

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
February 24, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00– presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Zumba, Sellers, Summers and Kramer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was absent, council member Zumba will take notes in her absence. Appropriate distancing and masking measures in place. The meeting was also streamed via zoom for community participation.

Approval of Consent Agenda which included:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting held February 10th, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted February 24, 2021
3. Approval of Resolution 2021.04 to enter into Phase 2 Construction funding agreement with Washington State Emergency Management for the Bank Stabilization project.

Motioned by council member Summers, seconded by council member Kramer, and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

Doug Green from Greens Towing was present to discuss a potential lease on the property at the Old Service Station. After much discussion, the town would need to make towing an approved commercial use in the municipal code. This process will take Emily's involvement and will come at a cost the respective tenant, said tenant agrees to cost estimates. Council is in agreement to move forward with the planning side and code updates necessary for this proposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The Fire Department would like to move the Studebaker fire engine from the station to the town hall. Will need to make room for it, but it will fit in the bay. Council agrees that we need to purchase an RV cover for it for preservation during storage. Chief will need to get dimensions for cover.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Business Assistance- we need to look at purchasing tents or tables to accommodate the influx in dining guests in town. More research needed as to what exactly is needed, the cost of those items and where it will be placed.

MAYORS REPORT:

Nothing new at this time

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Jennifer Kramer- B&E is well underway, there have been some weather challenges, but it is coming along.

Community Development, Mark Zumba- HB-1251 is currently under consideration that would allow WATV travel between unincorporated county roads and towns, this could bolster our tourism. We will watch this closely to see how it may impact our town moving forward.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Storage needed for our emergency backpacks at the fire station as well as town hall. Council member Kramer motioned to approve up to \$200 for storage bins for our emergency backpacks, seconded by council member Summers, voted on and carried.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Burnett Water Plat- further discussion regarding the plan for homes between Wilkeson and Burnett. Will need more information moving forward and will likely need to involve G&O to get the information they are requesting, completed.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Nothing to report at this time.

Executive Session: 15 minutes allotted for Labor Contract Discussions-Opened at 7:13pm and closed at 7:23.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 council member Zumba seconded, motion carried.