

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
June 9th, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Sellers, Summer and Zumba were present. Marie Wellock was also present. Appropriate distancing and masking measures in place.

Motion to excuse council member Kramer made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Summers and carried

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 26th, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted for June 9th 2021
3. Resolution 2021.06 to enter into contract with the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to receive allocated funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Motion made by council member Summers to approve consent agenda, seconded by council member Thawsh, voted on and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Doug Green- Greens Towing- was present to update the council. He is working with Emily and moving forward with the next steps for the temporary use permit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Businesses are requesting town-maintained garbage cans for the influx of traffic in town. Council would like to see the businesses put out their own, nice looking trash receptacles and maintain them. The concern over the ashtray is that it will likely be neglected by the businesses and therefore become a fire hazard. No to both items currently.
2. There are several items that town staff would like to surplus, we are getting a list of all of their part numbers and such and will get them over to the Attorney for the resolution to surplus property.
3. HBHansen's settlement offer was accepted and after further review is less than we initially passed due to LD's and retainage being included in the offer.
4. A neighboring parcel is using hogs/ cattle for land clearing near the cemetery. The hogs' owner has the hogs insured and would be willing to let them graze/ clear the property if the council is interested. Council is a go if there is no liability to the town for those animals.
5. The community garden is taking considerable time to keep the grass down. Maintenance would like to cover the grass with weed barrier and place "hog fuel" on top of it to cut out the need for maintenance within the garden. Council agrees. Mike and Luke to move forward on this.
6. Need a letters sent to XXX Church regarding the tarp as well as XXX Albert regarding the condition of the property.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is giving us an allocation of funds in 2021 and 2022. We are awaiting the final guidance from OFM regarding how we can spend those funds. We have some ideas and once we get that guidance, we can make a solid decision in a study session as to how we will use them.

2. The town really needs some new picnic tables, benches, and a couple garbage cans. We have had a huge influx in traffic recently and people enjoying the outdoors. We would like to see if Pierce County has some funding available to assist us. Ultimately this boils down to supporting tourism and our businesses. Ideally the tables will need concrete pads for maintenance purposes and that needs to be taken into consideration in the costs as well.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer-

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Council member Zumba laid out his vision for Coke Oven Park. He has been hiking in and around the tracks and has some measurements of the area and ideas for how we could utilize the space. Council is excited about his ideas and he will begin building a committee to keep this vision moving forward.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- We need to begin the process for logging the areas in the watershed as well as the cemetery. Marie to see what our first steps are.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Council chambers needs new light bulbs as well as the fixtures cleaned out.

Utilities, Rick Sellers-

Executive Session:

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Sellers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm, council member Summers seconded, motion carried.