

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:02- Seeking comment on the proposed amendment to the 6 year street plan to include the downtown sidewalks from Railroad to Vine. Several people in attendance for various reasons, asked questions about what this might look like with regard to ADA access to the businesses and exactly what this involved. The questions were answered as best as we could as we do not have a full design completed. Public Hearing closed at 6:07

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:07 – presided by Mayor Sellers, Council Members, Zumba, Thawsh, Summers and R. Sellers were present.

Motion to excuse council member Kramer made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Zumba and carried

Minutes of the previous meeting: Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled council meeting on Jan 22, 2020, seconded by council member Zumba and carried

Bills: Motion to approve the bills as budgeted made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and carried

Motion to approve Resolution 2020.03 amending the 6 year street plan to include the sidewalks from Railroad to Vine Street so we are able to secure the grant funding awarded for this project made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and carried

Motion to approve Resolution 2020.05 to enter into agreement with the Department of Ecology for a loan in the amount of \$120,000.00 to conduct a sewer study made by council member Summers, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020.04 to enter into contract with Gray and Osborn Engineering to conduct the sewer study made by council member Summers, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020.06 to enter into contract with Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to secure our awarded grant funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Wilkeson Booster Club members, KC, Darryl and Tanya were here to discuss the parade. The booster club does not have the volunteers necessary to continue the parade functions. If the town/ businesses would like to see it continue, perhaps they can take it on. The booster club will provide everything to whomever takes it over. The booster club would like to be invited to the next Wilkeson Businesses meeting.
2. Olin & Concetta West- here to discuss some community outreach they are planning for later in the year. They would like to piggy back their Harvest Party with Trunk-or-Treat, hopefully on 10/24. They will have their holiday bazaar on 12/12 and are offering Santa to do the tree lighting if we would like to hold it on the same day. They also want to have an Anniversary celebration sometime in September.
3. Wilkeson Community Garden- Trip Hart, Leah Haugen and Venise Cunningham were here from Rural Development Initiative (RDI) to officially propose the Community Garden. They discussed some methods and places. We really like the area by the Caboose for the most sun. They will present an official design next meeting.
4. Chief Predmore was in attendance to discuss the flood last week and go over any issues that we might have experienced. Kudos to the community for stepping up and assisting those in need. The fire department was happy to assist. We are looking for radios that we can get for day to day use as well as

in an emergency. Chief is looking to see if we will need permits for the radios to be effective in our geographical area. The emergency generator at the fire station is online and has been appropriately load tested. At the final inspection by L&I it would be good to have the elected officials attend. It looks favorable on future applications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Projects:

- Historic Downtown Sidewalks
- HBHansen Claim- Contract is claiming they are underpaid. Josh is working on reconciling quantities again, but does not have information for us at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Town parking lot 3/21-** The Eagles is requesting exclusive use fo the town hall parking lot for their chainsaw contestants. The event runs from 10am to 3pm and will be reopened after the competitors are finished for the day. Council did not object to this closure and it will be allowed.
2. **Police Stats-** reviewed
3. **Motion made to adjust account 1622-** in the amount of \$132.73 due to a billing error made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

MAYORS REPORT:

We are setting up a meeting with the Department of Health and all other interested parties to conduct a feasibility study for the sale of water and possibly receiving waste water from the Town of Carbonado. We are working on schedules and will know more soon.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer-

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Wokring with the colleges in nearby cities to see if there is interest in photographing the town. UW Tacoma has been responsive. Also going to reach out to a person who could make pamphlets for town and see what the costs and other details are.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- The cemetery was a mess after the last wind storm. Mike was on it right away. There was a lot of large debris/ limbs down. We are actively working on some emergency management items that we need to purchase. Radios are on top of the list, but we also needs some temporary signs for “water over roadway” and other hazards.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Nothing

Utilities, Rick Sellers- will be attending our upcoming meetings for the Water Comprehensive Plan as well as the Feasibility meeting next month.

CORRESPONDENCE-

White River High School is soliciting donations for their September 2020 auction if anyone is interested in attending or donating.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 council member Sellers seconded, motion carried.