

Town of Yacolt Town Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting of the Yacolt Town Council
Tuesday, September 8th 2020
Virtual attendance only via Go To Meetings video and telephone conferencing.

Call to Order: Mayor Listek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Appoint Clerk Pro Tempore: Mayor Listek appointed Council Member Amy Boget to be Clerk *Pro-Tempore* for the purpose of taking minutes at the meeting.

Roll Call:

Council:

Mayor Katelyn J. Listek:	Present
Position #1 - Amy Boget:	Present
Position #2 - Michelle Dawson:	Present
Position #3 - Malita Moseley:	Present
Position #4 - Herbert Noble:	Present
Position #5 - Marina Viray:	Present

Staff:

Town Attorney:	David Ridenour
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Late Change to the Agenda:

Added Item 6: Council member Meeting Approval/ Attending Unauthorized Meetings

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

1. Draft Council Meeting Minutes 8-17-2020

Motion by: Council Member Viray
Seconded by: Council Member Noble
Voting Yea: Boget, Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray
Motion passed

2. Draft Council Meeting Minutes 8-24-2020

Motion by: Council Member Boget
Seconded by: Council Member Viray
Voting Yea: Boget, Moseley, Noble, Viray
Abstained: Council Member Dawson due to late arrival
Motion passed

Citizen communication:

Roseanne Becker:

- Thanked the Town for getting a crosswalk and sidewalk that goes to Hoag St.

Mary Rowe:

- Who wants to increase the size of the town?
 - Mayor Listek addressed the question
- Who wants more houses in town?
 - Mayor Listek addressed the question
- Concerns regarding growth and its implications on Sewer.

Councilmember Noble agreed that ending growth is impossible and appreciates Mary Rowe's comments.

Roseanne Becker:

- Concerns with growth due to the Jorgensen Timber Harvest.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

3. Public Hearing- Jorgensen Timber Harvest SW Corner of Railroad Ave and West Hoag Street

Mayor Listek Opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

In attendance was Jerad, a representative of Jorgensen Timber regarding the SEPA Application

Public Comment:

- Roseanne Becker
 - Not in favor of a housing development being put there. Would prefer a replant of the timber.
- Jerad (Representative of Jorgensen):
 - This application is just for the SEPA Determination to perform the Timber Harvest. The Forest Practice will be to cut the trees down and sent them off to the mill.

- They are currently going through the permitting process and is not aware of a set timeline yet for harvest
- Council Member Noble
 - Will the Town receive any revenue from the Timber Harvest?
 - It is unlikely as it is private property
 - Will the Town have any say in the process?
 - Unable to provide an answer as this application is only for SEPA
- Nicholas Listek
 - Will there be a mitigation plan due to road damage by the equipment?
 - Insurance
- Josh Beck
 - Will there be a plan for cleanup of mud and debris?
 - No. However they do not plan to make a mess purposefully.
- Council Member Boget
 - Clarified that this is just for SEPA determination. Not on the process or procedure in which they will be harvesting or the use of the land.
 - Contacted Fish and Wildlife and the Audubon Society inquiring about wildlife. None anticipated to be in the 20 acre lot.

Mayor Listek reopened the Council Meeting at 7:38PM

4. Open Town Clerks position

- Clerk Salisbury resigned on 8-28
- Mayor Listek is in the process of determining the hiring process, has previous listing to post and is asking Council Members to share any locations to post the opening.
- Requested Council volunteers who will join the Mayor and Public Works Director on the Hiring Committee:

Boget, Viray, and Noble Volunteered.

- Posting the job opening on the website

Requested Council Members to volunteer their assistance with the Clerk's duties until the position is filled.

- Noble: Believes there was leak from the last executive session and offered to provide proof in the future.
- Boget: Executive sessions are confidential and encouraged Council Member Noble to bring forward any evidence of a leak to the council.

5. 2021 budget discussion

- We need to plan on the budget for next year. Tom is currently working on his numbers. Mayor Listek and Attorney Ridenour working on an easier format to view.
- Noble: Should we do a forensic audit?
- Council Member Boget: Auditor previously indicated that we didn't need one
- Mayor Listek: Not seeing red flags to need one since taking office.

First Budget Workshop set- October 6th, 2020 at 6 pm

6. Council member Meeting Approval/ Attending Unauthorized Meetings

- Noble: How can a council member can attend 3 classes without mayor approval
- Boget: There is no policy directing Council to ask the Mayor for permission to attend trainings.
 - Went over trainings attended in August. Only trainings attended as a representative of the Town were submitted.
- Mayor Listek: The council sets the policies and procedures.

Town Clerks Report:

Mayor Listek: Taking on the duties at the moment. Record Requests and Building permits still rolling in. Continuing to work with Attorney Ridenour on the Building Department

Public Works Report:

Mayor Listek:

- A fallen tree damaged the fence at the Ball Fields. Proposing a walk through gate be placed there per Citizen input.
- Working on parks staying clean
- Locks on the bathroom doors are being picked.
 - Boget: Bill put in Autolocks. Have the timers been reset on the locks? They may be auto opening in the morning.
 - Mayor Listek will look into the possibility.

Attorney's Comments

- I- 1639 federal court entered an order ending litigation.
- I-1639 was upheld as constitutional, database is updated, and the information was uploaded into the dropbox for public and council viewing.
- Update on state govt corona virus orders, virtual mtgs continue through oct 1st
 - Herb: can we get out from underneath governors order?
 - The orders are signed by him, but the decisions are coming from the legislature.

Citizen communication 2:

Unidentified Citizen:

- Is council aware that the project housing east of town has only 3-digit mailing addresses?
 - Will those 3 digit addresses be able to vote on Yacolt issues?
 - Mayor Listek to look into.

Council Comments:

Dawson: Wished to address lies from Facebook.

Read into the record a post by Missy Fant:

“Hey all, I am looking for the folks that were chased out of Yacolt with their small BLM demonstration. We have some folks in this town that think that they run the place and can intimidate anyone they don't like, which includes those who support PoC. One of them was a city council member, the others are known in the town and have formed their own “militia”. I am looking for your side of the story, not theirs, to present the issues and address them. I am part of a small group of individuals that are calling them out to stop this. They basically created another issue like the one in Forks. If you feel like you may be threatened if you publicly respond, please feel free to DM me. For those who are doubting this, they are bragging about it in the local forum. This is the time to let them know that this behavior is not tolerated. Below is screenshots from the council member thinking that this behavior is acceptable, another speaking about the town store which is ran by PoC and they don't like it. And others just showing their behavior. Claiming it was “drunken behavior” is not acceptable for the behavior as well. I want to find the victims of this behavior and reassure them that these actions are NOT acceptable, and I want those that participated in the intimidation to be called out for their actions.”

Multiple additional statements made regarding the incident. Audio available upon request.

Noble: Thank you Mayor Listek for all that you're doing at Town Hall.

Moseley: Proud Ground- Charity helping new homeowners 60% or below the poverty level buy houses. Asked her to let people in North County know about the program.

Viray: summer market was awesome. Sad that it is already over but they are considering a Fall or Winter Market for the future.

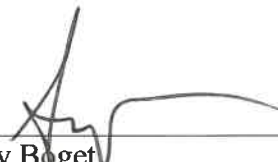
Mayors comments: Focus on being kind and promote unity.

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion by: Council Member Boget
Seconded by: Council Member Viray
Voting Yea: Boget, Viray, Moseley
Voting Nay: Noble
Abstained: Dawson
Motion passed

Adjourn

Mayor Listek ADJOURNED the meeting at 8:32 PM



Amy Boget
Council Member, Position #1
Clerk *Pro Tempore* / Secretary for Meeting



Katelyn J. Listek
Mayor

These Minutes were approved by the Town Council at its regular meeting on _____.