

TOWN OF WILKESON

Regular Council Meeting

April 25, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of April 25, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Council members T. Summers, I. Galbraith, and S. Haubrich were present. Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn was also present.

Councilmember Summers made a motion to excuse Councilmember T. Endsley from the regular council meeting of April 25, 2012. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Galbraith made a motion to excuse Councilmember B. Thawsh from the regular council meeting of April 25, 2012. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes for April 11, 2012

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2012. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for April 25, 2012 as budgeted

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the bills for April 25, 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

Wendy Rogers/Skateboard Park – Ms. Rogers owns rental property next to the proposed skateboard park. She is concerned that the skateboard park could adversely affect her property value. Her renters also have to get up early for work and she was concerned with the proposed hours of operation, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. She supports the building of a skateboard park for the kids in town; she is just concerned with the proposed location.

Jacob McQueen/Skateboard Park – Thinks a neighborhood watch would be great to help monitor the activity at the skateboard park.

Jake Rundhaug/Skateboard Park – If garbage becomes an issue, he offered to volunteer and clean-up the park.

Tanner Summers/Skateboard Park – He would like the town to give the skateboard park a try. If there are any problems he suggested lessening the hours or temporarily closing the park.

Tyler Rasmussen/Skateboard Park – He confirmed that the kids in town will do the fundraisers to raise the money needed for the town's share of the grant match.

Devin Summers – No comment

Karen Osgoodby/Skateboard Park – Ms. Osgoodby wanted to know where the caboose would go if the skateboard park was built and she was concerned if there was enough room at the chosen location for the park. According to Mayor Hogerhuis, the caboose will be moved to another location in town and the lot for the park is sufficiently sized for the park's needs. Ms. Osgoodby, who lives across from the proposed site, supports the skateboard park and thinks it will be great for the youth in town.

Florence Fabiani– No comment

Christine Fabiani-Wilde– No comment

Jim Peloli – Mr. Peloli inquired about the wood in the watershed. Mayor Hogerhuis said that the town had the wood reviewed by our town forester who reviewed the two offers given to town staff and recommended the higher bid. Mr. Peloli wanted to know if the wood went out to a public bid. Mayor Hogerhuis said that it hadn't. He believes that this should have been a public bid. Mayor Hogerhuis assured him that she would contact the town attorney and if this is the correct procedure the Town will go to public bid.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ratification of Pierce County Wide Policies

Town Planner, Kathy James, explained the ratification to council. The county wants to amend the policy and needs a 60% support vote from all cities to pass the policy. If they don't hear from cities they will assume that you agree and are in support. The proposed county wide policies aren't very favorable to small municipalities. In other news, it was lucky for Wilkeson that Mayor Hogerhuis was swift in her actions and got our downtown core acknowledged, not many towns did. This gives an additional point for the upcoming transportation grant cycle.

2. Ordinance No. 2012.02 Animal Control
This motion was table until the May 9th to give council more time to review the ordinance.
3. Resolution No. 2012.05 – Skateboard Park Grant
Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2012.05, a resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the Mayor to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance provided by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for aid in financing the cost of a facility development. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. The Mayor called for questions. Councilmember Summers asked if we could still back out of the grant if we don't raise enough money for the match. Mayor Hogerhuis said the town would have to guarantee this match. She said most of the 50% match is projected as in-kind labor and estimated around \$5,000 in money for fencing materials and other supplies that the kids will have to fundraise. Based on past community fundraisers this is doable. Council asked if a public hearing is required for the park. Town Planner Kathy James said that since the location is already zoned for public parks it would not be required. Council agreed that they would like to conduct a public hearing or meeting anyway. After the discussion, the mayor called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 2012.04 designating an authorized representative to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds.
Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2012.04, a resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington designating an authorized representative to obtain federal and/or state emergency or disaster assistance funds. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding the Shoreline Master Plan – May 16th
Notices will be sent out with utility bills reminding residents of the public hearing. A copy of the plan is at town hall and residents will be able to review the plan on the town's website. The plan will be presented and council has until August 30th to come to an agreement on the plan.
3. Motion to allow the Mayor to apply for a Pierce County Wide Grant
Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to allow the Mayor to apply for a Pierce County Wide Grant for widening Davis Street and for land acquisition in the downtown core. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to allow the Mayor to apply for a WSDOT Pedestrian/Bicycle Grant
Councilmember Summers made a motion to allow the Mayor to apply for a WSDOT Pedestrian/Bicycle Grant for Wilkeson's downtown core. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. 1st Quarter Financials
Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn presented the 1st quarter financials.
6. Motion to renew the Town of Wilkeson's membership with Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition
Councilmember Summers made a motion to renew the town's membership with the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition for \$50. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to authorize the purchase of a metal drop box that will separate court and utility payments – as recommended by the State Auditor
This motion was tabled until the May 9th council meeting when more information would be available.
8. Motion to accept \$72,750 from the State Heritage Capital Project Fund for the Town Hall Renovation Project
Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept \$72,750 from the State Heritage Capital Project Fund for the restoration and energy efficiency of windows in town hall. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Citizen's Advisory Committee for East Pierce Fire & Rescue – April 30th
Mayor Hogerhuis asked if a council member would volunteer to be on the advisory committee or for suggestions of who to ask in our community. Council thought it would be best to ask Councilmember Thawsh first since that is his committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Cemetery – 1) The first skateboard park meeting had 18 people attend, most were local kids. The kids are all willing to do fundraisers to earn the money needed for the town's share of the grant match. Trisha met with neighbors around the skateboard park and she found them all to be supportive of it.

Rural Town Center Project and Shop Facilities – May 3rd is the Steering Committee Meeting

Hazard Emergency Plan, Fire and Firewise – Council decided to assign town employee, Luke Wilbanks as our Firewise Representative.

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Shared the Tacoma News Tribune article about Wilkeson. 2) Working on preapplication packets for residents that are starting building projects. 3) Working with Town Planner Kathy James on the Shoreline Master Plan public hearing. 4) RCO grant is completed and will be submitted tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from John Magee
2. East Pierce Fire & Rescue Email

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Started 8:00 p.m. Ended 8:15 p.m.

Land acquisition

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 9th day of May, 2012

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____