

TOWN OF WILKESON
Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of March 23, 2011

ROLL CALL: Council members D. McQueen, R. Hanson, S. Haubrich and B. Gilbert are present. Councilmember T. Summers was absent due to illness.

Councilmember McQueen made a motion to excuse Councilmember Summers from the meeting due to illness. Councilmember Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes March 9, 2011

Councilmember Hanson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 9, 2011. Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for March 23, 2011 as budgeted

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the March 23, 2011 as budgeted. Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident request to have their utility bill adjusted due to a water leak.
Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to authorize an adjustment to the utility bill for the water leak on Church Street. Councilmember Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Resident request to not be back billed for sewer charges.
Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to waive all prior sewer charges. Councilmember Hanson seconded the motion. Motion did not pass by a vote of 2/3. Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to reduce the sewer bill by 2/3. Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. Motion did not pass by a vote of 2/3. Mayor Hogerhuis decided to table the request until the April 13th council meeting.
3. Buckley Police Report
Council reviewed the February police report.
4. Resolution No. 2011.03. Land lease agreement
Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011.03; A resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the Mayor to enter into the first extension to lease and option to purchase agreement between the Town of Wilkeson and Douglas A. Weston. Councilmember Haubrich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:

Marsha Derby – Presented her concern about not being billed for sewer. She requested to have the prior fees waived and to be billed at the correct rate effective immediately.

PRESENTATIONS: Marilyn Smoak – Pierce County READS Program

Ms. Smoak presented the current Pierce County READS book, The Big Burn, to the council. She presented Council with a proclamation in support of the Pierce County READS program. Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilmember McQueen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) The town received four free computers from Pierce County 2) Jason Bazzar, Sewer Plant Operator, will be attending the WOW Conference for extra training 3) Working on the 6-year street plan, any suggestions for road improvements should be given to Luke Wilbanks 4) The project to connect the wells will start next week 5) The newsletter will be sent with next month's utility bill, any suggestions should be directed to Patti Pries 6) The Shoreline Management Plan information is available on the town website, www.townofwilkeson.com 7) The town received approximately ½ of the grant money for the Albert Street Project

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development – Councilmember Gilbert will supervise the clean-up site on April 16th from 8am. to noon. Councilmember Hanson will take over from noon to 3pm. Volunteers are needed for this community event and they can contact Town Hall if interested.

Utilities – Councilmember Hanson requested a gas sensor for the lift stations at the sewer treatment plant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Union contract negotiations
2. Land lease contract

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 13th day of April, 2011

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____