

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
October 24, 2018



ROLL CALL: Mayor Jeff Sellers, Council Members, Jennifer Kramer, Mark Zumba, Bambi Thawsh and Bill Summers were present. Brad Bushnell was absent. Town Clerk, Marie Wellock was also present. Council member Thawsh motioned to excuse council member Bushnell, council member Summers seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCT 10, 2018

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the council minutes, council member Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS BUDGETED

Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the bills for October 10, 2018. Council member Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

Email- Brett Mueller-637 Railroad- Concerns over unlicensed ATV's in town and the excessive speeding that takes place along Railroad Ave. Has several videos of this happening and the noise from them racing up and down the road is a nuisance. Per council, will forward the email to Buckley Police and have them follow up with the homeowner about the best course of action on this matter.

John Magee- 503 Davis- a thief entered his garage, broke a truck window and stole a briefcase. He is concerned about safety in town. He would like the town to look into a camera system that would make the town safer and more visible. He suggested that he would have a community meeting to discuss security concerns and let us know when that will happen.

Jennifer Kramer- Hill 416- Family is very concerned over the recent bear sightings in town and the report of someone feeding this bear at the skate park. Town clerk will call WDFW and report the nuisance bear and see what can be done to keep the parks safe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Town Projects:

- Foothills Trail Ext
 - *Retaining wall design has changed slightly, will likely be less costly than initially thought. .*
 - *Several obstacles have been identified with the bridge. KPFF, the structural engineering firm is working to resolve these issues with the contractor.*
 - *The project is delayed due to Centurylink utility work that is incomplete. This should be completed no later than 11/2 and the project can move forward.*
- Flagpole Stone/Plaque- *Flag dedication is November 3, at 2pm. Cake and refreshments to follow at the hall. We are still coordinating with the VFW for the ceremony.*
- Clean up XXX Church St- *Chief Predmore is working on contacting the home owner to speak with him in person.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council member Thawsh motioned to approve the leak credit for Rainier Ranch as the hydrants were used in a recent fire, in the amount of 198.80. Council member Kramer seconded, motion passed unanimously
- Council member Thawsh motioned to approve up to \$150 for new mats for town hall. Council member Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Council member Summers motioned to approve Ordinance 2018.09 amending Wilkeson Municipal Code, Section 13.05.090, adding that, “if the use of the shut off valve results in damage to the meter and/ or the town utility, the property owner shall be responsible for the cost to such damages. Council member Thawsh seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Council member Thawsh motioned to approve Resoulution 2018.11 concerning RRMA consolidation agreement as Attorney Reynolds has approved the language, council member Summers seconded, motion passed unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT:

- Meeting with Chief of police. Discussed many options for 2019 including the potential to increase hours. Talked about strategy and being in different places when patrolling as speeding in town is a huge concern for citizens. He is open to our suggestions and needs. Council to decide how much time is appropriate. Look into grants where the town might be able to gift Buckley funds for police patrols/ training/ hiring.
- Pierce County called and let us know that they have “earmarked” \$60,000 in the budget for the town of Wilkeson for the foothills project, however the work needs to be procured and completed in 2019. Discussed getting quotes to repave the parking lot next to town hall. Will continue the discussion.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- *Procuring bids for Roosevelt Park and brainstorming ideas with the construction companies about how to move forward with the project and how citizens can get involved. Meeting 10/30 on site to discuss options and costs. With the assistance of Council member Thawsh, they discussed the need for the town emergency map, creating zones of the town, maybe 3-4 and each zone will have an emergency backpack with several needed items. Will get a cost for each zone pack and see if there is funding available.*

Community Development, Mark Zumba- *Facebook page is doing well, people are contributing some really great things. Would like to look into purchasing a camera for taking pictures of town and around town to add to the site.*

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- *see above with Council member Kramer*

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- *nothing at this time*

Utilities, Brad Bushnell- *absent*

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, council member Kramer seconded, motion passed unanimously.