

## TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** September 18, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor: Vince Myers

Council-member (s): Tami Bryant, Dave Hancock, Kyle Buttolph, Katie Listek & Rhonda Rowe

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

**STAFF:** Town Clerk: Cindy Marbut

Public Works Director:

Town Attorney: Not Present

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

***Motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings was made by council-member Hancock. .***

**SECOND:** Council-member: Bryant

**VOTE:** 5-0

**YES:** Council-member(s): Bryant, Hancock, Listek, Buttolph and Rowe

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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

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

None

#### **Citizens Communication**

Herb Noble addressed the council asking for utility taxes to be lowered and clarification on the attendance of the Town Attorney at every meeting. Council-member Listek stated he was in China on vacation. He asked that the "fat" be trimmed so that the taxes could be reduced. Mayor Myers expressed that the town was lower than any other municipality. Town Clerk explained the town was at 6% and other municipalities were at 9% and more. Council-member Bryant asked for clarification of the meaning of "fat". Mr. Noble led the conversation back to the town attorney attending every meeting drawing a pay check and how there had to be ways to trim the fat. Council-member Listek explained that the town works with small staff, 2 parks and makes a conscious effort on costs. Mayor Myers stated that we are always looking at what is best for the town. Mr. Noble wanted to be able to answer questions from people who asked him about town issues.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Fireworks Discussion**

Mayor Myers asked the council for their thoughts for the upcoming meeting on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> he had with the County Officials. Council-member Listek would not like to have them taken away and neither would Council-member Hancock. Mayor Myers noted it is difficult to address all the concerns and it is difficult to legislate stupidity. He will see what the County Commissioners have to say and what they have to offer as figures for accidents per capita. The results of the Eagle Creek fire has brought much attention to this issue since it was started by fireworks. There have been firefighters locally injured by fires and safety is always a concern. He noted that there was lots of information including several burn ban ordinances from other municipalities about bans in the council packets. The town certainly does not want a repeat of the Yacolt Burn.

***\*Discussion Only***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Appreciation Presentation Cub Scouts Troop 349**

Mayor Myers spoke to those present about the good deeds that Troop 349 had been doing at the Recreation Park, including cleaning the dog park, picking up bricks and branches as well as creating a rock garden. Terry Gardner, Public Works thanked them for all their help and noted how helpful they have been especially when they have to stop mowing just remove debris. Mayor Myers presented each of the Cub Scouts in Troop 349 a certificate of appreciation from the town.

***\*Informational Only***

#### **B. Social Media Discussion**

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk, gave a presentation on the use of Social Media and how the Town of Yacolt and Council would benefit. She provided packet information and a power point presentation on the subject. She asked the council if this was something they would like to explore further in a policy or ordinance, council members agreed to move forward on the issue. The Mayor asked for some cost analysis as well.

***\*Discussion Only***

#### **C. Council Training on Public Records/ Open Public Meeting Act/ Records Retention**

Council-member Rowe asked why the council was being provided training in an open meeting rather than them doing the training on a webinar. Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk stated that there was time limit on the training and requirements that needed to be met. The town has done these in open meeting for transparency and accountability for the training. Council-member Listek and Council-member Hancock both agreed it was much easier in this format and be done with the training.

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk presented the training in a PowerPoint and on line video presentation provided by the Washington States Attorney General's Office to meet the requirements of the Revised Code of Washington and Washington Administrative Codes.

***\*Training with citizens present.***

#### **Mayor Myers Comments:**

There were 4 applications for the Public Works Directors position arrangements are being made for interviews and council will be updated after the interviews.

#### **David Ridenour, Attorney Comments:**

Not present

**Council Comments:**

None

**Public Works Director:**

None

**Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk**

Council has been provided with the financial statement and treasurer's report. Scheduling of the towns budget workshop was set for Oct 18, 2017 at 5:45pm.

**Pay the Bills on behalf of the Town**

***A motion was made by council-member Listek to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$ 67,842.31***

SECOND: Council-member: Hancock

VOTE: 5-0

YES: Council-member(s): Bryant, Hancock, Listek, Buttolph & Rowe

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**WARRANTS**

\*General Fund           \$36,320

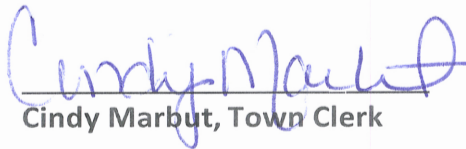
\*Streets:                 \$31,521

\*Cemetery:             \$

\*Storm Water:         \$

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

**ADJORN: 8:15 pm**

  
Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk

  
Vince Myers, Mayor

***Minutes approved on October 2, 2017***