

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2022

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Jeff Sellers was given the oath of office by Council Member Thawsh as acting Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Thawsh and newly elected Council Member Krista Farmer were given the Oath of office by Mayor Sellers.

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:05- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Sellers, Summers, Thawsh and Farmer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was present as well.

Motion made by council member Thawsh to excuse Council member Murphy, seconded by council member Sellers and passed without opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 22nd, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted for December 2021 "open period."
3. Approval bills as budgeted for January 12th, 2022

Motion made by council member Thawsh to approve consent agenda, seconded by council member Farmer voted on and carried.

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

Pierce County Council Member Dave Morrell was present for the duration of the meeting. He did speak briefly about some county ARPA funds that may be available for the Town of Wilkeson, with a smaller match. They will keep us informed as more information comes available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of proposed fee schedule for 2022, including increasing the utility rates to the levels determined by the Water Comprehensive Plan as well as the Wastewater Facilities Plan. Each council member was given an example based on their last billing to see what the increase would look like.
2. Council member Thawsh nominated council member Summers to be the Mayor Pro Tem from January to June 2022. No other council member offered to hold this, so council member Summers accepted.
3. Parks facility plan update draft is ready for review. The council will receive an electronic copy and we will seek public input at the next meeting.
4. The Wilkeson Eagles would like to use Coke Oven Park for their chainsaw contest on 5/14/22. Council member Thawsh motioned to allow that use, council member summers seconded, motion approved.

MAYORS REPORT:

-Park Entrance- There is a cooperative effort in the works to push the National Park Service to work on reopening. The draft will be presented to the council when it is ready. HWY 165 is a mess going to the Mowich Entrance.

-The Friends of the Carbon Canyon would like to use town hall for their upcoming meeting. They do not have a date yet, just wanted to see if they could have permission.

- We need to set a Banner committee meeting. Mayor, council member Thawsh and Janet Peloli would like to be involved. We will see what days work for her and set up a meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- Was able to get in touch with previous council member Bachmeier to get up to speed on the projects that he was working on. She would like to see the parks plan as well as the coke oven park conceptual drawing.

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- Absent

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Was asking about the logging and what we needed to do to get the ball rolling. Asked questions as to how we go about doing this and what steps need to involve the forester. Marie to reach out to Dan Brunner to see what we need to do.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-

Utilities, Rick Sellers- nothing

Executive Session:

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Sellers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm, council member Summers seconded, motion carried.