



Town of Yacolt
Town Council Special Meeting
and 2023 Budget Public Hearing
Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022
6:00 PM
Town Hall

Call to Order

6:00 PM

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Roll Call

Council Members Present: Ian Shealy, Kandi Peto, Joshua Beck, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray

Also present: Mayor Listek, Clerk Stephanie Fields

Unfinished Business

2023 Proposed Budget Hearing #2

Mayor Listek closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2023 Budget at 6:01 pm. The public and members present were asked for questions, comments, and suggestions. With no questions or discussion offered, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 pm and the regular meeting reconvened.

Ordinance #588: Adoption of the 2023 Budget

Councilmember Peto had some questions regarding some of the accounts in the General Fund, and Clerk Fields and Mayor Listek clarified what those accounts were. The issue of Council and Mayor raises was then discussed, and Council agreed to increase Council Meeting stipends to \$100/meeting, up to a maximum of \$3,000/year. Councilmember Homola asked about Councilmembers receiving compensation for trainings. Mayor Listek responded that if a Councilmember takes a training which was a pre-recorded session, they will not receive a stipend. But if they participate in a live training (even if live via internet), they could receive a meeting stipend for the class, as that would be considered a meeting in which they were representing the Town. In the end, the consensus of Council was to table the vote on the Budget Ordinance until the next Council Meeting on December 12th, and have the Clerk draft an additional Ordinance to change Yacolt Municipal Code Ch. 2.20.010 to reflect an increase in the Mayor's salary to \$1000/month and YMC 2.20.020 to reflect an increase in Council salaries to \$100/meeting, up to the \$3,000 maximum.

Silver Star Renewal

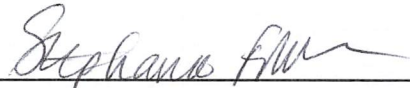
Clerk Fields reported that the emails of former Councilmembers and staff could be saved "on the cloud" (ie: via Dropbox or similar file storage), and then Silver Star would no longer need to host those former email addresses. This would save the Town \$40/month per email address which no longer needs hosting. It will take some time to transition these emails to the cloud files, but once completed, the Town will only be paying for the 9 email addresses actually in current use. Also, Mayor Listek explained that if we convert all Councilmembers' emails to "generic" names (Council1, Council2, etc.), then the transition of laptops from old to new Councilmembers in the future would be smooth and quick. This will take effect now for the two newest Councilmembers, and then as each of the other Councilmembers change due to future elections, the generic email addresses will then be assigned.

Adjourn

6:57pm



Mayor Katelyn Listek



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on 12-12-2022