

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
May 12, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Sellers, Kramer, Summer and Zumba were present. Emily Terrell, town planner was present as well as clerk Marie Wellock. Appropriate distancing and masking measures in place.

Approval of Consent Agenda which included:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting held April 28th 2021
 2. Approval of bills as budgeted May 11th, 2021
 3. Town purchasing 6 hanging baskets for the light poles as well as town hall, 2 others will be donated
- Motioned by council member Thawsh seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Chief Skogen was present to discuss the happenings with regard to Emergency Services:
 - There was a structure fire in town, the response time was 6 minutes and in all there were a total of 17 responders from 3 jurisdictions. The fire cause was discussed and currently the home is not liveable.
 - The Ash Street Closure Emergency fire plan was carried out in active drill. 50 cadets were in the training and this will be done quarterly to ensure all those responding are aware of the unique situation.
 - Wilkeson Station Residents to follow up with the affected parties on a nearly weekly basis to make sure they have the tools necessary for prevention and to make sure they know that the first responders are aware of their unique situation.
 - We have a long term loaned ATV from AMR, at the station in Wilkeson that can be used for emergency medical responses and fire responses over the bridge if necessary.
2. Planner Emily weighted in on the Ash Bridge issue and the number of permits and approvals they would need to receive in order to carry out the repairs. The work can be done in an emergency fashion, but all requirements still have to be met, even if the work was completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burnett Plat Development/ Water Sales

Discussion heard from Dom Miller, Engineer for Town of Wilkeson regarding a plat development plan for a neighboring community. Planner Emily offered additional information as well. David Toyer and Brett Allen are contractors involved in this development and offered to answer council questions regarding the proposed plat. After much discussion and questions and answers, Council is ok to move forward with the plat as presented, and will move further into the project working on a developer agreement for involved parties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2021.01 was presented to the council, Council Member Thawsh motioned to approve this ordinance regarding adding commercial towing to the acceptable commercial district use. Much discussion occurred and many questions were fielded by Emily regarding use requirements and what would be expected before occupancy was granted. Council concerns over noise and light(s) disturbances to neighboring properties as well as how it may look on our Main Street. Council did not vote on this motion for this ordinance, instead asked that it be tabled for the next meeting. The environmental requirements for this

occupancy would take several months to accomplish and council needs time for additional research prior to making a decision.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor approached Senator Fortunato regarding renaming SR165 to the “The Glacier Highway” quite some time ago. It has gone through the channels at the state level and was approved for the name change. New signs will be going up with the new name starting in Buckley all the way to Mowich Lake.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- Ribbon cutting for B&E is scheduled for 5/21 at 2pm. There are several state agencies that will be present and will want to speak. Marie and Jennifer to work on the plan for that ceremony.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Nothing at this time

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Still waiting for the Historic Preservation Grant to be Awarded, date set for 5/25. Town really is looking great, the streets are clean and the vegetation has been cut back and maintained well.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Eagles has an event coming on 5/22 and may need to utilize some outdoor space in the front of the eagles and would like to block off the midsection of parking to keep patrons safe from passing vehicles. Concerns over the businesses losing out on already scarce parking. Will work on alternative plans if it gets to the point where that space is required.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Nothing at this time

Executive Session: Not needed

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm, council member Zumba seconded, motion carried.