

TOWN OF WILKESON

Regular Council Meeting

August 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of August 24, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Council members T. Summers, B. Gilbert, D. McQueen and S. Haubrich were present.

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes August 10, 2011

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 10, 2011. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for August 24, 2011 as budgeted

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the bills for August 24, 2011 as budgeted. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2011.05, public nuisance

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011.05, as amended. An ordinance of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington incorporating by reference, RCW Chapter 9.66, public nuisance, future amendments thereto, and setting forth penalties. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Town Corridor Grant Planner

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Paul Richards and the City of Sumner to oversee the Town Corridor Project. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Road Resurfacing Grant for Small Cities – Cothary Street Resurfacing Project

Councilmember Summers made a motion to allow Gray and Osborne to apply, on behalf of the town, for the Road Resurfacing Grant for Small Cities. The grant would fund resurfacing Cothary Street. Councilmember McQueen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to approve purchase of mini-excavator with trailer not to exceed \$19,500 plus tax. The funds will come from the \$9,391.63 (Federal share), \$1,565.27 (State share) and \$1,565.27 (Town's share from general fund) approved from the FEMA Grant, the VacTruck trade-in at \$6500, and a difference of \$479.83 plus the sales tax from Town's utility budget.

The request was removed by the Mayor as excavator did not meet town staff needs

4. Request for \$250.00 to be transferred to the street supplies account to purchase a leaf blower for approximately \$499.99 plus tax.

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to transfer \$250 from the general fund into the street supplies account to purchase a leaf blower. Councilmember McQueen seconded. After further discussion it was agreed that the price seemed high so council requested three estimates for the next council meeting. Councilmember's Gilbert and McQueen both rescinded their motions.

5. Sidewalk grant from Davis Street to Hill Street

Councilmember McQueen made a motion to allow Gray and Osborne to apply, on behalf of the town, for a sidewalk grant from Davis Street to Hill Street. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Council Position #2 Candidates Review

The three candidates introduced themselves and council interviewed each of them. Council went into executive session to discuss the candidate's qualifications. After executive session Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to appoint Brent Thawsh to Council Position #2. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hogerhuis then offered the position to Mr. Thawsh, which he accepted. He was sworn into the oath of office by Mayor Hogerhuis.

MAYOR'S REPORT 1) Working on purchasing a mini-excavator and a shop truck 2) Had a meeting with the City of Sumner's city planner

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks, Recreation and Cemetery – During the Corridor planning meeting, Becky would like an emphasis put on connecting the trail to downtown and making it wheel chair accessible

Public Welfare, Safety and Emergency Planning – Darla is working on the Emergency Management Plan.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

1. Tanner Summers and Jacob McQueen, submitted a drawing they created requesting the town to build a skate park. They gave a short presentation explaining what they would like to have built.
2. Brent Thawsh, Natasha Hofer and Sherry Fautenberg, all discussed their qualification and interest in council position #2.
3. Heather Thawsh, no comment
4. Forrest Miller, no comment
5. Bambi Thawsh, support's her son for council position #2. Brent has a great knowledge and love for this community.
6. Devin Summers, no comment

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Minutes for Wilkeson Planning Commission – July and August 2011
2. Letter of Interest for Council Position #2 from Brent Thawsh
3. Letter of Interest for Council Position #2 from Sherry Fautenberg

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Started at 7:43 p.m. and ended at 7:50 p.m.

1. Council candidates qualifications

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 14th day of September, 2011

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hoyerhuis _____