

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 2018

ROLL CALL: Mayor Jeff Sellers, Council Members, Jennifer Kramer, Mark Zumba, Bambi Thawsh, Bill Summers and Brad Bushnell were present. Town Clerk, Marie Wellock was also present.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM August 22, 2018

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the council minutes, council member Bushnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS BUDGETED

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the bills for August 22, 2018. Council member Bushnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Olin and Concetta West- Present to discuss the livestock matter- want to clarify pot belly pigs
2. Larry Bower- Concerns over hogs/ pot belly differentiation as well as sediment in water lines when water is shut off at the main. When is Ash going to be paved?
3. Brett Mueller- Concerns over excessive speed on Railroad Avenue as well as Church St. Maybe consider photo enforcement? Additional Speed Signs? Police to be contacted and request additional patrols.
4. Chelsea German- bought property on Brierhill, will be submitting building plans and living on the property prior to the house being built
5. Bill Summers- Requesting a utilities waiver, to be able to purchase and use the town utilities on his property before his home plans are submitted.
 - a. Council member Thawsh made a motion to allow Mr. Summers to be able to purchase and utilize town utilities prior to the submission of his building permit, with the stipulation that building plans be submitted by Jan 1, 2019. Council member Kramer seconded. Motion Passed, Council member Summers abstained from voting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Town Projects:

- Foothills Trail Ext- ***project has been delayed, plan to start on 9/17. Town is purchasing and maintaining the light poles. Purchase orders have been approved, parts on order.***
- Roosevelt Park- ***working on how to bill for this project/ in kind as well as actual dollar amounts, will get quotes for installation and get the ball rolling on this.***
- Flagpole Stone/Plaque- ***Stones are delivered, Luke has cleaned them off, Bambi has chosen where to place each stone. The plaque for the Cemetery will arrive this week. Thank you to the Wilkeson Eagles Auxiliary.***
- Clean up XXX Church St- ***nothing new- council would like the fire chief to inspect the house.***
- Livestock Ordinances- ***we will not proceed with the hog/ pot belly pig distinction in our ordinances.***

NEW BUSINESS:

- Police Report from August reviewed
- Council presented with a request to refund the TBD monies to a citizen that is moving from town, request denied.
- A citizen called concerned that there are 2 “Pearl Court” roads in Wilkeson and it is confusing for EMS. Issue noted, will contact pierce county to find out how we would change it.

- Local Business Committee met briefly on 9/6 to discuss industry and brainstorm ideas on how to capture tourism, and get people to stop. Lots of great ideas, plans for a holiday tree lighting/celebration in the works.
- Budget Requests- council asked to please start determining what things they're going to need for each of their projects, as soon as possible.
- Spiketon Bridge Closure- public press release presented. Council will be persistent with local representatives to get this matter resolved faster.
- Water/ Sewer hook ups on vacant land discussed. Can purchase the hook ups prior to building, must get a waiver from Council to use them prior to building.
- Land Building Waiver- See citizen comment from Bill Summers and motion above.

MAYORS REPORT:

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Provost- ***the preliminary ranking for this project came in first out of 91 presentations, we will be notified of official funding in mid September. Can now focus on Roosevelt Community Development, Mark Zumba- is going to pay a colleague to come up with a logo of sorts for the town. Something very simple, that will represent the town. He would like to speak to WSDOT asking for increased signage for Wilkeson due to the bridge closure to promote business and awareness for the town.***
 Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- ***Summer Brendel is working on drafting the urn garden to solidify the plots. The Auxiliary has a committee formed for the Flag dedication, and will report dates at the next meeting and the scope of the celebration. Working on emergency management plans. Railroad Ave also desperately needs striping. Council member Summers will address that with town staff. Need no parking signs on the opposite side of the road from the school.***

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- ***Council member Summers motioned to amend the budget for the flooring from \$8,000 to \$11,000. Council Member Thawsh seconded, motion passed unanimously. Chambers to be cleared out on Friday 9/14 for the project to begin 9/17.***

Utilities, Brad Bushnell- ***Award received from the state for our excellence in Wastewater Treatment. Fence quotes for the Watershed were reviewed, would like to seek grant funding to complete those and protect the watershed.***

CORRESPONDENCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Wellock was excused from the meeting at 8:08, as the council discussed the pending union contract. The Executive Session called to order at 8:10 and closed at 8:12.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13, council member Bushnell seconded, motion passed unanimously.