

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
March 24, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00– presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh and Sellers were present at town hall. Council Member Kramer, Summers and Zumba were present on Zoom. 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 March 10th 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted March 24th, 2021

Motioned by council member Kramer seconded by council member Zumba, and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

Several members of the Wilkeson Booster Club as well as many other interested members joined the council to discuss the potential for Handcar Races in 2021. Daryl Dinwiddie was the primary speaker on their behalf explaining what was needed to make it happen this year. There was discussion of moving the date outward to try to avoid restrictions as well as scaling back the event and trying to keep it very local and only advertise it in Wilkeson and Carbonado. They will reconvene and contact the other businesses in town and attempt to get the booster club up and running.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nothing new regarding the tow company/ code changes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Handcar races- Above
2. Burnett Plat water sales- town would be able to sell water to Burnett Landing as we have open connections. However there are many unknowns at this time. The engineers are asking for water availability certificates for 74 plots. It is our understanding that these letters can't be completed at this time because our water system does not extend to this plot of land. Water availability is used for determining fire flow as well as gallons per minute of the system. Marie will ask Luke to follow up on this request.

MAYORS REPORT:

The Town is applying for 4 different federal appropriations requests for various reasons. The top priority requests are for entirely new water and sewer lines, pumps, lift stations and alarms and repaving all the roads effected by this repair. The other is for upgrades and repairs to our water system including fixing a damaged spring, a new chlorinator and chlorine shed, water tank or second source at north side of town near the cemetery and new electrical and alarms at the watershed. The others are smaller requests for town hall renovations and new equipment including trucks, backhoe, mini, dump truck and a Wilkeson Fire Truck.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- B&E nearly completed. John Hilding stopped by to thank everyone who helped see this idea through.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- nothing at this time

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- cemetery looks great as usual. Still waiting on our storage bins to arrive for the back packs and if chief has any things he can add to the bags from preparedness.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- nothing at this time

Utilities, Rick Sellers-

Executive Session: 15 minutes allotted for Labor Contract Discussions- not needed

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Thawsh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 council member Sellers seconded, motion carried a 6:45pm