

TOWN OF WILKESON

Regular Council Meeting

March 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of March 14, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Council members S. Haubrich, T. Summers, I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh and T. Endsley were present. Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn was also present.

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes for February 22, 2012

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2012. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for March 14, 2012 as budgeted

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the bills for March 14, 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Marilynn Smoak, Pierce County Library – Pierce County Reads Proclamation

Ms. Smoak presented this year's Pierce County Reads book choice, "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet". She gave a short synopsis of the book, which is set in the Pacific NW, and left copies of the book for council to read.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

Kathy James – Gave a brief update on the Shoreline Master Plan

Eric Haubrich – No comment

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Firewise Communities Workshop, April 10-11 – Deadline to register March 26th
Councilmember Endsley is tentatively scheduled to attend this workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. White River Families First Coalition Meeting, Monday, March 26th at 4 p.m.
Councilmember Galbraith volunteered to attend this meeting.
2. Buckley Police Report for January and February 2012
Council reviewed the reports.
3. PSRC Regional Grant for extension of the trail to the downtown core.
Mayor Hogerhuis explained that the regional grant was focusing on projects that were going to improve transportation and connectivity for the regional industrial centers outlined in the Pierce Countywide polices. While Wilkeson made it through the first round on the county level, the likelihood of getting funded on the Puget Sound level is minimal. Due to time and effort, she feels that it may be in the town's best interest to pull out of this grant. Wilkeson will have a very good chance for this application in an upcoming county wide grant.
4. Pierce County Wide Grant
Councilmember Summers made a motion to allow Mayor Hogerhuis to apply for the Pierce County Wide Grant. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Heritage Capital Grant
Mayor Hogerhuis gave an update on this grant. If the town is awarded the grant, we will receive \$75,000 to be used first to replace for the windows in town hall, with historically accurate but energy efficient windows, and thereafter for plumbing needs.
6. Request for Public Assistance – Disaster 4056-DR-WA January 14-23, 2012 Severe Winter Storm
The winter storm we had in January has been declared a major disaster for our county. This means that it is possible for the town to be reimbursed the expenses associated with the storm. Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn attended the orientation meeting with FEMA to start the application process. The next step is to have a kick-off meeting with FEMA. This meeting should be scheduled within the next two weeks.
7. Request from the Historical Society for a file cabinet
Councilmember Summers made a motion to donate a file cabinet from surplus to the Wilkeson Historical Society. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Request from the Historical Society for use of the room downstairs to store their supplies
Mayor Hogerhuis explained that the Historical Society would like to have a 10-year lease with the town for use of the empty room downstairs in town hall. Council decided to table the request until more information could be obtained from Town Attorney Mike Reynolds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Cemetery – 1) Had a great turn-out at the first Coke Oven Park meeting, approximately 25 people. Now they are working on a timeline for the project 2) Trisha applied for a program called World Book Night. She was selected so she will receive 20 books to distribute to citizens that may not be able to get to the library. Thank you Trisha!

Rural Town Center Project and Shop Facilities – Thursday, March 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. is the Corridor Project Open House at Town Hall. The engineering firm, Shea-Carr-Jewell, will have many options on display for citizens to comment on. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Gave a brief update on the Shoreline Master Plan 2) Congratulations to Luke Wilbanks for passing his water certification test! 3) Will be placing an article in the local paper titled, “Old Town New Spirit”, highlighting all the projects that have been happening in town. 4) Working with Trisha and Sereh on the above projects.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pierce Conservation District Letter

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 28th day of March, 2012

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____