

## TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **April 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE**

**OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carothers

Council-member (s): Dave Hancock, Katie Listek, Jason Wallway, Vince Myers and Nancy Tester

**ABSENT:** Council-member(s):

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director: Absent

Town Attorney: David Ridenour- Absent

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

***Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with noted changes:*** Council-member Tester

**SECOND:** Council-member: Listek

**VOTE:** 5-0

**YES:** Council-member(s): Hancock, Wallway, Tester, Myers, and Listek **NO:**

**ABSENT:**

***\*Motion unanimously passed.***

#### **LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item F under New Business was added by Council-member Myers Citizen Complaint/ Recommendation

#### **Citizens Communication**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Parade Theme Discussion – Decision**

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk, talked about the upcoming parade and events that were planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and how the Theme needed a decision in order to start promoting the parade. There was discussion on Fun & Games as a theme. The end result of discussions was the parade theme for this year would be Olde Tyme Family Fun and Games.

***\*Discussion***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. New Poet Laureate – Amy Boget – Liz Elfring**

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk gave background as to how Liz Elfring was recommended to be the towns Poet Laureate. There was discussion on position to be held.

There was discussion on getting her in touch with the Library and connected with upcoming events.

***A motion to accept Liz Elfring as the Yacolt's Poet Laureate was made by Council-member Myers***

SECOND: Council-member: Tester

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Council-member(s): Hancock, Wallway, Tester, Myers, and Listek NO:

ABSENT:

***\*Motion unanimously passed.***

**B. Proposed Resolution EMS Ballot Levy – Ben Peeler, Fire Chief District 13**

Chief Ben Peeler from District 13 explained the needs for levy resolution. In order to place any type of excess levy on the ballot it has to be approved by the governing body. He talked about statics of what the collected funds would be used for from the excess levy if approved. There were 2 Resolutions before the council because if the first ballot levy failed the other was a contingency plan to place it again on the next ballot, timing was limited between each ballot deadline and the reason to have both approved.

***\*Motion to approve Resolution #556 &557 authorizing Fire District 13 EMS to place an excess levy on the upcoming ballot (s) by Council-member Listek***

SECOND: Council-member: Wallway

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Council-member(s): Hancock, Wallway, Tester, Myers, and

Listek NO:

ABSENT:

***\*Motion unanimously passed.***

**C. Public Hearing – Critical Lands**

Mayor Carothers closed the council meeting and opened up the meeting up to a public hearing.

David Ridenour, Town Attorney, explained the need to readopt ordinances that were repealed inadvertently. This was a correction measure that needed to be done to be in compliance with the Growth Management Act rules. Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk, explained that the ordinance had been sent and expedited through the Dept. of Commerce as required. The Dept. of Commerce had not comments on the proposed ordinance since there were no changes and it was an inadvertent act.

There were no comments from the public. The mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting.

***\*Public Hearing***

**D. Proposed Ordinance Critical Lands Re-Adoption**

There was no discussion from the council.

***\*A motion was made to approve Ordinance # 562 to re-adopt Ordinances # 440 & #454 by Council-member Myers***

SECOND: Council-member: Tester

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Council-member(s): Hancock, Wallway, Tester, Myers, and Listek NO:

ABSENT:

***\*Motion unanimously passed.***

**E. Wellness Award- Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk**

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk, explained the process it takes to receive an award to be a Wellness City, Yacolt was one of 115 other cities awarded this honor. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the town has been awarded the honor of being a Well City. She thanked Katie Younce who was present for all her hard work on the program.

***\*Informational Only***

**F. Citizen Compliant/ Recommendation – Council-member Myers**

Vince Myers, Council-member had received a complaint from a resident about the ATV's and Dirt Bikes destroying property at the Recreation Park. The mounds of dirt were being destroyed along with the parking lot area. Council-member Listek brought up the wood piles that had nails in them that kids were playing on also. There was discussion on these issues and possible remedies. Concerns were that the town would be held liable if there was an injury. The Clerk will look into posting signs and getting some kind of barrier net to detour the damage. The discussion included reminding citizens to call 911 even in as non-emergency to document the activity.

***\*Informational Only***

**Mayor Carothers Comments:**

He didn't have anything at this time he felt the Clerk would be covering most of the same items.

**David Ridenour, Attorney Comments**

The municipal code was close to final steps of adoption. Everyone is working to satisfy procedures and ordinances and the public notice process would be starting about the same time as the draft ordinance will be ready.

The library contract is coming up he had all the information he needed. The staff has provided their input on what they would like to see in the new lease, only a minor amendment would be needed.

**Council Comments**

Council-member Tester has officially taken her seat on the C-Tran board and will be meeting on Tuesday to get better acquainted with the process and the board members.

**Pete Roberts, Public Works Director**

Not present

**Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk**

Cindy gave a report on the Easter Egg Hunt held on the previous Saturday. The first batch of banners that were donated from local business and area churches has arrived. There will be a second shipment coming soon. Thursday will be training day for staff on the new Agendase program, the council will be paperless by the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and training for them would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. The Town is in need of a Bigfoot? She asked that if there was anyone who knew a person who might be interested to let the Town know, our original Bigfoot has moved away. Candidates running for Council positions 1-4 need to declare their candidacy during the week of May 15 – 19<sup>th</sup>. This can be done online. Mayor Carothers mentioned the need for volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July family fun & games event that will be at the town park. He also mentioned that the Spring Clean- up was a success. Council-member Wallway asked if the litter clean up could possibly be on different day. There was discussion of the options for next year about the Spring Clean-up. Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk stated that the total collection for the event was \$ 2050.00 but the costs were unknown at this time, this was down about \$150- \$200 from last year but it was much slower as everyone noted.

***\*Motion was made by Council-member Myers to pay the bills on behalf of the town in the amount of \$17,430.50***

**WARRANTS**                    \$15,526.14

\*Streets:                    \$1,816.86

\*Cemetery:                \$87.50

\*Storm Water:            \$

SECOND: Council-member: Hancock

VOTE: 5

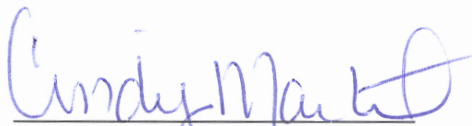
YES: Council-member(s): Listek, Hancock, Wallway, Myers and Tester

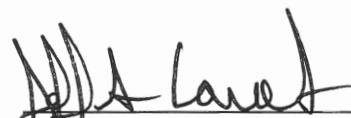
NO:

ABSENT:

***\*Motion unanimously passed.***

**ADJORN:** 7:55 pm.

  
Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk

  
Jeff Carothers, Mayor

***Minutes approved on May 1, 2017***