

# TOWN OF WILKESON

## Fire Services Workshop Regular Council Meeting October 10, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Fire Services Workshop October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present. Attorney Mike Reynolds and Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn were also present.

Attorney Reynolds gave a brief explanation of the town's current contract with East Pierce Fire and Rescue. We currently have a 20 year agreement with the fire district for services and the use of the town's building with about 8 years left on the agreement. The fire district is requesting the town to annex in with the district or renegotiate the agreement, and possible turn over the building asset. It is the fire district's belief that the town is not paying their fair share for services. The Mayor provide information that if the town chooses to renegotiate the contract and annex in, East Pierce may chose stay in our community or could have the option of moving the operations outside of Wilkeson. A former fire commissioner, who resides in a neighboring community, asked if the station is currently manned. The Mayor said she knows that the volunteer pool is down to two and this may end soon. The station needs active recruitment for volunteers or paid staff. He asked if the council knows the response time for aid calls as there is a specific length of time an aid car should respond in. The Mayor said we do not have this data. The council then requested the districts response time to aid, EMS and fire calls. Mayor Hogerhuis asked Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn to request this information from the fire district for the next council meeting. Councilmember Summers asked if the fire district cancels the agreement, do we own any of the equipment. Mayor Hogerhuis said that the town doesn't own the equipment to her knowledge and she will ask the chief about this. The Mayor said if the council chose to start up a volunteer fire department there may be equipment and operational grants or share agreements available for equipment and staff from towns such as Buckley or Carbonado. The town would have one year to develop options if East Pierce chose to leave the contract. Attorney Reynolds recommends not annexing in with the district and continues with the current agreement.

**Close Fire Services Workshop:** Mayor closed the fire services workshop at 6:55 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes for September 26, 2012**

Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2012. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 4-1, Councilmember Endsley abstained.

**Approval of Bills for October 10, 2012 as budgeted**

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the bills for October 10, 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:**

**Kathy James** – I have been attending TCC meetings representing Wilkeson.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Request from resident at 207 Brierhill Blvd for reimbursement of \$295.65 for sewer repair costs. Councilmember Summers made a motion to reimburse the resident the \$295.65 for sewer repair costs that were associated with sewer back-up in June. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Mayor Hogerhuis suggested that if this happens again staff will notify everyone in writing. Motion passed with a vote of 4-1, Councilmember Endsley voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Vision Conference  
Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn attended the Vision Conference in Leavenworth. She discussed a service called Invoice Cloud. This service would allow utility customers to receive their utility bills electronically and allow them to pay on-line with either an EFT check or with a credit card. The service charges can either be absorbed by the town or passed on to the customer. She also received information on handheld meter reading devices.

2. Theft at the Treatment Plant

The treatment plant was broke into and the town lost around \$7000 in equipment. All information has been given to the police department and a claim has already been filed with the insurance company. The town has a \$250 deductible. The Mayor asked staff to open the area up from vegetation for easy monitoring of the shop. Staff is keeping the shop lit at night.

3. Computers for the sewer and water department, up to \$250

Mayor Hogerhuis said that the insurance company is paying to replace the laptop that was stolen. She would like to also purchase a desktop for the sewer department. Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to allow the Mayor to expend an extra \$250 for the purchase of a laptop and a desktop computer for the sewer and water departments. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Rural Town Center Draft Drawing

The drawing was presented for council’s review showing areas in town that can be phased as funds become available.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Parks & Cemetery* – Coke Oven Park Charette will be on Oct. 19-20<sup>th</sup>. On Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dinner/auction at the Wilkeson Eagles for the Skateboard Park.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

1) Created a PowerPoint presentation for the Coke Oven Park Charette. I’ve been working hard on this project – lodging, food, etc. 2) Relinquished the \$208,000 Public Funds Trust Loan since the wells in the watershed no longer need a filtration system. 3) Sent out bid requests for the shop roof. The bid opening will be Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. 4) The bid documents are completed for the town hall windows.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Department of Ecology SMP
- 2.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Land Use                      Start: 7:40 p.m.                      Ended: 7:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hallin seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 4-1, Councilmember Endsley voting no.

**Approved by Council on the 24th day of October, 2012**

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis \_\_\_\_\_