

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
October 27th, 2021

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Sellers, Bachmeier, Zumba and Summers were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was present as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 13, 2021
2. Approval of bills as budgeted for October 27th, 2021
3. 2022.11 Resolution to authorize Mayor Sellers to enter into an interlocal agreement for comprehensive solid and hazardous waste management planning with Pierce County.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

None Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wilkeson Marathon Request-
 - a. Marathon organizers reached out to the town about a marathon in July. It would be the Wilkeson 10k. They would like to use the town logo in the advertisements. Town council does not object.
2. Request received from Attorney Reynolds for 2022 FY Retainer fee. Town council would like to look at options for perhaps going hourly instead of retained. Would like Clerk to continue looking at options.
3. Town Council reviewed the quote from Radarsigns for 2 signs for town. Council member Summers motioned to approve the quote by radar signs for FY2022 Budget, seconded by council member Zumba and carried.
4. Payment plan letters were sent to all the residents in arrears with a payment plan for 6 months no interest, no late fees as required by the state. Customers will have to pay at least 1/6 of the back balance plus the current month to keep service on.
5. With the help of G&O and Tovani Hart, estimates have been created for the planning, engineering and preconstruction for Town Hall renovations. The estimated cost to get construction ready, with 90% plans and specifications is \$95,000. We will apply for a T-Moblle Hometown Grant to fund this phase.
6. Businesses are eager to see the overflow parking area completed. There is some ground work that needs to be done ordering signs directing visitors. When the new backhoe is commissioned it will be done. Signs will include Historic District Overflow Parking/ No Overnight Parking.
7. We have 3 options for backhoes that are currently for sale. Motion made by council member Summers to buy the 2008 Volvo Backhoe from Hickle Construction for \$45,000 plus trading our backhoe as is, council member Bachmeier seconded, after much discussion, **vote- 3 yes, Summers, Thawsh and Bachmeier, Nay- Sellers, abstain- Zumba**

MAYORS REPORT:

We will hold a budget meeting on 11-3 at 6pm. The purpose of this is to get enough time set aside to thoroughly get through the entire budget in one seating, which we typically do not get if we do it prior to a meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Berkley Bachmeier- Has had 2 people come out and look at the trees in question that need to be removed. There is one more company coming, and they will all provide quotes in sections so we are able to budget for their removal in phases.

Community Development, Mark Zumba-

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Parking is very concerning. People park the wrong direction on roads, on the sidewalks, the areas of roads that are posted no parking, with no recourse. BPD needs to be made aware. People should take a photo of the car in violation and send it to the mayor so he may present something to the Chief. The Cottonwood tree at Coke oven park is getting closer to falling. PSE has been notified of the danger to their lines. We are awaiting reply.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Town hall fence is in the works. The blades are almost done We need to get in contact with NPS about the house next to town hall and try to get them moving on the plans for the ranger station, or perhaps to sell the house to the town. Council member Summers would also like to see a side by side purchased for the utility department. It would be used for reading meters, summer help transportation and all other activities that require a small vehicle to access. 25k is requested for the 2022 FY budget. The town's watering system needs to be utilized by the crew next year. It will cut down watering times.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Nothing at this time.

Executive Session:

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm, council member Zumba seconded, motion carried.