to light about the representation that the Town had been receiving from Bill Ganley on the C-Tran Board. He stated that the Town should re consider his appointment and appoint a Council member from Yacolt to represent. He stated it was our turn to have the representative attend the meetings. Clerk was instructed to obtain further information about the date and time of the meetings and other pertinent information. Bring back to next meeting on Dec 17th.

**D. Executive Session – Potential Litigation to Town**

Adjourned: 7:44 pm, Mayor returned at 7:59 pm asking for 5 additional minutes. Council returned at 8:04 pm

Meeting reconvened.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** The Mayor "thanked" all of the citizens who attend the meetings and appreciated their input whether it was agreed or disagreed.

**Public Works:** Pete reminded the Mayor and Council of the meeting on Dec 12th at the Commissioner’s office. He told Council that the surveyor was hired from a local firm and they started work on the Recreational Area project.

**Clerk Treasurer:** Asked council for permission to purchase 6 gifts for the needy children for Christmas to be donated at the school. Council member Urias asked what the budget was, Clerk expressed it was 375.00 but she had no intention of spending it all, and would keep it to about 20.00 per gift.

Council approved.

**Pay the Bills**

\*Current Expenses: $ 2,759.08

\*Payroll: $ 20,522.25

Bills presented total $23,231.33

MOTION: Urias

SECOND: Gerhardt

VOTE: 4 - 0

ABSENT: Karl

\*Motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN** 8:20 P.M.

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Cindy Marbut Clerk Treasurer Jeff Carothers Mayor

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_