



Town of Yacolt
Yacolt Town Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021
7:00 PM
Town Hall / Virtual / Telephonic

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Listek, Council Members Michelle Dawson, Joshua Beck, Ronald Homola, Town Attorney David Ridenour

Absent: Amy Boget, Marina Viray

Marina Viray had previously emailed to ask to be excused for this meeting. Mayor Listek asked Council if they would like to entertain a motion to excuse either Council Member's absence. A motion was made to excuse Council Member Viray's absence.

Motion: Dawson

2nd: Beck

Aye: Dawson, Beck, Homola

Nay: 0

Absent: Boget, Viray

Motion Carried

Late Changes to the Agenda

No Executive Session

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting July 12, 2021

Motion: Beck **2nd:** Homola

Aye: Dawson, Beck, Homola

Nay: 0

Absent: Boget, Viray

Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Liquor Licenses

Council Member Beck made a motion that we not object to the renewal of the liquor licenses for both the Backroads and the Yacolt Trading Post.

Motion: Beck **2nd:** Dawson

Aye: Beck, Dawson **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** Homola **Absent:** Boget, Viray

Majority of Quorum voted "Aye" so Motion Carried

ARPA LFRF Funds

Mayor Listek announced how much we have and still will be receiving, and had the Clerk explain how and when it must be used, and that this is something which must be considered as we approach budgeting for next year. (Clerk Fields, along with Yacolt resident Mike Ranweiler, took a webinar on getting grants for broadband, and are looking into the possibility of using ARPA funds as well as private/public partnership grants to improve local broadband coverage.) Both broadband and water infrastructure were areas where citizens have expressed a hope for help. Council wanted to wait until all council members were present to have a thorough discussion on this topic.

Town Clerk's Report

- Both Parks were rented out numerous times in July, but no bookings for August as yet
- Sold 5 cemetery plots since the last meeting – people are just buying the deeds for future use
- Preparing to issue a few new building permits; construction in Town should be starting soon
- Looking forward to the first Budget Workshop of the year; it's scheduled for Aug. 23 at 6pm. It will be open to the public. Clerk is signed up for a budgeting seminar on Aug. 19-20, so Town Hall may be closed those two days.
- Clerk will be taking days off Aug. 24-26

Public Works Department Report

- Continuing to keep up with vegetation control
- Will be working on sidewalk repairs at Pine & Farrer and on W. Christy Street
- Taking down a portion of a damaged tree at the Rec Park this week
- Delivered a couple of nuisance letters
- Floor of the Town Square is done (Thank you, Ben!) Steps and more dirt leveling to be completed hopefully this week
- Welcome back, Terry!

Attorney's Comments

None

Citizen Communication

Someone asked the Mayor how many times she got dunked at the National Night Out, and the Mayor joked, "Too many!"

Council's Comments

Beck- A big THANK YOU to Pastor Bill Douglas and Marshall Adams for helping with the BBQ at National Night Out

Mayor's Comments

- Thank you to Council Members Beck, Homola, and Dawson for all the time and help they gave for the National Night Out. It was a huge success. Also Thank You to Niko Listek for taking a spell in the dunk tank. Also Thank You to the EMS and Fire Station for having their fire truck and ambulance there for the kids (and grown-ups too!) to check out.
- There was a good turnout for the Outdoor Market on Saturday. The train was running and there was a consistent flow of people
- Don't forget the Budget Workshop is August 23 at 6pm

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion was made to approve paying the bills on behalf of the Town

Motion: Dawson **2nd:** Homola

Aye: Dawson, Beck, Homola, **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget, Viray

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Katelyn Listek

Clerk Stephanie Fields