

TOWN OF WILKESON
Budget Workshop, Public Hearing for Tax/EMS Levy
Regular Council Meeting
November 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis opened the Budget Workshop at 5:45 pm, closed at 7pm.

ROLL CALL: Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Public Hearing called to order for November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council members I. Galbraith, B. Thawsh, S. Hallin, T. Summers and T. Endsley were present. Clerk/Treasurer Melanie Kohn and new town clerk Milda Hadaway were also present.

Resident John Magee commented that he appreciates the councils time working for the town and learned a lot tonight.

Mayor Hogerhuis closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hogerhuis opened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 pm.

Approval of the Regular Council Meeting minutes for October 24, 2012

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2012. Councilmember Hallin seconded. Motion passed 4, 0, 1 Councilmember Galbraith abstained.

Approval of Bills for October 24, 2012 as budgeted

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve the bills for 2012 as budgeted. Councilmember Hallin seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5,0, 0.

CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS: (Max. 2 Minutes per Person, Comments Only)

No comments made

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 1% Property Tax Levy – Clerk Kohn explained this is the annual levy authorizing a 1% tax increase allowed by the State to the residences property tax -increasing \$478.95 for the total town, not individually. This is done every year at this time, a signed Ordinance is submitted to the State. Endsley would like to receive information sooner next year on the levy to see if town has to automatically pass this levy each year. Motion made by Councilmember Galbraith to pass Ordinance No. 2012.04 An ordinance of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington establishing the amount of property tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2013. Second made by Councilmember Summers, Approved 4,1, Hallin Abstained.
2. EMS Levy- Motion made by Councilmember Summers to pass Ordinance No. 2012.05 An ordinance of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington establishing the amount of EMS tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2013. Second made by Councilmember Thawsh, Approved 4,1, Hallin Abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Hogerhuis announced that Melanie Kohn will be leaving the town clerk position for a new career with Bonney Lake's Utility Department. She thanked Melanie for her work , almost two years, the town will miss her. Mayor Hogerhuis has appointed as our interim town clerk Milda Hadaway. A motion was made by councilmember Galbraith to pass Resolution No. 2012.09- A resolution of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington setting forth and establishing Mayor Donna Hogerhuis and Utility Clerk Milda Hadaway as

co-signatures required on all town checks and repealing all prior ordinances and/or resolutions on authorized signatures. A second was made by Councilmember Thawsh, motion approved 5,0,0.

2. Buckley Police Report was handed out to council members for their information.
3. Letter from Attorney Mike Reynolds increasing his monthly retainer by 5% was read. Councilmember Hallin commented that he has not received a raise since 2008. Councilmember Galbraith agreed this is a long time and added that a retainer is beneficial to the town. Councilmember Endsley would like to see a breakdown of services over the last year. Motion was made by Councilmember Summers to accept the increase, Seconded by Councilmember Endsley, motion was approved 5,0,0.
4. Public hearing for Corridor Project scheduled for November 28, 2012 at 6 p.m.
5. Mayor Hogerhuis discussed the need to find a resource for jail services. She has discussed this with the our Police Chief Arsanto and Enumclaw Police officer Chilman who recommended Enumclaw as a close and reasonable source. Councilmember Summers motioned to pass the Interlocal agreement between the cities of Enumclaw, Washington and the Town of Wilkeson for the housing of inmates in the Enumclaw City Jail Seconded by Councilmember Thawsh, Motioned passed 4, 0, 1 Councilmember Endsley opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utilities (Ian) No report

Parks & Cemetery (Trisha) Skatepark fundraiser is happening this Saturday, November 17th.

Rural Town Center Project & Shop Facilities (Sue)-Is working on the cemetery project for comparison of other towns or cities prices and services.

Hazard Emergency Plan, Fire and Firewise (Brent)- Met with Jack Schmidt to learn more about response time, volunteer set-up, and asked Jack to come to our next council meeting to discuss what he does as a volunteer with Carbonado. It was very informative.

Shoreline Master Plan (Terry)- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT: SMP will be in the public comment period from December 3 to January 14th. Available on DOE website and at town hall. Worked on hiring new staff and developing the budget. WHS is raising funds for coke oven park preservation project and will be asking the town to match funds next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Transportation Commission

Councilmember Summers was excused for the remaining of the session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

Started 8:03 pm, ended 8:15 pm

Motion to allow the Mayor to offer a higher pay scale if qualified to the new hire for town clerk made by Ian Galbraith, seconded by Brent Thawsh, Motion carried 4,0,0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Council on the 14th day of November, 2012

Prepared by: Milda Hadaway, Clerk _____

Attest: Mayor Donna Hogerhuis _____