



Town of Yacolt

Yacolt Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Town Hall Virtual/ Telephonic

Call to Order

Mayor Listek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor: Katelyn Listek

Council Members: Amy Boget, Herb Noble, Malita Moseley, Marina Viray, Michelle Dawson

Public Works: Director Tom Esteb

Town Attorney: David Ridenour

ABSENT

None

Late Changes to the Agenda

Councilmember Boget suggested adding approval of the 1% tax increase to our agenda, but was informed that it will already be included in the Revenue Hearing (Agenda item #6)

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion was made to approve minutes of the November 2, 2020 Council meeting

Motion: Noble 2nd: Viray

Yea: Noble, Moseley, Viray Nay: 0 Abstain: Dawson, Boget

Motion passed

Unfinished business

Ordinance #582, Amending Regular Council Meeting Schedule to once per month, on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance #582 as presented.

Motion: Viray 2nd: Noble

Yea: Boget, Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray Nay: 0

Motion Passed

New Business

Ordinance #583, Amending the 2020 Budget allowing for transferring funds from the General Reserve Fund to the General Fund

Mayor Listek introduced the Ordinance. Attorney Ridenour explained the purpose and need for this Ordinance. Discussion was initiated by Council Member Boget, her concern being depletion of funds in the Reserve Account. Attorney Ridenour explained that it's not the *balance* of the funds that this Ordinance addresses, rather it's the amount of money *appropriated* into the individual funds, and that this transfer will have no effect on the 2021 budget. This is also a necessary move required to remain in compliance with RCW 35.33.125.

Motion was then made to adopt Ordinance #583 as written

Motion: Boget 2nd: Viray

Aye: Boget, Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray

Motion Passed

2021 Proposed Budget Hearing

Mayor Listek closed the regular meeting and began the Public Hearing for the 2021 Proposed Budget. After some brief discussions, council agreed to hold one more budget workshop, on Monday November 30th at 6pm, at Town Hall / Virtual.

Hearing was closed and regular meeting re-opened.

EMS Levy Resolution #598 to increase the existing Levy by 1%

Sean Ford from North Country EMS presented the levy increase

Motion was made to approve Resolution #598 as written

Motion: Boget

2nd: Noble

Aye: Boget, Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray

Motion Passed

2021 Revenue Hearing

Mayor Listek closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Revenue Hearing.

Clerk Fields presented an overview of where the Town's Revenues come from, and raised the issue that without having a vote by the townspeople, the Council is still authorized to add 1% to the existing property taxes paid by the citizens of this town. No one in the discussion was in favor of the tax increase this year.

Motion was made to NOT levy the additional 1% tax

Motion: Boget 2nd: Noble

Aye: Boget, Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray

Motion Passed

Public Hearing was closed, and regular meeting re-opened

Citizen Communication

Kim from Inspired Learning called in to ask if there is a plan to put in a light at the bus stop near her building, if there are any new restrictions on her tutoring amid the current COVID19 limitations, and if the Town Christmas Tree is going to be lit this year.

Town Clerk's Report

Working on tying up loose ends on reimbursements (grants) for construction projects and CARES Act expenses. Got 2 months reconciled and closed out, and working on one more, and will be all caught up. Also working on more organizing and training.

Public Works Report

Completed winterizing at parks. Working daily keeping leaves off the streets and cleaning up storm damage. They finished adding pull-down steps to the attic in Town Hall, are looking for someone with a bucket or ladder truck to put the new star up on the Town's Christmas tree.

Attorney's Comments

Corona Virus updates require telephonic/ virtual meetings to continue through at least Dec. 7th. There is also an extension of the moratorium on evictions. Reminders: Upcoming meeting on Dec. 7th will include hearings on 2021 Budget as well as a Short Plat hearing for 125 Spruce St.

Council's Comments

Dawson: Would like Emergency Plan discussion at next meeting

Noble: Thanks for everyone's efforts here at the Town; things are headed in a positive direction

Mayor's Comments

Main focus continues to be the 2021 Budget

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion was made to pay bills on behalf of the town

Motion: Noble 2nd: Viray

Yea: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray Abstain: Boget

Motion Passed

Adjourn

Mayor Listek adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

Katelyn J. Listek, Mayor

Stephanie Fields, Clerk