

**TOWN OF WILKESON**  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 26, 2013

**Public Hearing: Review of Six Year Street Plan**

Mayor Hogerhuis opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 and closed at 6:49.

Present were Ian Galbraith, Trisha Summers, Donna Hogerhuis, Sue Hallin, Robert Fautenberry, Janet Kepka, Florence Fabiani and Ed and Julie Nilsen.

No comments.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hogerhuis opened the regular town council meeting at 7 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Council members I. Galbraith, S. Hallin and R. Fautenberry were present. Town Clerk Trisha Summers and Attorney Mike Reynolds were also present.

Council member Fautenberry motioned to excuse B. Thawsh and T. Endsley. Council member Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Scheduled Regular Council Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2013**

Council member Galbraith motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2013. Council member Fautenberry seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

**Approval of bills for June 26, 2013 as budgeted**

Council member Fautenberry motioned to approve the bills for June 26, 2013. Council member Hallin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Hogerhuis announced the opening of the Little Free Library on June 25<sup>th</sup> and thanked Peg Kehret for this generous contribution to our community. The Mayor informed the public about how to get news about the happenings around town. There is a town newsletter that comes with the utility bills, council meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm, the meeting minutes are placed at the post office after each meeting and citizen comment forms are available at town hall.

**CITIZENS PRESENT/COMMENTS: (Max. 2 minutes per person, comments only)**

**Wilkeson Saloon, Parking Lot Use**

- Janet Kepka, Cothary St. Janet is concerned about how residents will exit the post office if there is a beer garden set up in the parking lot adjacent to the saloon.
- Florence Fabiani, Short St. Florence is concerned about how residents will exit the post office if there is a beer garden set up in the parking lot adjacent to the saloon and the blind spot someone would have backing out of the town parking lot if a beer garden fence is in the way.
- Robert Bean, Saloon owner offered to paint lines in the parking lot to help traffic flow. He felt their request would bring in more visitors and spending in town.
- Rajko Tolic, Railroad Ave-no comment
- George McQueen, Railroad Ave-no comment
- Marjorie Ross, Brier Hill Blvd-Margie is concerned about there not being enough excess parking during the day for overflow at the town parking lot.

**Speeding**

- Marjorie Ross, Brier Hill Blvd-Margie is concerned about the safety of kids and dogs on Brier Hill due to excessive speeders. People are driving way too fast. Marjie noticed the town had the speed limit signs cleaned and branches cut back to expose them for better view but she's not sure it's enough.
- Scott Isom, Brier Hill Blvd-Speeding is a bad problem. We need solutions.
- Julie Evans, Brier Hill Blvd-Julie stated the speed bumps aren't working. She has had confrontations with speeders on Brier Hill. Julie is concerned people are using Brier Hill as a thoroughfare after the tavern has closed to avoid police on Church Street. She is worried about the possibility of drunk drivers on Brier Hill Blvd.
- Justin Evans, Brier Hill Blvd-People go too fast. Something needs to be done.
- Florence Fabiani, Short St-People aren't stopping before pulling onto Short St from Long. Speeding is a problem on Short St also.
- Lambert Gonzales, Church St-"Skeek" is concerned that speeding through town on Church St both coming and going towards Carbonado is a problem. Early morning is when he feels it is the worst. Skeek also commented on the sidewalk in front of the Pick & Shovel and that it hadn't been cleaned of Starling droppings in months. He also commented that the vendors who come for the handcar races leave their trash behind and would like to see us charge a deposit due to this.

#### **Logging of Town owned Forest**

- Ed & Julie Nilsen, Blacktail Ridge-The Nilsen's are concerned about the "landing" area where the mess from the timber will be left behind. They are also concerned about the surveying of the property line and the possibility of no buffer being left and putting their trees in harm's way. They thanked the town for putting up the no shooting signs.
- Jennifer Hewlett, Blacktail Ridge-Jennifer is really concerned about the buffer area. She said there is currently about a 15 ft buffer and she would like to have it stay. She is very sad and disappointed to see the timber harvested. Jennifer asked if the logging is going to cause run-off problems on the Nilsen's property. How long will the logging take from start to finish. She also pointed out there is a wetlands area that they had to stay away from so we probably have to do the same.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Required NIMS training. All elected officials and employees are expected to take the required classes. Ask the Town Clerk for any assistance in getting your training completed.

2. The council reviewed the motion passed on June 10<sup>th</sup> giving Sunny's Wilkeson Saloon permission to use the town owned parking lot for the month of July and sporadically in August and September barring any legal concerns from our town attorney. The Mayor wrote a letter to the Saloon on June 11<sup>th</sup> in which the town Attorney Mike Reynolds advised "that because use of the parking lot is for a private commercial venture and not a civic event, the town must charge compensation for use of the space" and that the saloon must name the Town of Wilkeson as additional Insured on their Certificate of Insurance. The saloon has complied with the insurance certificate as requested. Councilmember Galbraith motioned to charge the saloon \$60 for the month of July and Councilmember Hallin seconded. Mike Reynolds will write up an agreement between the saloon and the town prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Requests for use of the town parking lot in the future will continue to be submitted in writing or in person on a case by case basis until further notice.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2013.09, approving the six-year transportation improvement plan from 2013-2019. Councilmember Fautenberry made the motion to approve Resolution 2013.09 and Councilmember Hallin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2013.10, approving a timber management agreement between Bruner Forestry Inc and the Town of Wilkeson. Council member Hallin had questions regarding cleanup procedures in the contract. Council decided to table until July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting after they have a clearer understanding of the contract.
3. Motion to approve survey of property line in watershed forest adjacent to Blacktail Ridge. Councilmember Galbraith motioned to accept lowest responsible bid of a survey of the watershed and Councilmember Fautenberry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Speeding concerns on Brier Hill were addressed. Town employee Luke Wilbanks washed all signs and cut back branches for clearer visibility. Luke is ordering "per Ordinance 5-90" signs to attach to speed limit signs so we are able to patrol and lawfully enforce speed limits. A request has been made to Buckley Police Dept for use of the electronic speed limit sign as it becomes available. This will be a very visible reminder also.
5. Review of live music Ordinance 2006.08. A request by a local business owner was made for council to review the live music Ordinance to see if it included a fee for a business not serving alcohol during music. There is no fee for having live music if you are not serving alcohol. The live music fee is for those establishments serving alcohol only.
6. The Wilkeson Booster club asked the town to have power at the Coke Oven park turned on by July 12<sup>th</sup> and asked the town to donate the cost of the power used by the booster club for July 20<sup>th</sup>. The booster club also asked for use of town owned property on Railroad Ave to house vendors for the day of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Galbraith motioned to approve both requests, Councilmember Fautenberry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to approve Ordinance 2013.02 to amend the budget for 2013. Motion was tabled until the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting because Councilmember Fautenberry would like more time to review amendments since he recently became a council member.

### **PROJECTS:**

Corridor Project- Nothing new to report  
Albert St Phase 2-Nothing new to report  
Cemetery Planning-Nothing new to report  
Forest Mgmt Plan- Permit sent in 6/13  
Town Hall Windows-going out to rebid – Rebid 6/17, closes at noon on July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Coke Oven Park-Wilkeson recommended getting the \$10,000 restoration grant.  
Skate Park-Waiting for design samples and pricing back from Grindline.  
Water Comp Plan-met with Gray & Osborne today regarding scope of work  
Comp Plan-no change  
Hazard Mitigation Plan-submitted. Council will review and accept early 2014

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Met with Gray & Osborne today regarding water comp plan and have been busy with the forest management plan and budget amendments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Carbon River Ranger Station Opening

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council member Hallin motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:20 PM. Council member Fautenberry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.