

# Town of Yacolt

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022  
7:00 PM  
Town Hall

### Call to Order

7:00 PM

### Flag Salute

### Roll Call

Council Members Present: Ian Shealy, Kandi Peto, Joshua Beck, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray  
Also present: Mayor Katelyn Listek, Town Attorney David Ridenour, Public Works Director Terry Gardner, Clerk Stephanie Fields

### Late Changes to the Agenda

No Executive Session will be held

### Approve Minutes of 11-14-22 Meeting and Public Hearings

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

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

***Motion Carried***

### Approve Minutes of 12-5-22 Meeting and Public Hearing

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

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

***Motion Carried***

### Citizen Communication

None

### Unfinished Business

#### **Battle Ground School District Interlocal Agreement and Capital Facilities Plan Update**

Attorney Ridenour explained the process he's been going through and where the Town sits with regard to negotiating the Interlocal Agreement and the Capital Facilities Plan adoption with Battle Ground School District. Michelle Scott, BGSD's CFO was also present, and between the two of them they answered several questions that were posed. Mayor Listek and Councilmember Peto expressed concern that although Yacolt residents are being asked to pay the impact fees, BGSD has

no plans for any new schools north of the Lewis River. Scott did respond that one of the older portables at Yacolt Primary is planned to be replaced. And she noted that there are new portables planned for the Lewisville School area for CAM students, remarking that construction costs have skyrocketed. She also said that out of the last 10 Bond Levies presented to voters, only one has passed, and that Impact Fees and Bonds offset each other. Councilmember Homola asked how our Town Council may be able to participate in discussions on the Capital Facilities Plan. Scott responded that the best way would be to get a letter to the School Board very soon. She also suggested participating in the School District's Public Survey. And last she pointed out that there is a need for permanent facilities vs. portables, and that school planning is based on projected enrollment.

### **2023 Budget Ordinance #588**

Mayor Listek introduced the Ordinance, stating that there has been a lot of input at budget workshops and Public Hearings, and the Budget has been adjusted as per Council's recommendations at those last meetings. Motion was made to adopt the budget by passing the Ordinance.

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

**Aye:** Shealy, Peto, Beck, Homola, Viray

**Nay:** 0

***Motion Carried***

### **New Business**

#### **Clark Public Utilities Water Quality**

John Roth, Water Quality and Production Manager with Clark Public Utilities gave some history about the high level of copper in Yacolt's water. CPU is working on adjusting the ph in the water in order to fight corrosion in the pipes, since the pipes are where the copper is coming from. They think they can accommodate all of their equipment in the existing facilities, but it's possible they may need to build a shed, up to 10x10, and a gravel access road to it, over at the ball fields. He said the costs incurred are paid for in our water rates. Homola asked about dilution via the addition of water from Kelly Hill, as brought up in a previous meeting. Roth said it would help, but that project is still 5-8 years out. He did say that people should run their water for at least 15 seconds before filling their glasses, pots, etc., and that they continue to test the water often. He assured everyone that at this point, the copper level is not dangerous, but it is over the recommended limit, and needs to be corrected. Mr. Roth also gave out his new phone number: (360) 992-8023 in case anyone has more questions.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

- Still waiting for word back from C-Tran regarding Councilmember Beck's request to be an alternate Board Rep.
- Email server still down indefinitely. All Council laptops will be turned over to clerk for tech to come out this week to migrate emails to new server, then will all be given back to Council members.
- Working on a spin-off project related to Impact Fee collections and payments since 2016 for BGSD.
- As year winds down, reflecting on how blessed she is to be doing what she does for the Town. Merry Christmas to everyone and their families!

### **Public Works Department Report**

- Thanked everyone for attending the Tree Lighting
- Street sweeper is back to working like a champ!
- Fixed the excavator, thanks to Dave Ayers for tracking down the electrical problems.
- Have gotten phone calls re: picking up last of the leaves; will get to that next week hopefully, if not frozen.
- Have had only one storm drain back up so far this year; need to send out letters to residents reminding them to not plant flowers, etc. in the swales.

### **Attorney's Comments**

Gave an update on a project he's hoping to complete this week: reimbursement of bills by RMSA for a PRR that they agreed to reimburse the Town for legal expenses on. Not sure how much they'll reimburse us for, but the Town's costs have been ≈ \$55,000, maybe more, for this one particular PRR.

### **Citizen Communication**

Julia Heldman and Ann VanAntwerp both said Merry Christmas. Julia then reminded everyone to buy their postage stamps soon, as the price for them is set to go up to 63¢ each in January.

### **Council's Comments**

Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Homola also said he's looking forward to the new year with a strong Council. He noted a few specific projects which are or hopefully soon will be in the works:

- The new Council chambers
- The Records Room project being completed
- The Rec Park fence/gates (also mentioned molehills at the park)
- Cleaning up the PW Shop and selling off surplus items
- Poured rubber project in the Town Park

He also mentioned that the Town Square Park looks very nice with all the new grass.

### **Mayor's Comments**

- Thanked the Clerk, Council, and Public Works team and all who worked on the Tree Lighting: David and Jeannie Young, Kandi, Ian, Josh, Marina, Julia, Marian, Nikko, Kelly, Heather, MacGyver, Jeff Siebert, and Uncle Gary. The countdown was awesome, and the slide was a dream come true for her! She is looking forward to 2023 with our "team".
- Wished her daughter a happy birthday.
- She said if we get the snow that's being predicted, she can be found at the Town Square slide hill, sledding with the kids.

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

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

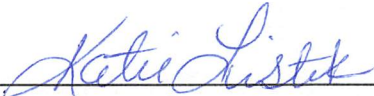
**Aye:** Shealy, Peto, Beck, Homola, Viray

**Nay:** 0

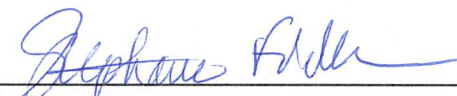
***Motion Carried***

**Adjourn**

8:06 pm

  
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Mayor Katelyn Listek

  
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Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023