

Town of Yacolt Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2023
7:00 PM
Town Hall

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Ian Shealy, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray

Council Member Absent: Kandi Peto (Pos. #3 is vacant)

Also present: Mayor Katelyn Listek, Attorney David Ridenour, Public Works Director Terry Gardner, and Clerk Stephanie Fields

Late Changes to the Agenda

Add Item under Unfinished Business: Another Long-Term Planning Council Workshop

Approve Minutes of 7-10-23 Meeting

Motion: Homola 2nd: Viray
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto
Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

Ken Pierce, NCLL President, announced that NCLL hopes to build a 30 x 75 carport-style covered practice area at the ballfields. In the long run, the Town would own the structure, but NCLL would maintain it for the duration of their use agreement. The site would be between fields 3 and 4, near the Town's well. Motion was made to allow NCLL to submit their application for this structure.

Motion: Shealy 2nd: Viray
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto
Motion Carried

Executive Session

An executive session was held from 7:15-7:25 pm to discuss qualifications of an applicant for vacant Council Position #3.

Unfinished Business

Filling Council Position #3 Vacancy

A nomination was made to appoint Craig Carroll to fill the vacancy at Council Position #3.

Motion: Shealy 2nd: Homola
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto

Motion Carried

Keller Annexation Public Hearing and Ordinance #592

At 7:26 pm, Mayor Listek closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing on Annexation of Shirley Keller’s property at the west end of Yacolt Rd. (Parcel #229863000) Tami Bryant asked for clarification of what property is proposed to be annexed in and Mayor Listek explained where the property is located. Hearing no further questions or comments, Mayor Listek then closed the hearing and re-opened the regular meeting at 7:27 pm.

Following some discussion between the property owner’s representatives, another resident, and Town staff, motion was made to adopt Ordinance #592, thereby approving the annexation of the property.

Motion: Viray **2nd:** Shealy
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto

Motion Carried

Battle Ground School Dist. Impact Fee Questions Update

Attorney Ridenour gave a brief report, stating that one of the issues he has with BGSD’s Capital Facilities Plan is that impact fees are only to be used to combat growth, yet enrollment has not grown. The equation does not seem to compute out. Also, the impact fees our Townspeople would be paying will not be creating new facilities which would benefit us here in Yacolt. After some discussion, Councilmember Homola asked if we could invite Kevin Jolma (BGSD’s facilities manager) to an upcoming meeting.

Long-term Planning Workshop

Councilmember Homola asked if another planning workshop could be scheduled. It was decided to hold one on Monday, August 21, at 6pm. Clerk Fields reminded everyone that the first Budget Workshop is scheduled for August 28th at 6pm.

New Business

Yacolt Trading Post Liquor License Renewal

Motion was made to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Yacolt Trading Post.

Motion: Viray **2nd:** Shealy
Aye: Shealy, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** Homola **Absent:** Peto

Motion Carried

Engagement of Additional Legal Counsel

Attorney Ridenour explained why the Town sought additional legal counsel for litigation against a complaint. Motion was made to approve the use of the attorney recommended by RMSA, Jessica Goldman.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Viray
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto

Motion Carried

Town Clerk's Report

Clerk Fields explained why this month’s bills are higher than they’ve probably ever been:

- This month, we are paying the biggest part of the bill for the Poured Rubber Project at the Town Park

- Because of billing dates, a number of this month's bills are actually for two months
- We just had to have a mandatory 5-yr. load test done on the elevator, which was expensive
- This month our annual payment to CCSO for law enforcement services is being paid

Public Works Department Report

- The poured rubber has been completed at the Town Park. It has been seeded, and they are keeping it wet so the grass is already coming in.
- The inmate crew has been weeding, edging, and pruning along sidewalks and main roads.
- Public Works staff has begun repainting of speed bumps throughout Town.
- Thanked all who helped with National Night out; it was a huge success!

Citizen Communication

Ann Van Antwerp said the food at National Night Out was really good!

Attorney's Comments

- None

Council's Comments

Viray – Attended the Mosquito Control Board meeting. This has been a big mosquito year. Many mosquitos have been caught and tested, and luckily, no West Nile virus has been detected. If anyone in the County has a mosquito problem, they are welcome to contact the Mosquito Control Board directly for help getting rid of them. She also mentioned the possible closure of the Larch Corrections Center.

Mayor's Comments

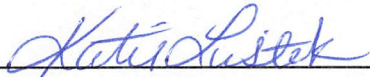
- Thanked all who worked at National Night Out – it was awesome, turn-out was wonderful, and the Town's staff and Council looked great in their new Yacolt polo shirts.
- The poured rubber at the Town Park is a huge improvement. Still on the lookout for the right option for a dump-bucket before the end of summer.
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Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

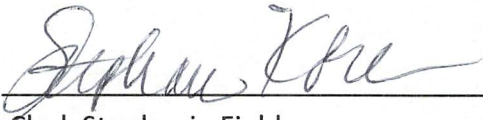
Motion: Shealy **2nd:** Homola
Aye: Shealy, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Peto
Motion Carried

Adjourn

8:36 pm



 Mayor Katelyn Listek



 Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on 9-11-2023