

Town of Yacolt Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday August 12, 2024
7:00 PM
Town Hall

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Appoint Clerk Pro Tem: Mayor Shealy announced that the Town Clerk was unable to attend the meeting. The Mayor appointed Councilmember Jeff Carothers to act as Clerk *pro tem* during the meeting and to be responsible for taking the minutes of the meeting. (RCW 35.27.280)

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Jeff Carothers, Kandi Peto, Marina Viray

Council Members Absent: Craig Carroll, Ronald Homola

Also present: Mayor Ian Shealy, Attorney David Ridenour, and Public Works Director Terry Gardner. Town Clerk Stephanie Fields was absent.

Motion to Excuse Council Absences of Carroll and Homola

Motion: Peto 2nd: Viray

Aye: Carothers, Peto, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Carroll, Homola

Motion Carried

Late Changes to the Agenda

None

Approve Minutes of 7-8-24 Meeting

Motion: Carothers 2nd: Peto

Aye: Carothers, Peto, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Carroll, Homola

Motion Carried

Approve Minutes 08-5-24 Meeting

Motion: Peto 2nd: Viray

Aye: Carothers, Peto, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Carroll, Homola

Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

Josh Beck, River Rats have opportunity to pre-purchase fireworks for 2025, would like Town Council to approve fireworks purchase by Town for 2025. Asking for the cost of fireworks (this past year was \$6500). Council to discuss during Budget Workshops.

Carman DeLeone shared her concerns for Clark County, land purchases, expansions, and immigration.

Town Clerk's Report

Read by Mayor Shealy on behalf of the Town Clerk:

- Last Building Permit for Railroad Avenue Subdivision has been issued
- SAO Audit begins Sept 9th, Town Clerk working on list of items for audit
- Focusing on Right of Way access agreements for sidewalks and driveways in Railroad Ave subdivision

Public Works Department Report

Public Works Director Terry Gardner reporting:

- Striping all crosswalks
- Mowing and weed eating
- Attended Railroad Advisory Meeting
 - Train Robbery event went well, not sure how much longer will run this season
 - Chelatchie Railroad spent a lot of money rebuilding the RR cars; seeking new revenue sources
 - Open meetings for railroad dates not set yet
 - Repairs on hold, materials for railroad ties are hard to get
- National Night Out went well
- Focusing on Rec Park fences next week

Attorney's Comments

- Public Records Request Report are priority to finish, busy updating and improving how it is updated and made publicly available on our website
- Quick Q&A session re: filling vacancies, and voting issues when key officials are absent

Citizen's Communication

None

Council's Comments

- National Night Out was great, good feedback

Mayor's Comments

Thanked people for showing up for events and meetings

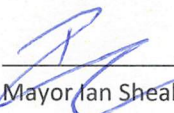
Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Tabled for the next meeting, bills were not prepared for review by the Finance Committee or approval by the Council prior to the meeting due to the Town Clerk's absence. The Council tabled the matter and scheduled it for review during the special meeting scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6pm.

Executive Session

Mayor Shealy closed the public meeting at 8:41pm and adjourned to an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss real estate purchase and potential litigation involving the Town with the Town's Attorney. The Public Works Director also attended the executive session, along with all present elected officials and the Attorney. At 8:51 pm, Mayor Shealy closed the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Adjourn: 8:51 pm



Mayor Ian Shealy

Clerk Pro-Tem Jeff Carothers

Approved by Council vote on September 9, 2024