

TOWN OF WILKESON

Regular Council Meeting

August 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis called to order the Regular Council meeting of August 22, 2012.

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

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes for July 25, 2012

Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2012. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills for August 22, 2012 as budgeted

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the bills for August 22, 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 4-1, Councilmember Endsley opposing.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Chief Thorson, East Pierce Fire & Rescue – Chief Thorson would like to discuss the Town of Wilkeson entering into an annexation with the fire district. The district is looking into equality and fairness with the municipalities they serve. After reviewing the contract between the fire district and the town, the fire district believes that Wilkeson is paying substantially less than the surrounding areas for fire and emergency services. Chief Thorson suggested three options. They are:
 - Wilkeson annexes in to the fire district. This option would require the voters to agree to this and vote it in.
 - Renegotiate the contract so Wilkeson would be paying a similar amount as other neighboring municipalities.
 - Wilkeson can reestablish a volunteer fire department.

The fire district is requesting the town council to discuss either renegotiating or annexing. Councilmember Galbraith asked if other town's are foregoing their contract and annexing in. Chief Thorson said yes, many are including Edgewood, Sumner and Bonney Lake. Councilmember Endsley would like a breakdown of costs and services. He worries that Wilkeson is too small to have any votes. Council agreed to have a workshop on October 10th at 6 p.m. for further discussion.

2. Eric Johnson, Shea, Carr and Jewell – Corridor Project
Mr. Johnson handed out a brochure which outlined all the top ideas from the citizen comments. The proposed corridor would allow public waterfront access and increased parking. The sidewalks would be widened and also include a bike lane. The Foothills Trail would be extended to the downtown parking lot. There is also a concept of an open air market place. A final report with alternatives will be presented to the council and the public this fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 2012.08 A resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for on line and telephone payments for the Wilkeson Municipal Court.
Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2012.08 by title only. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Town Hall window bid documents
Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the bid document contract for Town Hall windows from BLRB Architects. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Pro-Tem – six month term
Council appointed Councilmember Galbraith as the Mayor Pro-Tem.
2. Motion to purchase a row boat for the sewer treatment plant.
Council decided to table this until the next council meeting for further review.
3. Shoreline Master Plan
The 60-day period has expired with no negative comments. The town planner will be submitting all required documents to Dept. of Ecology for their review.

4. Letters of interest for vacant council seat
Council received one letter of interest from resident Susan Hallin. Council read her letter and briefly spoke with her.
5. Motion to approve \$56.94 from Home Depot for materials to build the wall in the court clerk's office.
Councilmember Haubrich made a motion to approve the \$56.94 for Home Depot. Councilmember Endsley seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 3-2, Councilmember's Summers and Thawsh opposing.
6. Motion to allow emergency repair to clarifier pump at the sewer treatment plant.
Council decided to table this request until the next council meeting for further review.
7. Motion to approve \$54.30 for metal drop box.
Mayor Hogerhuis had a discussion with the owner of Lloyd's Heating and agreed to split the cost in half, leaving a balance of \$27.15. Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the extra \$27.15 for the metal drop box. Councilmember Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion to accept the appointment of Susan Hallin
Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the appointment of Susan Hallin to council seat #3. Councilmember Haubrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Cemetery – On August 15th Trisha and Mayor Hogerhuis presented the skateboard park project to the RCO. They were very impressed with the presentation and should have an answer by August 29th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Senator Roach visited the town today. We had a great meeting and discussed the current projects that are happening in town. 2) Next month will have more meetings with elected officials.

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. PERS Increase Notice
2. Councilmember Haubrich's resignation letter

SWEARING IN (OATH) Mayor Donna Hogerhuis performed the following swearing in:

1. Susan Hallin – Council Position #3

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 12th day of September, 2012

Prepared by: Melanie Kohn, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____