

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
November 28, 2018

Public Hearing: Opened at 6:03

1. Public Comment #2 requested on the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget

Public Hearing closed at 6:04, no citizens present for comment

ROLL CALL: Mayor Sellers, Council Members, Zumba, Kramer, Thawsh, Summers and Bushnell were present. Town Clerk, Marie Wellock was also present.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM Nov 14, 2018

Council member Summers 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 Nov 28, 2018. Council member Bushnell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Town Projects:

- Foothills Trail Ext- *Work is clearly delayed, 2 crews will be onsite next week to catch up some*
- Clean up XXX Church St- *Chief Predmore is still working on this*
- Town hall Rugs/ Runner- *200 initially approved does not cover, tax shipping and handling. Council in agreement to purchase the runners and rugs and with additional costs for shipping.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council member Thawsh motioned to approve ordinance 2018.10 requesting highest lawful levy for property tax to continue in 2019. Council member Summers Seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Council member Thawsh motioned approve Resolution 2018.12 regarding the interlocal agreement for the management of the Safer Grant. Council member Bushnell seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Council member Summers motioned to hire Mike Hendrick for a full-time water operator, beginning 1/2/2019, council member Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT:

- Email received regarding lahar/ eruption education for the town. Meeting last year was successful, however town to focus on some other emergency management practices for 2019, rather than this.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- *Brett has not gotten back to us regarding the playground design changes that we requested. Bacon and Eggs was presented to the legislature, because it was the number one ranked project. There is a lot of buzz about it and we will hear more about funding soon.*

Community Development, Mark Zumba- *Facebook page is doing well, 5-7 new members per week. Cameras will be purchased soon. Businesses have not met since the last meeting. Still awaiting an opportunity to speak with them about some marketing/ community development projects for the town.*

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- ***has a meeting set up with Stan Nelson with PARS- a free emergency radio service. They assist in training and coordination in emergencies and this service is no cost. Also, requesting the town look at annexing all town owned properties along Railroad Ave/ Quinnon Ext Road, as well as properties on the north end of town. Clerk to speak to Mike and Emily about what this would take and bring back information to council***

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- ***Ash St residents asking for a sign that will put the house numbers on the "Dead End" sign as they have had trouble receiving packages. Sign will cost \$30 and will be purchased 11/29.***

Utilities, Brad Bushnell- ***Discussed at length utility rates. Annually, water rates rise 3% for consumption as well as the standard hook up. Sewer has not been raised in several years while the town overhead continues to rise. 3%/ year would be a substantial increase and people might find that a financial burden. Council agreed that sewer rates should increase \$1.50 in 2019 per connection and after the sewer study is completed, the rates schedule for sewer will be re-evaluated.***

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Thawsh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05, council member Bushnell seconded, motion passed unanimously.