

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
July 14th, 2021

Public Hearing: opened at 6:00 regarding the "Complete Streets Ordinance." Several community members were in attendance, without questions or concerns for this ordinance. Hearing closed at 6:02

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:03- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Sellers and Summers were present. Council Member Zumba was present on Zoom. Council Pos. #1 is now vacant. Marie Wellock was also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 23rd, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted for July 14th, 2021
3. Ordinance 2021.02 Regarding the adoption of a "Complete Streets Policy"
4. Approval of the Data Sharing agreement between Town of Wilkeson and the State Auditors Office
5. Resolution 2021.08 regarding the continuation of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. David Toyer with Toyer Strategic Advisors came by to answer any questions that the Council may have had about the Burnett Plat. He said that they have not yet submitted the package to Pierce County and if Wilkeson decides to back out of this, that they will look for other sources for water. The goal of the plat is to cluster the plot in to 1-2 acre lots, with open green spaces and the remaining land will be left as open space. This plot would maximize the number of parcels for this plat of land as a whole.
 - a. Bob Harding from Burnett Water was in attendance and expressed concerns for where the proposed homes/ parcels are going and how it could impact Burnett Water. Mr Toyer digressed, stating that he is not privy to the impacts to the water/ aquifer, only the land/ plat design. He said there are others that are the professionals working on that, but that he couldn't answer those questions for them.
 - b. Christine Wilde asked about a well moratorium in Western WA. Emily answered that individual wells are not of concern, but that community wells require more work in the approval process.
2. Christine Wilde
 - a. Concerns over people parking at Roosevelt Park as an overflow for their home as well as blocking the handicap space. Marie will follow up with Buckley Police on this matter
 - b. Speeding through town is a huge concern. People only slow for the business district and drive very fast through the rest of Church St. Marie will follow up with Buckley Police on this issue.
 - c. Questions regarding the removal of the town hall fence. Council let her know that we are repairing the blades and repainting them. Fence will go back up as it was, with new posts.
3. Berkley Bachmeier was in attendance and expressed his interest in filling the open council position seat for the remainder of the term. He understood that the council will make that appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Emily Terrell, Town Planner was in attendance to discuss a few items:

- a. Code Updates for ADU/ Accessory Buildings. Our code is lacking definitions and clear standards. She would like to proposed some new language for updates that are consistent with what the State is looking at requiring cities to do with regard to accessory dwellings. Proposal will be at the next meeting, where council can suggest edits. This will be a new ordinance and will require public input.
 - b. Update on the Ash Bridge- The permit process is moving right along. There will be exceptions to the means of getting all the standard approvals done prior to construction because the fish window opens tomorrow and is 47 days long.
 - c. An interlocal proposal was presented to update our code, handouts and forms for several building, planning and land use matters. This will allow customers to go to our website to obtain accurate information about these processes and how to go about beginning their projects. This could be covered under a, Risk Management Grant from our risk pool insurer. Marie and Emily will make the case to them to attempt to get these funds as there are legal implications for giving incorrect information or not following the processes that the state has outlined. Council would like to move forward. The interlocal agreement will come up for vote at the next council meeting.
2. Request was made of council from Cascade Soccer Club for a banner to be posted in town, Bill would like to know where they're proposing to put it, Marie to follow up.
 3. Town Property Tax/ Real value assessments distributed to council for review
 4. Q2 financials distributed to council for review
 5. Police report for June distributed to council for review
 6. The office will be closed intermittently due to the Clerks FMLA protected absences. Notification will be made as soon as possible as upcoming closures are sorted out.
 7. Council Member Summers motioned to appoint Berkley Bachmeier to Council Position #1, as Jennifer Kramer resigned her position, council member Sellers Seconded, voted on and carried unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT:

We spoke to the Governors Assistant, Jon Snyder about ways to obtain some funding for needed equipment and infrastructure. He gave us some ideas, but the Governors office itself cannot appropriate funds.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, VACANT-

Community Development, Mark Zumba- Will have a booth at the HC races to see if there is community interest in his ideas before moving forward with planning with the County and RCO.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Can we get an ETA on when the animals will be clearing the land next to the cemetery. Would also like to organize "national night out" again on 8/3/2021.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Fence is in progress still. He is looking for a replacement backhoe and would like a quote on transitioning the fixtures in the council chamber to LED. Also keep an eye on the Public restroom for concerns of vandalism.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- none

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, council member Zumba seconded, motion carried.