

TOWN OF WILKESON

Regular Council Meeting

December 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of December 14, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Council members R. Gilbert, B. Thawsh, T. Summers, I. Galbraith and S. Haubrich were present. Attorney Mike Reynolds and Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn were also present.

SWEARING IN (OATHS)

Mayor Hogerhuis swore into council position #1 new councilmember Ian Galbraith. Welcome Councilmember Galbraith.

Mayor Hogerhuis presented Councilmember Gilbert with a poinsettia, card and certificate thanking her for all her years of service on the town council. Councilmember Gilbert thanked everyone and commented that our council was the best council she has worked with.

Approval of the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting minutes for November 22, 2011

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes for November 22, 2011. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Special Council Meeting minutes for November 30, 2011

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for November 30, 2011. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for December 14, 2011 as budgeted

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the bills for December 14, 2011 as budgeted. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Walt McLean, Insurance Broker from American Heritage Corp. and Scott Kellams, Risk Manager from Canfield & Associates

Mr. Kellams specializes in insuring skateboard parks. During his presentation he recommended the town looks into risk control, will there be a fence around the park and will lights be installed? He handed out a list of possible rules the town could adopt. He also stressed that the town use only reputable vendors to build the park, no homemade ramps. Mayor Hogerhuis asked for an estimated cost of insuring a small skate park. Mr. Kellams said that he couldn't give an exact amount but it would be pretty minimal because we are insured in a group with many other cities which reduces our premium. Attorney Reynolds commented that the three main complaints/concerns he has heard regarding skate parks is: 1) complaints about the park itself – the kids aren't satisfied with the ramps 2) Interface between skateboarders and bicyclists – it is difficult to allow both in one park and confrontations may occur 3) Don't put the skateboard park by a playground – the language used by older children isn't always appropriate for toddlers. Mr. Reynolds also recommended making the location very public which can help monitor the park and prevent tagging but will also allow the kids to show the public their skating skills. Councilmember Thawsh asked if it had to be lighted and fenced. Mr. Kellams said no but they do recommend fencing the park and closing the park at dusk.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2011.10 Water Rate Increase

Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2011.10, an ordinance of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington amending Resolution No. 2007.01 to increase the rates charged for water usage by increasing the base rate by 10% and increasing the usage rate by 10%. Council discussed the contract with Rainier Ranch Maintenance Association. The town has to give a 90 day notice to RRMA so council agreed to start the increase for both RRSMA and the town on April 1, 2012. Councilmember Thawsh seconded with the amendment to the start date. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Line of sight on Cothary and Short Street

Kevin Brown, Project Engineer with Gray & Osborne, reviewed the line of sight issue on Cothary and Short Street. He recommended the town limiting on-street parking in this area due to the width of the

road, safety and limited sight distance concerns. Council reviewed his recommendations and discussed installing no parking signs and trimming or removing a hedge that is obstructing oncoming traffic's view. Council decided to table the discussion until Mayor Hogerhuis could speak to the home owner about the hedge.

3. Ordinance No. 2011.11 Adopting the 2012 Budget

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2011.11, an ordinance of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington adopting a budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmember Summers made a motion to appoint Councilmember Brent Thawsh as the Mayor Pro-Tem for six months, starting on January 1st, 2012. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2011.16 Shea-Carr-Jewell Rural Town Center Corridor Plan Contract

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2011.16, a resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the Mayor to enter into a local agency standard consultant agreement with Shea-Carr-Jewell, Inc. for architecture and engineering services for a corridor plan for SR 165 through the downtown core of the Town of Wilkeson in a maximum amount of \$121,155.00. Councilmember Summers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2011.15 Buckley Police and Town of Wilkeson Contract

Chief Arsanto contacted Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn and requested the agreement be amended. He noticed that jail services were listed at \$52.00 per day but the current amount is \$57.00. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2011.15, a resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement between the Town of Wilkeson and the City of Buckley for police services, dispatching and jail services, with the amended jail services of \$57.00 per day. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Buckley Police Reports for September and October

5. Town Projects for 2012

This item was tabled by Mayor Hogerhuis until the December 28th council meeting.

6. Utility customer request for reimbursement for water leak and repair on Albert Street

A customer on Albert Street had a major water leak after work was completed on Albert Street. The customer is requesting a \$100.66 credit to their water bill for extra water usage and \$269.50 for their repair costs. Councilmember Summers made a motion to reimburse Account #16100 \$370.16 for water and repair costs. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Carbon Canyon Distillery Review

Mr. Quimby's building façade design had previously been approved for paint as required by the town's Historic District guidelines. After further review, he decided that the store front would look better with a stain rather than paint. He is requesting council's approval to keep the stain instead of painting over it. Councilmember Thawsh made a motion to accept the look and facade of Carbon Canyon Distillery's building. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Critter Inhibitor letter recommending continued coverage

Mr. Pasero, owner of Critter Inhibitor, is recommending that we continue the program into next year due to the consistent activity in the outside boxes. He will keep the rates fixed at the original 2011 contract price. Councilmember Summers made a motion to continue the program with Critter Inhibitor until March 30th, 2012. Councilmember Gilbert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) I have been working diligently with Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn on the 2012 budget. 2) East Pierce Fire and Rescue would like to meet with council in March 2012 to discuss possible annexation. 3) December 3rd was the annual Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Wilkeson Historical

Society. It was a great success with over 65 kids participating in craft activities and getting their pictures with Santa Claus at town hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets, Sidewalks, Parking and Trails – Councilmember Summers was concerned about vehicles that may have been abandoned on Cothary Street.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

Keith Quimby

Walt McLean

Scott Kellams

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 28th day of December, 2011

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____