

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2020

Oath of Office: Jennifer Kramer, Bill Summers and Rick Sellers

Public Hearing opened at 6:01 to hear comment on the proposed increase to water base fees as well as consumption rates.

- Citizen Comment received via phone suggested that the water consumption rate be based on stages, the more water you consume, the more money it costs, much like PSE structures their rates.
- Citizen present inquired what the increase would cover- the increase covers the costs of goods and services related to upkeep and line repair and maintenance as well as salary increases.

Hearing closed at 6:04 with no further comment. Update to the fee schedule will be voted on the next council meeting.

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:05 – presided by Mayor Sellers, Council Members, Kramer, Zumba, Thawsh, Summers and R. Sellers were present.

CONSENT AGENDA-

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the regular meeting and budget meeting as well as the TBD meeting all held on 12/18/2019 made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Summers and passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

Carbon Glacier Mavericks would like to partner with the White Chapel Farms and pull a special event liquor permit for the Valentine's Day Dinner. Council and mayor do not object. Marie will write letter and Mayor will sign.

Letter regarding low income utility relief reviewed. Council is concerned about how and where we make up the difference in lost income. We don't have many opportunities to offset those lost dollars and at this point Council does not see where those lost revenue dollar would be made up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Projects:

- Historic Downtown Sidewalks- need to add the area to our 6 year street plan so we are able to get the ball rolling on this and move forward.
- HBHansen Claim is being reviewed and SCJ will prepare a response on behalf of the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Stats Dec 2019** Reviewed- noted an increase in citations and patrol hours
2. **Leak Credits-** Council member Summers motioned to approve leak credits for account 1665.0 and 1211.0, council member Thawsh seconded, motion carried
3. **Motion to approve Resolution 2020.01** regarding the contract extension for SCj alliance on the Foothills Trail Extension made by council member Kramer, seconded by council member Thawsh, motion carried unanimously.
4. **Q4 2019 Financials Distributed**

MAYORS REPORT:

We met with Congresswoman Schrier regarding needs in this district and what we are wanting her to focus on for our community. Pierce County Council Member Morrell set up this meeting and was present and will assist the district as he is able with our needs. We heard the needs of the surrounding towns.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- We need a work party on Roosevelt for the final touches, will watch weather and set something up.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Still working with the Piece College Photography program for assistance in the Wilkeson Facebook page and promoting this area

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- had a meeting today with chief Predmore. It was not productive, it did not yield answers, but created more uncertainty. For now we will cancel future meetings and proceed with our own plan and exclude Buckley Fire Department from this until later stages when we have a better idea of what we need based on our own findings and community discussions. We were not awarded the grant for the cemetery, will continue looking for other funding opportunities.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Would like to purchase a hand dryer for the public restroom. Council agreed that this would be beneficial.

Motion made by council member Summers, to purchase a hand dryer for the public restroom, seconded by council member R. Sellers and passed unanimously.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Would like to schedule a meeting with Luke to go through the plant and help determine need and assist as he is able with his knowledge of a municipal utility system.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Rails to Trails Annual Meeting Flier- Rails to trails would like to donate some railroad track sections to us, and would like the town to send at least one representative to the Dinner on January 23rd. Council member Kramer offered to go. Council member Thawsh motioned to send council member Kramer to the meeting at a cost of \$35, council member Summers seconded, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 council member Thawsh seconded, motion carried.