

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 12, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Opened at 6:01 PM. Comments were requested to be received prior to 5pm on 8/12. No residents in attendance through zoom. Hearing closed at 6:05

**ROLL CALL:** Called to order at 6:05 – presided by Mayor Sellers at Town Hall. Council Members, Kramer and Zumba were present via Zoom Video Meeting. Council members Thawsh, Summers and Sellers were present at town hall. Clerk Marie Wellock and Attorney Reynolds were present in person. Social distancing as well as mask protocols were in place.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included following items:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting held July 22, 2020
2. Approval of bills as budgeted and printed for August 12, 2020
3. Resolution 2020.10 Regarding the 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan
4. Resolution 2020.12 to amend the SCORE Interlocal agreement adding a \$35 booking fee

Motion to approve consent agenda made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

1. Speeding Concerns on Railroad, comment received 8/10- would like speed bumps, someone is going to get hurt. A car crashed 8/10 and struck a tree. If it weren't for that tree, the truck would have hit the house.
  - a. Nothing at this time we can do. Speed bumps carry liability and require traffic studies. Police have been patrolling more often.
2. Citizen would like to install a "Blessing Box or Little Free Pantry" by the little free library, comment received on 8/11. This would contain nonperishable foods for those in need, supplied by other community members.
  - a. Council concerned about the upkeep of this kind of program. Attorney warned the council that these have become problematic in rural communities with vandalism and other issues. Council was not in favor of this at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HBHansen Claim-** The town has agreed to mediation with HBHansen. This will take place on 9/29.

**Logging Committee:** We are going to seek bids for the removal of all the trees at the South end of the cemetery. There are a few trees in the urn garden that will be left as taller stumps. We will use proceeds to clean up the cemetery and replant cemetery appropriate plants/ trees/ shrubs. Will report back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Police Reports Distributed for July, along with a list of the traffic infractions given in 2020
  - a. We are still seeking additional traffic patrols in the budget for 2021
2. 3 new pumps have been purchased for the Wastewater System. One is a lift station pump and the others are actually in the plant. These have a 10-12 week lead time and will be put into service immediately upon receipt.
3. The fire house has a failing HVAC. Quotes from Code Mechanical distributed to repair the 26 year old system, as well as a quote for a new system. Council member Thawsh Motioned to purchase the new system, council member Sellers seconded, voted on and carried.

- a. Newly appointed Fire Chief Skogen was present and informed council that there would be a new “Brush Fire Truck” coming to the fleet and it would likely be stationed in Wilkeson.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. Town was contacted regarding out of town water connection availability. This plan is in it’s infancy and we are reviewing the information as it comes and forwarding it to G&O to see if this is feasible.
2. The Town has submitted a plan to the county to annex it’s properties in to the town limits.

**COUNCIL REPORTS- NONE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

**Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer-** Bacon and eggs is moving forward. John Hilding has a few plans that he would like to see through that are going to require additional engineering and costs. We will see if this is something that we can work into the project or have to fundraise to complete.

**Community Development, Mark Zumba-**

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** Backpacks have been put on hold due to the current financial situations and climate. Will re-evaluate soon

**Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-**

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-**

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Opened at 6:45, goal of 10 minutes to close. Council agreed to 2 additional 10 minute extension for further discussion. Executive session closed at 7:09

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 council member Thawsh seconded, motion carried.