



Town of Yacolt
Yacolt Town Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2021
7:00 PM
Town Hall / Virtual / Telephonic

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Listek, Town Attorney David Ridenour, and Council Members Michelle Dawson, Malita Moseley, Herb Noble, Marina Viray

Absent: Council Member Amy Boget

Late Changes to the Agenda

Mayor Listek invited any Council Member to bring up a motion to excuse Council Member Boget's absence from this meeting. No motion was raised; thus her absence is considered unexcused.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion was made to approve the Minutes from the meeting April 12, 2021

Motion: Noble 2nd: Dawson

Aye: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget

Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

Mary Rowe asked if the homes at the east end of Jones Street have been annexed into the Town. And if not, shouldn't their addresses be changed to 5-digit addresses? Should those residents be allowed to access that area via town streets, or should they have their own road(s)? Mayor Listek responded that no, that area is not annexed into Town, and the address issue will be worked on, but the roads are open to the public for all to use. Councilmember Moseley brought up the fact that we still benefit from road taxes distributed through the state. Councilmember Noble brought up that we could have weight restrictions on our roads.

Unfinished Business

Embankment Slide Purchase

The height and cost of the embankment slide were discussed. A plastic slide is preferred over aluminum, as well as an earthy color tone vs. bright. It was brought up that more lighting (motion lights, perhaps) and cameras would be necessary in the new park. Also, the preference is to have the slide's manufacturer install it.

Motion was made to authorize the mayor to solicit bids for an embankment slide for the park around the Town Tree, with a price targeting \$12,000.

Motion: Viray **2nd:** Dawson

Aye: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget

Motion Carried

New Business

Rotate Finance Committee

Motion was made to rotate Amy Boget onto the Finance Committee to replace Marina Viray

Motion: Noble **2nd:** Dawson

Aye: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget

Motion Carried

Chip Seal Project Bid Ads

Motion was made to authorize advertisement for bids for the Railroad Avenue Chip Seal Project

Motion: Dawson **2nd:** Viray

Aye: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget

Motion Carried

Rendezvous Days Planning

Mayor Listek asked if we should do the BigFoot Run this year at all, as a live event, or as a virtual event? There is a chance that we will not be able to do the big Fireworks show this year, so should we channel funds from the Run and/or Fireworks to other activities? We should have no problem doing the Parade, Chalk Art Contest, and Outdoor Market, while remaining COVID restriction compliant. What other activities would people like to see take place? Talk was had of holding foot races, potato races, sack races, baseball games, and the like. Councilmember Noble suggested we form a planning committee to begin organizing the activities. The big decisions made were to not have the BigFoot Run and the Town Fireworks display this year, hoping to resume those activities next year. Budgeted funds for those activities this year will be diverted to other home-town style activities.

Town Clerk's Report

- The Annual Report is coming along; due the end of May, but hoping to submit by end of this week or next if possible.
- Info is available at Town Hall for anyone interested in running for the 2 Council Positions that will be opening up this year. You must live within Town limits to run. You can go online to clarkvotes.org to sign up or for more info. (Link is on Town website.)

- Town events so far this year have brought in the following revenues:
 - Outdoor Market (Peddler’s Licenses): \$310
 - Easter Egg Hunt: \$223
 - Surplus Sale: \$711
 - Spring CleanUp: \$2375
 These funds will be reinvested into improving supplies, facilities, and so on for these events in the future, ie: tall propane heaters, trash cans, craft supplies, etc.

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion was made to approve paying the bills on behalf of the Town

Motion: Moseley 2nd: Viray

Aye: Dawson, Moseley, Noble, Viray **Nay:** 0 **Absent:** Boget

Motion Carried

Public Works Department Report

- Focus lately has been on mowing, creating the new park, and carving benches out of logs for the new park and elsewhere around Town.
- In coming weeks, activity will shift to include sprucing up the Cemetery and beginning a project there to put in a short road; clean-up behind the ball fields; and continuing with organization at the Public Works Shop.

Attorney's Comments

None

Citizen Communication

- Rhonda Rowe-Tice asked how soon we will get the Larch Crew? She said she is willing to volunteer around Town, and wonders where other volunteers are this year? She noted that our Municipal Code only refers to “Town Park”, but it should include all parks. She said if the Town is open to taking in donations for the new park, she is willing to help with the cost of shipping on the new slide. She then asked if the upcoming cemetery work would include creating walking paths, and Mayor Listek answered that a small road within the cemetery is actually in the budget and will be started this spring or summer.
- Mary Rowe asked if our 2021 budget is on our website. It is, as adopted in the December 21, 2020 Meeting. It is viewable in that meeting’s agenda packet.
- Rhonda Rowe-Tice asked if the Town employs a certified welder to run the newly-purchased welder.
- Ron Homola suggested that Town officials have their cameras on during virtual meetings, for the townspeople to see them.
- Mike Ranweiler said he hasn’t heard from Amy Boget, who had been working on trying to get better high-speed broadband into Yacolt, and she missed an important meeting she had set up regarding this. He said someone needs to pick up that baton. He also found out that public/private partnerships (lots of money available through grants even), are available for bringing in better internet service and asked if any council members will please help make this happen? Mayor Listek invited Mr. Ranweiler to meet and discuss this with her. Councilmember Viray expressed that she would be willing to help with this also.

Council's Comments

Viray - Another successful Market on May 1st! 16 vendors and 1 Craft project participated. Thank you to Kim Shealy at Inspired Learning for opening up her parking lot for one of the vendors to set up. Preparing for the next Saturday Market, June 5th; still accepting new vendors.

Noble – Town CleanUp and Market were both home runs! Thank you to all who helped. The Town is heading in a positive direction. Thank you to our Mayor.

Dawson – Thanks to the Mayor and Council members who show up and participate in the Town's events. It's very important for our officials to interact and engage with their community. Also thank you to all who helped with the Town CleanUp.

Mayor's Comments

- Thank you to the many people who helped with the Town CleanUp and Market: Rhonda, Casey, Niko, Tom, Terry, Herb, Marina, and Desiree. Everyone's help is so appreciated!
- VFW Quartermaster Vince Myers informed us that the Boy Scout project at the Veteran's Memorial Flag site did not work out for the Boy Scout to do it. However, the VFW will take on the project themselves, hopefully by Memorial Day.
- Beautifying the Town's Cemetery is a high priority. Are there any volunteers to help with that?
- Does anyone have any suggestions to improve the Town CleanUp for next year?
- Markets are working out very well. We will continue with them as well as the craft projects at the markets.
- Dane's Place opened May 1, and Thiselle Creek Farm Stand just opened too.
- Soon the log benches will start to be placed around Town.
- Does anyone want to help with weeding or planting flowers around Town?
- Thank you to our clerk, Stephanie for all she does.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Katelyn Listek

Clerk Stephanie Fields