

TOWN OF WILKESON

Public Hearing for Corridor Conceptual Plan – 6:30 PM

Regular Council Meeting -7 PM

December 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis opened the public hearing for the proposed Corridor Conceptual Plan for December 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Milda Hadaway was also in attendance.

Mayor Hogerhuis introduced Eric Johnston from Shea-Carr-Jewell who presented a slide show regarding the conceptual plan for the Corridor Improvement Project.

Mr. Johnston reviewed the outcome of the Town's Steering Committee meeting (February 15, 2012) revealing the town's priorities, challenges and opportunities. His firm has come up with a five (5) element areas that could be picked and chosen from for improvement. The areas listed for improvement were: (1) Hope Square, (2) Town Center Walk, (3) South Church Street Path, (4) Town Center Park, and (5) The Trail. Mr. Johnston included maps, renditions, estimated cost, and funding for each element of the project. At his conclusion he informed us that the town was already fifty three percent (53%) towards their funding goal.

Council Endsley questioned the public/private partnership arrangement that Mr. Johnston mentioned as an alternative. Mr. Johnston explained that the town would have to enter into such an agreement when the project included changes to private property. Mr. Johnson also stated that federal funds could not be used for parking facilities, so that might be another used for the public/private partnership.

Council Hallin mentioned the creek under the trestle, which is in the Trail Element, and wondered if the State Fisheries would help since this an area for the fish runs. Mr. Johnson said that he is not sure if that is an avenue or not. Mayor Hogerhuis added that Wilkeson Bridge might be eligible for funding next to the trestle as it is on the State's list as barrier issue for fish.

Mr. Johnston handed out information booklets containing the information in his presentation. Copies of this information will be available in the town hall office.

Mayor Hogerhuis closed the public hearing at 7:15 PM

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ROLL CALL: Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present. Interim Clerk/Treasurer Milda Hadaway was also in attendance.

Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2012

Council Summers made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2012. Council Hallin seconded. Motion passed 5,0,0.

Approval of Bills for December 12, 2012 as budgeted

Council Summers made a motion to approve the bills for 2012 as budgeted. Council Hallin seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5,0,0.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS: (Max. 2 Minutes per Person, Comments Only)

No Public Comments made/ however Mayor Hogerhuis publicly thanked the school, Sue Hallin, Trish Summers and the many others community members for all their help in decorating the town Christmas tree and their involvement in the tree lighting ceremonies.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CORRIDOR CONCEPTUAL PLAN –

Mayor Hogerhuis called for discussion of the Corridor Conceptual Plan. Council Hallin ask of the plans could be changed if warranted. May Hogerhuis answered that any of the designs could be change if wanted. The current presentation is just an ideal of what can be done, a direction to move forward as funding permits. It will be during the design phase that the community would need to work out the details.

The Mayor then called for a motion on the acceptance of the conceptual design.

Council Hallin made the motion to approve the acceptance of the conceptual design developed by Shea-Carr Jewell for the town of Wilkeson’s Corridor Plan. Council Thawsh seconded. The motion passed 5,0,0.

2. 2012 BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Hogerhuis asked if there were any questions from Council, regarding the 2012 Budget. No questions were forthcoming.

3. 2013 BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Hogerhuis said the budget handout is missing the grant from Washington State for town hall improvements and she will add this to the final for next week. The town will budget in a little over \$1,330,000 in grants next year with no match required. Mayor Hogerhuis asked if there were any questions regarding next year’s budget. Council Galbraith informed council that he was talking to Luke Wilbanks, of the water department, and feels we might need to look into putting money aside to get the work truck fixed and add more pipe fittings to our inventory. Mayor Hogerhuis said she has been made aware of the needed repair of the truck, and will ask Luke to initiate repairs immediately. Inventory is part of the budget supplies and will need to be reviewed by staff and grow over a period of time. Town has many different type of pipe sizes and it is hard to keep this stocked due to costs. She is giving each operator a copy of the 2013 water and sewer line item budget to track on their own this year to help them plan.

4. WATER TANK INTERIOR SEALING

Mayor Hogerhuis had been in contact with Russ Porter of Grey and Osborne, after his review of the water tank inspection report. Mr. Porter said that the inspection indicated that the tank needed re-sealing again. Last time it was selected was about 1998. G & O estimated the cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000 for repairs. The mayor remarked that we would probably need to look for grant or loan monies for this and this would be a heads up items to take care of next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CDBG-ALBERT STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT.

Council Thawsh made a motion to approve authorization to complete the NEPA review for the Albert Street Improvement Project Phase II, select engineer from Pierce County list, and allocate funds to be reimbursed by CDBG upon completion. Council Endsley seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5,0,0.

2. ORDINANCE 2012.08 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS BY CHECK PURSUANT TO RCW 35.27.345 AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COMMERCILA BUSINESS CHE KING ACCOUNT AND THE PUBLIC FUNDS INTEREST CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.

Council Summers made a motion to approve Resolution 2012.08. Council Hallin seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5,0,0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utilities – No report

Parks & Cemetery–No report

Rural Town Center Project & Shop Facilities (Sue)She is still working on the cemetery comparisons study.

Hazard Emergency Plan, Fire and Firewise– No report
Shoreline Master Plan (Terry)No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:(1) Diane Murphy has invited Wilkeson to be involved in a neighborhood watch, if someone is interested, to contact her; (2) The mayor has been busy working on the budget and close out of 2012 with Milda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Mike McCarty of AWC for Quality Communities announcing 2013 Quality Communities Scholarship.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.