

Town of Yacolt

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Town Hall / Virtual / Telephonic

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Amy Boget, Michelle Dawson, Joshua Beck, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray
Also present: Mayor Katelyn Listek, Public Works Director Terry Gardner (joined meeting at 7:05 pm),
Clerk Stephanie Fields

Late Changes to the Agenda

1. Rotate Finance Committee
2. Rotate Mayor Pro Tem
3. School Choice Week Proclamation

Approve Minutes of 12-13-21 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from December 13th meeting

Motion: Homola 2nd: Viray

Ayes: Boget, Dawson, Beck, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

YMC Ch. 12.05 Revision

Discussion regarding what changes need to be made to the Code: Councilmember Homola said we should keep the fines for violations/vandalism the same but add additional properties to the Code. Councilmember Beck still would like to add community service as enforcement. Homola asked how will these violations be enforced? Councilmember Viray commented that suggestions need to be clarified. Mayor Listek asked the Clerk to print out copies of the Chapter for all Councilmembers to mark up so that Council could bring clear recommendations to vote on at the next meeting.

(Discussion only)

Embankment Slide Purchase

Mayor Listek announced that she has found an embankment slide for the Town! Back in May, Council approved for her to try to find a slide with a target price of up to \$12,000. In her search, she was able to find one that was originally about \$13,500, but due to an order for it having been cancelled, the manufacturer is willing to sell it to us for only \$8500. The budget allowed for it, and the slide fits our specifications to a tee. The slide is in stock at a local company, and they are willing to come out to guide us in the installation of it. So Council voted to go ahead with the purchase.

Motion: Viray **2nd:** Beck

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

Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

None

New Business

Rotate Finance Committee

Councilmember Homola nominated Councilmember Beck to be rotated onto the Finance Committee for the next 6 months.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Viray

Aye: Boget, Dawson, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** Beck

Motion Carried

Rotate Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Boget Nominated Councilmember Homola to be Mayor Pro Tem for the next 6 months.

Motion: Boget **2nd:** Beck

Aye: Boget, Dawson, Beck, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** Homola

Motion Carried

School Choice Week Proclamation

Mayor Listek read her Proclamation making January 23-29, 2022 Yacolt School Choice Week, which is being celebrated all across the country in an effort to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options. (A copy of the Proclamation is attached at the end of these minutes.)

Town Clerk's Report

- 2021 is just about closed out. We ended the year with over \$1.75 Million in the bank, and well over \$487 Thousand in our Investment Fund; we have been maintaining over \$2 Million in liquid assets since June.
- Will be doing physical inventories this month both at Town Hall and the Public Works Shop. Asked for volunteers to help.
- All 2022 regular Council meetings and holidays are posted on the Town website, as well as some set events. The next Town event to come up will be the Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 16th.

Public Works Department Report

They should be starting the Cemetery Road soon. M & K Goff Enterprises had the lowest bid, so they will be awarded the job. This year's phase will be a road up the center, with a "T" at the back end for a turn-around. They also hope to repaint the sign. Next year, as the second phase, they hope to get loop roads on the sides completed. They are shooting for a time when we get 5 nice days in a row and M & K is available (hopefully in February).

Attorney's Comments

Attorney Ridenour was not present and did not send in any comments.

Citizen Communication

None

Council's Comments

Viray –

Thank you to Terry for all the around-the-clock snowplowing he did during this last snowstorm.

Mayor's Comments

- Happy New year!
- Hopefully the slide can be picked up this week by Public Works.
- Hopes to get the Town Newsletter out by the end of this month.

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion was made to pay the bills on behalf of the Town

Motion: Beck

2nd: Homola


Aye: Boget, Dawson, Beck, Homola, Viray

Nay: 0

Motion Carried

Adjourn

7:25 pm



Mayor Katelyn Listek



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on February 14, 2022



Yacolt School Choice Week Proclamation

WHEREAS; all children in Yacolt should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS; Yacolt recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Yacolt to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS; quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Yacolt; and,

WHEREAS; Yacolt is home to a Public primary school and a tutoring center, in addition to the many families who educate their children in the home or in group Co-Ops; and

WHEREAS; educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS; Yacolt has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS; School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katelyn Listek, Mayor of Yacolt, Washington, do hereby recognize January 23 – 29, 2022 as *Yacolt School Choice Week*, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Signed this 10th day of January in the year 2022.

Katelyn Listek