

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00– presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Sellers and Summers were present. Council Member Kramer was present on Zoom and Council member Zumba arrived shortly after roll call. Clerk Marie Wellock was also present. Appropriate distancing and masking measures in place.

Approval of Consent Agenda which included:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting held February 24th, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted March 10th, 2021
3. Approval of leak credit for account 1384.0

Motioned by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Summers, and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The planner has been working on several documents and draft code changes that would be required for the towing company to operate. Customer parking, landscaping and turning radiuses are necessary for her scope and the necessary environmental evaluations to be completed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Town will be receiving a second round of funding in the latest COVID recovery plan. The total amount has not been officially released. We will have more time to decide how to best use the funds, through December of 2024 and a broader scope of how the funds can be used.
2. Hand Car Races are a go so far for this year. It will take a lot of assistance from our businesses and community to make it happen
3. The Eagles would like to have a Hot Saw contest at Coke Oven Park. The council does not object to this, but Marie will need to reach out to Mike on the liability and what will have to be done.
4. Eagles is planning a Spring Bazaar, may need overflow space into town hall or in the parking lot. Dates and additional information to follow.
5. We have had an issue with illegal dumping at the Town Pit. We need to get no trespassing signs with the amount of the fine as well as the crime and ordinance hanging in those areas to deter people.
6. Review of Police Stats for February
 - a. Need officers to sit on South side of town.

MAYORS REPORT:

Council Member Morrell was pleased to call and report that Melmont is now an official Ghost Town and the first “ghost town” listed in Pierce County. Most ghost town’s in Washington are on the East side.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- B&E is well underway, they hope to finish it next week.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Working on an ATV Jamboree at Evans Creek, more detail to follow. Also there have been many people wandering around town, while they wait for pizza, asking questions and seeing the sights

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Cemetery looks great and the trail. Storage bis for the emergency backpacks have been ordered. **Marie** added that there is a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic happening on 3/13

and if there were locals still in need, to have them reach out to us to get scheduled. People must meet current eligibility requirements (described in Phase 1A Tier 1&2 as well as Phase 1B Tier 1) to receive the vaccine.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- would like to talk to Mike and Luke prior to the Town Hall Fence Demo, to get on the same page about the plan

Utilities, Rick Sellers- There are 2 pumps that are out of commission, being worked on. These pumps are made in Europe and the lead times are long. It is best to get them fixed as soon as possible and back in service.

Executive Session: 15 minutes allotted for Labor Contract Discussions-_Opened at 7:03pm and closed at 7:18.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 council member Zumba seconded, motion carried.