

TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Councilmember(s): Karen Holyk, Dave Hancock, James Weldon, Dave Ayers, Jimmy Robertson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Pete Roberts, Public Works Director
David Ridenour, Town Attorney
Crystal Bielec, Customer Service Clerk
Tim Wedding, Public Works Maintenance

ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember: Holyk moved to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Councilmember: Weldon

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Weldon, Ayers, And Robertson

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Chuck McDonald from Kennedy/Jenks was present to give an update of the General Sewer Plan. Councilor Holyk wanted to add a C-Tran item to the Agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember: Robertson made a motion to add Chuck as Old Business Item A and to add C-Tran as Item I.

SECOND: Councilmember: Weldon

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Weldon, Ayers, And Robertson

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

Jerry Newell, Jeff Hall, Mike Shabo, and Kelly Roberts read prepared statements to the council, which are attached. Lynne Oldham wanted to address the Town's attorney about previous Mayor, Joe Warren, calling her references that were on her resume after she resigned. She would like to know what gave him the right to do that and stated that it was cowardly. Vince Myers would like to see all ordinances on the website and annual budget. He suggested videotaping meetings and putting them on the website. He also wanted information about Town Forums. Bill Mason was present to speak about non resident's not being allowed to talk at meetings. He owns the Trading Post and said most of his business comes from the outside the Town Limits. Janice Pearson asked that the council really listen to the people at the meetings. James Weldon also read a prepared statement about his interest in becoming in the new mayor. Jim Joner read a statement "This Town is bigger than its boundaries."

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Chuck McDonald-Kennedy/Jenks: General Sewer Plan, Update

Chuck presented a power point presentation. He answered a few questions from the Public. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

*Information Only.

B. Executive Session-Mayor Qualifications

The council adjourned to executive session and would return at 8:40 P.M.

C. Appointment of Mayor

The council voted.

Ayers-Jeff Carothers

Holyk-James Weldon

Robertson-James Weldon

Hancock-Jeff Carothers

Since there was a tie, the council adjourned to executive session.

The council returned at 8:54 P.M.

The council voted again.

Ayers-James Weldon

Holyk-James Weldon

Robertson-James Weldon

Hancock-Jeff Carothers.

D. Oath of Office

James Weldon resigned from the Council to accept the Mayor's position. Cindy Marbut swore in James Weldon as Mayor.

E. E-Verify-Karen Holyk

Councilor Holyk wanted to say Thank You to the citizen's and council for their input on the new E-Verify Ordinance.

*Information Only.

F. Septic and Water Issue Update-Dave Ayers

Councilor Ayers told the council and the public the current nitrate level is 2.8 parts per million and that the county will not step in until it is 5 parts per million. In 1994 the nitrate levels were 2.0. Councilor Ayers would like for the council to form a committee for Septic Issues. There were suggestions that contractors could submit septic inspection reports to the Town when they file with the Health Department.

*Information Only.

G. Liability of Release Elevator Project

The liability of release is for the neighboring property to Town Hall. The owner's of that property requested that they be released of any liability while the contractors are working on the elevator project.

MOTION: Councilmember: Robertson made a motion for the Mayor to sign the liability release.

SECOND: Councilmember: Holyk

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Hancock, Ayers, And Robertson

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Project Knights of Columbus-Frank Isselhardt

Frank was not present at the meeting, so this item was not discussed.

B. Battle Ground School District Sign Replacement-Josh Joner

Josh Joner informed the council of plans to put a new sign at Yacolt Primary School

MOTION: Councilmember: Holyk made motion to approve building permit for new sign at Yacolt Primary School.

SECOND: Councilmember: Ayers

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Ayers, Robertson, And Hancock

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

C. Community Ethics-Steve Unruh

Steve Unruh addressed the council with past experiences in Town and how he and his family have dealt with them. He said he has been approached four times in the last few months and will not participate in a witch hunt. He told the public and council that all the negative publicity and the "tit for tat" is dragging our Town down instead of moving it forward. The council thanked Steve for his comments.

D. Request for Business-Tom Walker

Tom wasn't present so this item was not discussed.

E. Council Procedures Ordinance

There was a lot of discussion from public, staff, and council on this proposed ordinance. Changes were suggested. Item F. Recording of Meetings was also discussed during this time. It was decided for the Town Clerk, Cindy Marbut, to draft a resolution allowing for the recording of meetings.

MOTION: Councilmember: Robertson made a motion to table ordinance until changes were made.

SECOND: Councilmember: Holyk

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Hancock, Ayers, And Robertson

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

F. Recording of Meetings

This item was discussed during above agenda item.

G. Letter of Union intent-Mayor Pro Tem Hancock

Councilor Dave Hancock, who was Mayor Pro Tem at the time this letter was received, read the letter out loud. The letter stated the staff would like to form a union.

H. Mayor Pro Tem Request Letter

Councilor Hancock read the letter that he wrote to the Union in support of the employees forming the union.

MOTION: Councilmember: Robertson made a motion to table this item until further information is provided.

SECOND: Councilmember: Holyk

VOTE: 4 - 0

YES: Councilmember(s): Holyk, Hancock, Ayers, And Robertson

NO: - 0 -

ABSENT: None

*Motion passed.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Weldon stated Problems are made to be solved. He would like to the Town to move forward from here.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Pete Roberts thanked Councilor Ayers and Councilor Hancock for asking the staff about town issues and being involved.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

Cindy Marbut reminded the council of the training workshop on Saturday April 9th at 9am. Councilor Ayers had brought it the Clerk's attention that we needed an updated ordinance for new stop signs. An ordinance has been drafted and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Cindy also told the council she was awarded a scholarship to attend training for new clerk's in June.

PAY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN:

Current Expenses: \$11375.23

Streets: \$12971.70

Cemetery: \$411.06

Septic Inspection Fees: \$1832.78

Storm Water: \$810.12

Bills presented in the amount of: \$22,957.51 Ch #13382-13408

MOTION: Councilor Robertson made a motion to approve the bills.

SECOND: Councilor Hancock

VOTE: 4-0

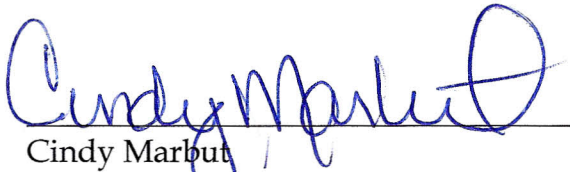
YES: Councilor(s): Hancock, Holyk, Robertson, and Ayers

NO: -0-

ABESENT: None

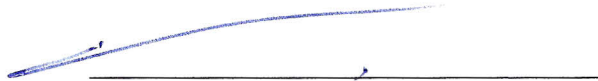
*Motion Passed.

ADJOURNED: 10:05 P.M.



Cindy Marbut
Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved on April 4th, 2011



Dave Hancock
Mayor Pro Tem