

TOWN OF WILKESON
Re-Scheduled Regular Council Meeting
October 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Re-scheduled Regular Council Meeting for October 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council members B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present. Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn was also present. Councilmember Summers made a motion to excuse Councilmember I. Galbraith from the meeting. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Fire Services Workshop and Regular Council Meeting minutes for October 10, 2012

Councilmember Endsley made a motion to approve the Fire Services Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2012. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for October 24, 2012 as budgeted

Councilmember Hallin made a motion to approve the bills for October 24, 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-1, Councilmember Endsley abstained.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

Wanda Flarity – Introduced herself to council. Wanda asked questions about council procedure.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Pierce Fire & Rescue response times

Attorney Reynolds and Mayor Hogerhuis met with the fire chief and commissioner to discuss the town's current agreement. They were provided a list of response time for emergency services from East Pierce Fire & Rescue. According to the fire department, the response times are longer due to the town being rural. The town requested that the fire station be manned and/ or a commitment to a volunteer drive which would increase the safety of the citizens. The fire chief would like to come back and address the council again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Schedule Budget Workshop

Council will have a budget workshop at 5:45p.m. on November 14th and a public hearing on November 28th at 5:30p.m.

2. Tax and EMS Levy Public Hearing, November 14th at 6:45p.m.

3. Motion to direct mayor to apply for DOE Water Quality loan/grant for Collection System Improvements; specifically of Davis/Rouscher line replacement, lift station improvements, and whole town collection system cleaning and testing.

Mayor Hogerhuis explained that the lift station pumps regularly "rag-up" during the day and night which takes time to declog. This causes alarms, creating after hours work and jeopardizing the water to overflow. In addition, most of the town's lines are cement and these need to be updated. There is 500 feet of sewer line from Hill Street to the bridge still needs hook-ups which will require another lift station. This loan/grant could pay to fix these problems. Councilmember Summers asked if we have the option to deny the loan/grant if we decide not to use it. The Mayor said, yes. She also asked if there was a match. The Mayor would find out if the grant required a match. Councilmember Endsley felt that we should give it a try because the lines have been a problem for years. Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to allow the mayor to apply for the DOE Water Quality Loan/Grant. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Schedule Fire Service Workshop

Council agreed to have the next workshop on November 28th from 6:30 – 7p.m.

5. Utilities Update

The Town of Carbonado is purchasing a new GPS/meter reader and would like to share it with Wilkeson, splitting the cost.

6. Motion to clean and inspect the water reservoir for \$1,525 + tax.

The tank needs to be cleaned according to DOH. The outside of the tank can just be pressure washed. Councilmember Hallin made a motion to allow the cleaning and inspection of the water reservoir for \$1,525 + tax. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-1, Councilmember Endsley abstaining.

7. Motion to hire Wanda Flarity as the Clerk/Treasurer

Councilmember Endsley made a motion that the Mayor hires Wanda Flarity as the Clerk/Treasurer. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Cemetery – Coke Oven Park Charette was a success. Bryan is requesting the WSU students to come up with more detailed plans. Some ideas were moving the tracks further down, restoring two of the coke ovens and creating an amphitheater.

Rural Town Center Project & Shop Facilities – Eric from Shea, Carr and Jewell gave a presentation on October 24th showing the proposed ideas for the downtown core.

MAYOR’S REPORT: 1) Working on employment, grants and projects.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mayor Wilbert from Gig Harbor

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Two Personnel Issues Start: 8:04 p.m. Ended: 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 14th day of November, 2012

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____