

TOWN OF WILKESON
Regular Council Meeting
September 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Walker opened the council meeting at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL: Council members Ian Galbraith, Brent Thawsh, Bambi Thawsh, Robert Fautenberry and Terry Endsley were present. Town Clerk Trisha Summers and Town Attorney Mike Reynolds were also present.

Approval of council meeting minutes from September 8, 2014

Council member Ian Galbraith motioned to approve the council minutes for September 8, 2014. Council member Brent Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of bills for September 24, 2014 as budgeted

Council member Brent Thawsh motioned to approve the bills for September 24, 2014. Council member Bambi Thawsh seconded. Motion passed with 4 yes and Council member Endsley abstaining.

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

Donna Hogerhuis, Brierhill Blvd.- *I am concerned that the residents do not realize the survey about ORV Ordinance is now being considered as a community vote by council. The survey was not mandatory and there were not enough surveys turned back in to count for an overall vote. I did not turn in a survey, and my comments in person at the July Council meeting missed key points and didn't get counted on the survey. The survey was taken from the City of Goldbar including the For and Against statements that was said to be gathered from Wilkeson residents as of July 31st. I feel this was misleading information. I contacted each community and both Goldbar and Sultan developed ordinances to recover from the nearby closure of Reider Pitts a large ORV Park and camp grounds, and hoped it may re-open. Goldbar and the City of Sultan also worked with a consortium with the county and state agencies, a 2-3 year project. Goldbar did not pass their ordinance. I do not believe this will increase tourism as ATV are not allowed to drive on the county roads and the nearest ORV park –Evans Creek is at least 20 miles away. Was WADOT informed about the use of SR165? I feel this ordinance will bring congestion and litter like what happened between the area of Wilkeson and Burnett, and parking in town will not be available for those who need it. I am concerned that it will bring additional trailers also parking in the turn round by the Coke Oven Park and the riders will head out of town even though it is illegal, what about our neighbors interests? Wilkeson should work with the county and DOT as the same agencies have helped the town with projects and grants. I am not against golf carts like Orting.*

John Magee, Davis St-*How did this ORV Ordinance come about?*

Margie Ross, Brierhill Blvd-*I have witnessed several situations where speeding is an issue on Brierhill Blvd. We have kids doing wheelies over our speed bumps, Schwann man who speeds and several other residents who live in town that speed down Brierhill. I am against the ORV Ordinance because of the many kids that live on or near Brierhill. I feel like it's only going to make the situation worse.*

Greg Ross, Brierhill Blvd- *The idea of a survey representing the people isn't the best idea. It would be a better idea to find a way that better represents the opinion of the people. Maybe another survey with*

stronger language so people understand this is something Council is thinking about. Maybe door to door or a public meeting.

Robert Walker, Davis St-The police will have a hard time patrolling and getting people to comply with the ORV ordinance. There are bikes riding on the Foothills Trail and up and down Davis Street all day long. I am concerned for the children at our daycare and neighbor children. If we pass this Ordinance I feel like it would bring more motorcycles to town and increase the hazard.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Generator at Water Treatment Facility (8/14)–**Chief Predmore sent in a grant application to try and secure funding for a new generator.**
2. Arch log replacement (10/13) – **Council member Brent Thawsh to replace log currently on arch**
3. Parcel 0619284044 (9/13) **Property is posted for sale by owner for \$50,000. No offers so far.**
4. ATV Ordinance (10/13) - **Summary of survey answers are enclosed for council review. Issue tabled until more information can be obtained. Plan to revisit in the Spring of 2015.**
5. Town Parking (9/14) **Council member Bambi Thawsh and Council member Endsley will meet on their own to work on refining Parking Ordinance.**
6. Weight Limit on Streets (9/14) **Council agreed to look into this issue**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. James Morgan-James explained that for the capacity town needs it needs to either refurbish old tank and purchase an additional one or build a new, larger tank. A rate increase will be needed for the capital improvements listed in the comp plan to be done. There will be a public hearing for rate increase discussion before the October 13th council meeting. Chief Predmore commented that he is waiting for the rating to come back from WA Survey & Rating to see what kind of fire flow is recommended.
2. Motion to accept Resolution No 2014.10 renewing the use of the Municipal Research and Services Center small public works roster and consultant roster and approving \$120.00 renewal fee. Council member Galbraith approved and Council member Fautenberry seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Motion to accept Resolution No. 2011.11 authorizing the lending of funds to the Wilkeson Transportation Benefit District. Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned. Council member Fautenberry seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. Review of NIMS compliance classes. Part time employees will be required to take classes.
5. Chief Predmore presented the report of EMS Levy and General Property Tax to council. Chief also advised that there are now two full time residents at the fire station. The paint on the building exterior looks great. Bids are coming back for the laundry facilities so that should start soon. Chief Predmore has also been checking with those electricians about acquiring a generator for the fire station. Within the next couple weeks a group will be visiting Wilkeson Elementary at lunch and recess from Buckley FD. Council and Mayor presented Chief with the a series of historic fire pictures and a thank you letter for the fire station in appreciation of all the hard work and effort the fire station has shown the town.
6. Motion to purchase 8 chairs for the council chambers not to exceed \$2400.00. Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned and Council member Robert Fautenberry second. Motion passed with 3 yes and Council member Endsley abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The sewer and water operators both took the Confined Spaces class on September 12th. They are now certified and ready to go. The town is looking into the pesticide spraying to see what is actually required by law. I attended the Pierce County Council meeting on September 16th in South Prairie where the Coke Ovens were put on the County Register. On September 18th I met and toured town with Pierce County Executive Karrie Rooney. The skate park is complete and landscaping will begin soon. The new lawnmower was stolen from the maintenance truck that was parked at the treatment plant on September 23rd. A hole was cut in the fence and the mower was lifted right off the

trailer it was parked on. We are looking into security measures and will bring recommendations back to council. The Clerk just returned from the WFOA conference and we have started working on the budget. I will have a preliminary budget for council review at our October 13th meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION- Next meeting is September 17th at 7pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ian Galbraith, Community & Economic Development- *nothing new*

Robert Fautenberry, Planning Commission Liaison-*nothing new*

Bambi Thawsh, Cemetery-*wants to purchase chairs for council chambers*

Brent Thawsh, parks-*nothing new*

Terry Endsley-*wants town to look at bids to get doors put on the bays at the WWTP shop to prevent future thefts. Why is equipment parked outside instead of one of the trucks? Mayor responded that the equipment is made to sit out in the rain and we don't have enough bays to park everything under cover. Call the credit card company the mower that was stolen was purchased from because they sometimes will replace such items if purchased with their card.*

CORRESPONDENCE: none

ADJOURNMENT: Council member Fautenberry motioned to adjourn at 9:25 PM and Council member Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.