

# TOWN OF WILKESON

## Regular Council Meeting

April 13, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of April 13, 2011

**ROLL CALL:** Council members D. McQueen, R. Hanson, S. Haubrich, T. Summers and B. Gilbert are present. Also present, Attorney Mike Reynolds.

**Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes March 23, 2011**

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 23, 2011. Councilmember Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills for April 13, 2011 as budgeted**

Councilmember McQueen made a motion to approve the April 13, 2011 as budgeted. Councilmember Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Request from citizen to not back bill for previous three years of sewer charges.  
Marsha Derby presented her side of the unbilled sewer issue. She provided information from other municipalities to state her case as to why she shouldn't be billed. Attorney Reynolds commented that council could adjust the financial amount if they had just findings. Councilmember Gilbert made a motion for the Town of Wilkeson to forgive 2/3 of the past sewer charges and have Ms. Derby be responsible for the remaining 1/3 in the amount of \$1,089.41, based on the following just findings: 1) She always paid her monthly bill on time 2) She disclosed the error on her bill 3) She paid a surcharge to have the sewer connected 4) The town had a responsibility to accurately charge her.  
Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.
2. Councilmember Summers made a motion to allow Ms. Derby to make payments on the \$1,089.41 at the discretion of the administration. Councilmember Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request to purchase lumber for the new Court Clerk office.  
Mayor Hogerhuis was asked, by council, to request the court to pay for the lumber fee for this project. This request was tabled until the April 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting to give Mayor Hogerhuis time to talk with the court.
2. Coke Oven Park  
Mayor Hogerhuis suggested putting a fence around the coke ovens to prevent any further damage. Councilmember's felt the cost would be too high and the fence could possibly be vandalized. Attorney Reynolds suggested annexing Coke Oven Park into the town limits so council could establish fines for vandalism. Councilmember Gilbert suggested posting no motorized vehicle signs around the park. The Mayor will have Luke purchase and place the signs. She will also have him place a barrier across the trail that the vehicles are driving on.
3. Request to contract with Vision Municipal for clerical support in the amount of \$600 per year.  
Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve authorizing a contract between the Town of Wilkeson and Vision Municipal for clerical support in the amount of \$600. Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Request for Vision Municipal to prepare the Town of Wilkeson's Annual Report for 2010 in the amount of no more than \$750.  
Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the Town of Wilkeson contracting with Vision Municipal to prepare the 2010 Annual Report for no more than \$750. Councilmember Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Request to reimburse \$31.12 to Doug Paulson for his expenses for the repair on Pearl Street.  
Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to reimburse Doug Paulson \$31.12 for his expenses on Pearl Street. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:**

Marsha Derby – Presented her case for the unbilled sewer bill.

Florence Fabiani – Wanted to know if the planning commission had consulted the council regarding the new business being built in town. She is also concerned about having better driving access leaving the post office. She suggested that the town look into purchasing the property on Vine Street next to the post office to make a better view point when exiting the post office parking lot.

Janet Kepka – No comment

East Pierce Fire & Rescue, Assistant Chief Emergency Management/Volunteer Jim Jaques - No comment

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** 1) It looks unlikely that we will received the Heritage Grant for \$75,000 2) Working on archiving all the town's records 3) Melanie attended two workshops, one on electronic records management and the other for public records requests

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Streets, Sidewalks, Parking and Trails* – Inquire if all the businesses would like 10 minute parking in front of their business

*Community Development* – Town clean-up is Saturday 4/16 next to the fire station.

*Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery* – 1) May 1<sup>st</sup> is the May Day Metric 2) June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Rainier to Ruston

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember McQueen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approved by Council on the 27th day of April, 2011**

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis \_\_\_\_\_