

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
September 8th, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members, Thawsh, Sellers, Bachmeier, Zumba and Summers were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was present as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 25th, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted for September, 2021
3. Leak Credit Account 1458.0

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ADU's were again discussed more questions arose regarding hook ups and fees associated with ADU's versus regular homes. Council member Summers does not believe that we have enough information cleared up at this time and would like to schedule a committee meeting on 9/15 at 5:30pm to clear these items up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Police reports distributed. There has been a significant decline in traffic infractions/ traffic stops, yet it continues to be a huge concern for our citizens. There is a tentative meeting set with Chief Alfano and this will be an item discussed.
2. The Red Caboose is in rough shape and will likely require a full renovation. There was talk about slightly relocating the caboose closer to the community garden to accommodate future parking needs. We need to have the feasibility of moving and renovating the caboose evaluated.
3. There is a lot more traffic downtown with all of the businesses open. We should look at the feasibility of making the fire station gravel lot, overflow parking for the downtown corridor. We need to measure the space, talk to the Fire Chief and price out the number of parking stops needed to make this work.
 - a. Council raised the question about the NPS property near the town restroom. The building is not in good shape and it is underutilized space in the downtown. Mayor and Clerk have reached out to NPS recently and they are not interested in doing anything with this property at this moment, but they are working for it to become the ranger station.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. We are meeting with the businesses on 9/14 to discuss the plans and needs for our downtown commerce. The draft agenda was presented and council did not have anything to add at this time.
2. Council Member Morrell would like to come here with a production team and take some footage of the historic buildings, mines and homes to compile a video for the county council that would promote park growth and attractions in the canyon. They are working on some tentative dates and we will keep the council posted.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Berkley Bachmeier- Met with Mike regarding park needs. Mike has a lot of ideas and for the parks. There are trees that need to be removed that are in the way/ or unwell. He would

like some quotes for this work as well as some fencing, sealant for the skate park, topsoil, gravel, and grass seed to really complete the project.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- There is still a lot of interest in the flattrack, but the people interested are much further ahead of the planning phase we are in. Mark would like to shift gears and focus on getting a park and parking areas in the area and if there is money and interest for more down the road, it can be explored at that time.

- Mr Mayor added that the county likes the idea of a park in that area and we should continue to work with them on bringing this to fruition.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- A citizen would like to place a memorial bench at the cemetery. The request was Ok's, however the bench must not be in the grass where maintenance would have to move it for mowing.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Backhoes are looking to be more expensive than we had budgeted. CM Summers would like to spend an additional 10-15k. Council would be ok with spending more, but we should look at other options, including, but not limited to financing the remaining amount. Also when the fence blades are done being painted, the lumber needs to be picked up from Arrow so the fence can be started.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Zumba motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, council member Summers seconded, motion carried.