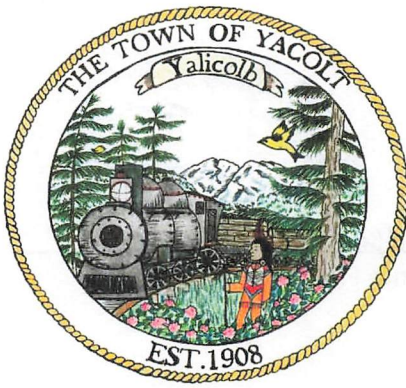




Town of Yacolt

Town Council Special Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
5:30 PM
Town Hall

Call to Order

5:30 PM

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Kim Glassett, Craig Carroll, Brandon Russell, Marina Viray

Absent: Jeff Carothers

Also present: Mayor Ian Shealy, Attorney Brian Gerst, and Clerk Fields

A motion was made to excuse Councilmember Carothers' absence.

Motion: Carroll 2nd: Glassett

Aye: Carroll, Glassett, Russell, Viray

Nay: 0

Absent: Carothers

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

Discussion of EV Backhoe

Clerk Fields reviewed documents and emails received from N&S Tractor. Attorney Gerst, Mayor Shealy, and the Council discussed the available leasing and purchasing options. The Council agreed that additional comparisons with diesel units are needed. It was also discussed that leasing the EV backhoe for three years would provide the Town with additional time to save funds for the future purchase of another unit. There was general agreement that purchasing this EV unit at the end of the three-year lease may not be in the Town's best interest due to concerns regarding battery life and other long-term considerations.

Attorney Gerst stated that it appears that the lease controls the entire agreement, yet all the blanks are incomplete. In addition, he noted the following:

- Warranty information is not adequately detailed
- Lease Agreement from N&S Tractor does not clearly define warranty coverage
- Waiver of defense leaves the Town of Yacolt with limited protection regarding warranty issues, claims, and other potential disputes with N&S Tractor.

The Council's consensus was that there are more red flags than green flags. They agreed to table further discussion until Attorney Gerst receives additional information regarding the WAZIP Program. In the meantime, it was agreed that staff should continue exploring other opportunities and available options.

Adjourn

6:23 pm



Mayor Ian Shealy



Clerk Stephanie Fields

Approved by Council vote on 8-10-26