

# Town of Yacolt

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Town Hall

### Call to Order

7:00 PM

### Flag Salute

### Roll Call

Council Members Present: Joshua Beck, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray

Also present: Town Attorney David Ridenour, Public Works Director Terry Gardner, Clerk Stephanie Fields

Mayor Listek announced the resignation of Councilmember Amy Boget from Position #1 effective today.

### Late Changes to the Agenda

No executive session

### Approve Minutes of 9-12-22 Meeting

**Motion:** Beck                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Viray

**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray                      **Nay:** 0

***Motion Carried***

### Approve Minutes of 9-19-22 Special Meeting

**Motion:** Beck                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Homola

**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray                      **Nay:** 0

***Motion Carried***

### Approve Minutes of 10-3-22 Special Meeting

**Motion:** Homola                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Beck

**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray                      **Nay:** 0

***Motion Carried***

### Citizen Communication

None

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Records Review Update**

Attorney Ridenour reported on progress of the review team. Progress slowed down after school started up in September. Records have been getting sorted into “reasons” for destruction. Scanning of records has begun; at least 4-5,000 records (about ½ gigabyte worth) so far which were in the bins to be destroyed should not have been set for destruction. This month, organizing and reviewing will resume.

### **Battle Ground School District Interlocal Agreement Update**

Mayor Listek summarized the proposed changes to the Interlocal Agreement, with attorneys’ comments. Attorney Ridenour will continue to negotiate on some key points and bring the Agreement back to a future meeting.

### **Poured Rubber Project at the Town Park**

After reviewing the two options for the poured rubber, and seeing an increase in cost of right around 21% overall, Council decided they wanted to move forward with the higher-priced option, creating one large rubber area around the play structures, rather than 3 small ones with curbs in-between them, so they directed the Clerk to have our Town Engineer create a project manual.

**Motion:** Homola                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Beck  
**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray              **Nay:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

## **New Business**

### **Friends Of Yacolt Library Express**

Jane Neumann and Jackie Clark spoke on behalf of FOYLE. They explained how the Card reader system was pioneered here at our Yacolt Library, and that during the pandemic, when the other library branches had little business, Yacolt’s library thrived. We have on of the most active libraries in the Fort Vancouver Library system. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yacolt Library. They encouraged all in attendance to join FOYLE and spoke about how FOYLE helps the Library.

### **Rotate Finance Committee**

Marina Viray was nominated to serve on the Finance Committee by Ronald Homola.

**Motion:** Homola                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Beck  
**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray              **Nay:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

## **Town Clerk's Report**

- The LGIP Investment fund has been earning an average of about \$900/month for the last 3 months. If this keeps up, the fund should grow to about \$1/2 Million by mid-next year.
- NCEMS and FD13 have partnered with Health Commons to distribute free COVID19 test kits. Town Hall will also have them available.
- Still working on fine-tuning the budget for 2023 and creating supporting resolutions and ordinance. Our final budget hearing must be held by the first Monday of December, which is the 5<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed to have a special meeting that evening to hold the final hearing, at 6pm.
- Signed up for 8 different trainings this month.
- Santa is secured for the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Public Works Department Report**

- Working on the new readerboard.
- Storm drains have all been cleared out; some of them were full of big rocks, which had to have been forced down into them. The next step will be to install the new liners.
- The grass is growing very well around the slide; bare spots have been re-sprayed.
- Also been working on repainting some curbs.

### **Attorney's Comments**

Over the past two years, we've been working on the longest Public Records Request the Town has probably ever seen. RMSA had agreed some time ago to pay his attorney fees for this project. He will soon put together a full report to turn in to RMSA for reimbursement hopefully before the end of this year.

### **Citizen Communication**

Julia Heldmann asked what was going on with the readerboard. She was happy to find out it is being replaced. Ann Van Antwerp asked when Council Position #2 would be filled and was informed it will hopefully be filled at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will also now need to fill Position #1.

### **Council's Comments**

Beck - Music is lined up for the Christmas Tree Lighting, and we may also get Amboy Middle School's band to march in our Rendezvous Days Parade.

Homola – Attended the NCEMS meeting: their Safety Fair was a huge success, they hired a new billing company, and Kim (their new office assistant) is doing very well. They got an ARPA Grant to build their Fargher Lake Station, and they will be giving up the Cresap Bay Station for economic reasons. There is an open board position for Yacolt Rural. The Volcano Rescue Team had 22 rescues this year. They are curious when the next Jorgensen property will be logged.

Viray – will be out of Town during the November 5<sup>th</sup> Market.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Announced that Tom McDowell has passed away. He started the EMS and Fire Station in Yacolt and was Fire Chief from 1976-2011. He made a difference in a lot of people's lives.

The vendor market was one of the best of the year. Desiree Lorentz sponsored the pumpkin donation/contest again this year. Everyone in attendance was welcome to take a pumpkin home. Or more than one.

### **Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town**

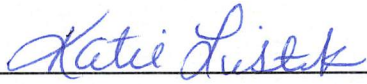
**Motion:** Homola                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Beck  
**Aye:** Beck, Homola, Viray              **Nay:** 0  
**Motion Carried**

### **Executive Session**

Cancelled

**Adjourn**

8:14 pm



Mayor Katelyn Listek



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on November 14, 2022