

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
February 26, 2020

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00 – 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 previous meeting as well as the bills as budgeted, made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Kramer, voted on and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Olin & Concetta West- would like to know how to start the process for getting a sign approved for the church. They are in the beginning phases. Let them know to bring some basic plans to town hall and the planner would review and advise.
2. Elena Galbraith, Tracy & Pat Dow- RE: Vine Street
 - a. Concerns over how much use it is getting from vehicles and big delivery trucks. There are a lot of potholes.
 - b. The sight distances are lacking due to the buildings and they're concerned about pedestrian safety
- Marie will follow up with planner, attorney and engineers. This has been ongoing for 50 years and we need to see what it will take to get some definitive answers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Projects:

- Historic Downtown Sidewalks
- HBHansen Claim- Contract is claiming they are underpaid. Josh determined they have been overpaid up to this point. There is some issued with the “detectable warning surfaces” (DWS). They will all be removed and another product will be used in their place. This will happen in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resident inquired about starting a farmers market. The council is really liking this idea. It could be great for the community and they would like to see it in the downtown district rather than at their home as initially proposed. If it were to occur out of her property, it would require rezoning and code updates, which cost a lot of money.
2. Resident of Rainier Ranch recently bought a home with an ADU. They were not made aware that the ADU was not permitted. They need a water availability letter completed for the ADU, and are requesting that fee of \$75 be waived due to the other costs. **Motion made by council member Summers, seconded by council member Zumba and carried.**
3. Motion made to approve leak credits for account 1608.0 for \$122.06 and 1649.0 for 399.67 by council member Summers, seconded by council member Zumba and carried,

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor met with Representative Schrier and other state and local officials to discuss broadband issues throughout the district. He expressed the need for a more stable cellular connection here in town and our desire to have a cell tower to improve coverage for people in this area.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- we are trying to button up Roosevelt Park. We are going to scrap the swings. We will fill in the area that was dug out for the swings and re-seed. The left over border material will be stored at the shop for now.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Working with PR guy, hoping to have something to bring to the council next meeting. He also writing a proposal for a "Cars & Community" program to gather twice a month and boost tourism. Still working on details and what all will be needed with insurance and legalities.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- We have some radio suggestions for chief to try before we move forward with more powerful radios that would require a permit. Marie has ordered backpacks for emergency management, just to get an idea of sizes and what we might need.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Awaiting final certified surveys. Once we receive the official surveys, we need to proceed with the attorney in getting some dangerous trees removed. We need a street light on Davis street. Bill will get the pole number for Marie to call PSE with.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- nothing new to report

CORRESPONDENCE-

Letter from a citizen distributed to council regarding our decision to move forward with Utility postcards rather than a sealed envelope. They believe it is personal information should not be visible. This decision was made because of the savings in labor hours and postage.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 council member Sellers seconded, motion carried.