

TOWN OF WILKESON
Regular Council Meeting
October 23, 2013

Flag Salute

Public Hearing for Tax and EMS Levy's

Mayor Hogerhuis called public hearing to order at 6:35PM

Present are Laurine & Robert Peloli, Janet Kepka and Bambi Thawsh.

Janet Kepka commented she would like to see Wilkeson keep working with East Pierce.

Bambi Thawsh commented she is in support of the levy's. Nobody likes to have to pay more taxes but it's important for fire and emergency services.

Laurine Peloli commented that she and Robert hope the levy's pass and we can keep East Pierce in town.

Public Hearing for levy's closed at 6:45pm

Public Hearing for 2014 Proposed Budget

Mayor Hogerhuis called public hearing to order at 6:45PM

Present are Laurine & Robert Peloli, Janet Kepka and Bambi Thawsh.

Janet Kepka would like to make sure the water tank funds are still there.

Robert Peloli commented that he understood that the timber revenue is part of the water fund since the timber is part of the water shed. Mayor believed the land was originally purchased with general funds not utility funds and will research for clarification.

Public Hearing for 2014 Budget closed at 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis opened the regular town council meeting at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, R. Fautenberry and T. Endsley were present. Town Clerk Trisha Summers was also present.

Approval of the Scheduled Regular Council Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2013

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2013.

Council member Hallin seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Approval of bills for October 23, 2013 as budgeted

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the bills for October 24, 2013. Council member Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

CITIZENS PRESENT/COMMENTS: (Max. 2 minutes per person, comments only)

Janet Kepka, Bambi Thawsh, Robert and Laurine Peloli. No comments

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2013 Equipment/Vehicle Purchases-Council member Endsley would like to update the draft list provided by staff and Mayor Hogerhuis for council to review based on some ideas he has for repairing vehicles and equipment the town already owns. He will present at next council meeting.

2. 2014 Budget-Mayor reviewed budget with council again-Council can pass the budget as soon as next council meeting.
3. Review of Ordinance 2002.05, increasing sewer rates by 2.00 on January 1, 2014 unless council motions not to increase rates. Council member Endsley motioned not to increase sewer rates at this time. Council member Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Logging update-12,000 trees have been ordered and replanting will be done in January. Replanting will take one day. All logging proceeds have been received by the town with one final expense of repairing the roads after the harvest. Dan is supervising the repairs. A total of 41 acres were logged within the zones approved by council. Dan Bruner is going to provide an updated forest plan by the end of November free of charge. The town will be able to harvest again during the thinning periods within 10 to 15 years.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council member Endsley introduced the State's Resolution 1632, legislation on off-highway vehicles to council. Mr. Endsley asked for council approval to seek legal counsel from the Town Attorney and Chief of Police regarding the purpose of the resolution and how it can be put into effect in town. Council agreed to have council member Endsley check into legislation.

2. 3rd Quarter 2013 Financial Report

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor is busy working on the 2014 budget, conducting interviews to get a planner hired and working on the downtown corridor project. The mayor is also working on union negotiations with council member Endsley. The mayor also advised council that the Muckleshoot tribe awarded Wilkeson a \$5000 grant for the skate park.

PLANNING COMMISSION A public hearing is scheduled for November 20th at 6:30PM to discuss skate park location, skate park design and rezoning of parcel 0619286001 at 22212 163rd St E from single family residential to parks with the inclusion of a skate park facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ian Galbraith, Community & Economic Development-*Francis Dinger still interested in doing a story regarding Mt Rainier and Wilkeson being a gateway to it.*

Robert Fautenberry, Emergency Training Certification & Planning Commission Liaison-*Nothing new to report*

Sue Hallin, Cemetery- *Discussed the need to outline the goals of the cemetery and potential of developing an endowment for long term maintenance.*

Brent Thawsh, parks-*Will work on getting 3 bids for firewood contractor to surplus left over fire wood from logging . Will have bids for next meeting.*

Terry Endsley, Union Negotiations-*Working on equipment needs for town, union negotiations with Mayor*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe-Charitable Donation Grant
Citizen Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, Union Negotiations

ADJOURNMENT:

Council member Thawsh motioned to adjourn at 9pm. Council member Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.