

Town of Yacolt

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Call to Order

7:00 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Joe Wisniewski, Kandi Peto, Craig Carroll, Ronald Homola, Marina Viray

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

Late Changes to the Agenda

No Executive Session

Approve Minutes of 12-11-23 Meeting with minor change mentioned by Councilmember Homola

Motion: Homola

2nd: Carroll

Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray

Nay: 0

Motion Carried

Citizen Communication

Jeff Carothers expressed that he feels there are many parts of Town which are very dark and not well-enough lit. Mayor Shealy asked him to get us a list of specific areas/streets he feels are too dark at night. There was a short discussion about strategic placement of lighting, and light pollution.

Anne VanAntwerp asked when S. Hubbard Ave is going to be repaved, and Clerk Fields informed her that we wanted to pave it this year, but we did not get the grant we applied for.

Unfinished Business

Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing and Decision

Mayor Shealy and Councilmember Carroll recused themselves as potentially interested parties, and Mayor Pro Tem Marina Viray stepped in to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm. Attorney Ridenour presented a summary of the Staff Report, identified concerns raised by Staff, and shared Staff's recommendation. The Applicant offered no testimony. Cindee Clark was sworn in and testified in favor of the permit. Briann Shealy was sworn in and also testified in favor of permit approval. Councilmember Peto asked for clarification on the duration of the permit. Councilmember Homola and Anne Van Antwerp both asked if the permit would require adherence to fire codes.

Homola also wanted a condition that the front of the garage be finished to resemble the remainder of the garage after the proposed new front door gets installed. Following all testimony, Mayor Pro Tem Viray closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting at 7:43 pm. Motion was then made to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the Condition Homola asked for.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Peto
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0
Motion Carried

New Business

Hazen Proposal

Brad Hazen gave a short history on his property across from the Library, and presented his thoughts on developing the property for its best use in our Town.

A neighbor, Larry Hinchman, read a short statement about his own home next to Hazen's property, and said it would be a shame to have Hazen's plan come to fruition. There was quite a bit of discussion including council members, public members, and Hazen. Some was in regard to Hazen's plan, some was suggestions for other uses for the land. Whatever Hazen decides to do, Attorney Ridenour suggested he schedule a pre-app conference beforehand.

SAO DSA Request

Clerk Fields explained that the State Auditor's Office has upgraded their file transfer security system and they therefore asked all agencies to renew their Data Safety Agreements. Motion was made to do so.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Peto
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0
Motion Carried

TIB Engineering Consultant Agreement

Jackson Civil Engineering asked the Town to approve for them to be the Town's consultants for a grant we were awarded from the Transportation Improvement Board. (JCE is the Town's Engineering firm, and they were the ones who applied for the grant on behalf of the Town.) Motion for approval was made.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Viray
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0
Motion Carried

Rotate Finance Committee

Councilmember Homola nominated Councilmember Wisniewski to serve on the Finance Committee.

Motion: Homola **2nd:** Carroll
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0
Motion Carried

Rotate Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilmember Viray nominated Councilmember Homola to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Motion: Viray **2nd:** Peto
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray **Nay:** 0
Motion Carried

Town Clerk's Report

- The horses in the backyard within Town limits were moved out of Town before the deadline; now the homeowner has a fence permit application and some other issues going on.
- Tomorrow a computer tech is coming to hopefully fix some lingering email and computer problems.
- Will be working on invoicing and closing out 2023.
- Will also be working hard on many permit applications for new homes in the RR Ave subdivision. Lost her office assistant, so may be looking for a replacement.
- Hoping to have a meeting with Charlie Witt next week.
- Asked elected officials to please print off and bring in their training certificates and reminded them to continue taking the RMSA trainings.
- Asked Council to attend a special meeting to approve final conditions for the RR Ave subdivision. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Jan. 22 at 7pm.

Public Works Department Report

- Took Christmas lights down, and many of the light strings on the big Town Tree had been cut and many of the ornaments on the surrounding trees had been smashed. (Councilmember Peto also noted that a lot of trash got left at the Rec Park from fireworks on New Years Eve. Gardner said when you see something like that, please let him know.)
- 5 stop signs have been smashed down. Apparently, there is a new Tik-Tok challenge out daring kids to drive their vehicles up sign poles until the poles bend over.
- Have been cleaning up the shop and preparing for snow.

Attorney's Comments

- It was a great meeting, and it's a pleasure to have a new Mayor on board.

Citizens' Communication

Anne Van Antwerp said she appreciated that the two elected officials who had an interest in the Public Hearing recused themselves.

Jeff Carothers said he knows what it's like to be a Councilmember and Mayor, and he appreciates them.

Council's Comments

Peto – Welcome Mayor Shealy and Councilmember Wisniewski.

Homola – Feels like the Town is moving in the right direction.

Viray – Attended the UCPB Board meeting, and they have received 18 Applications for grants.

Mayor's Comments

- Thanked people for trusting him for this position. He's in it for the Town and community.
- Has been working with Ro on a Community Events Calendar; it's still very much in the planning stage. He handed out a copy of it. January 22nd is the first meeting.

Approve to Pay Bills on Behalf of the Town

Motion: Peto **2nd:** Homola

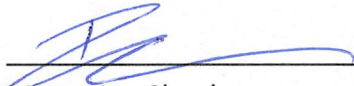
Aye: Wisniewski, Peto, Carroll, Homola, Viray

Nay: 0

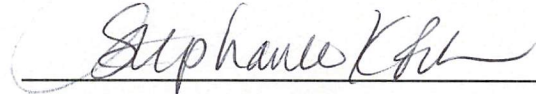
Motion Carried

Adjourn

8:54 pm



Mayor Ian Shealy



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on Feb. 12, 2024