

**TOWN OF WILKESON**  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 9, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Walker opened the regular council meeting at 6:00.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members I. Galbraith, Brent Thawsh, Bambi Thawsh and R. Fautenberry were present. Town Clerk Trisha Summers was also present. Council member Endsley arrived late, at 6:44.

**Approval of council meeting minutes from May 28, 2014**

Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned to approve the council minutes for May 28, 2014. Council member Robert Fautenberry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of bills for June 9, 2014 as budgeted**

Council member Brent Thawsh motioned to approve the bills for June 9, 2014. Council member Bambi Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Laurine and Robert Peloli (Hill St, Wilkeson Resident)-How much are the costs for Buckley/Carbonado Fire & EMS Services? They are happy with East Pierce services. **Costs are \$12,000 for Carbonado and \$13,400 for Buckley annually. The Town will take back over the insurance and utility costs for station.**

Jerrold Holyan (Long St, Wilkeson Resident)-Would like to have citizens more informed via newsletter. **The Town is in the process of building a new website and staff will be trained to upload information there. Town will also be sure to post information at Post Office and the reader board outside Town Hall. Council meetings are open meetings on the second Monday @6 and the fourth Wednesday @7.**

Jim Oles (Albert St, Wilkeson Resident)-Happy with East Pierce service. Does Buckley have two cars to be called at once? **There are enough vehicles to be on multiple calls at once. If need be, mutual aid would be called in.**

Janet Kepka (Cothary St, Wilkeson Resident)-How much was cost last year for Fire & EMS services? The public needs to be notified of what's going on. **The costs last year were \$55,262.83.**

Lucas Holm (Hill St, Wilkeson Resident)-Citizens were concerned about posting to stay with East Pierce and then the decision was changed. **Council approved to accept an agreement with East Pierce at their May 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting. A Resolution had not been done so the Mayor could not formally enter into agreement with East Pierce until a Resolution was approved at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor verbally let both parties (East Pierce and Buckley/Carbonado) know of council's decision and a posting was made to the public as well. Resolution 2014.03 was drafted for council approval at their May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and after further discussion, council voted to not approve it.**

Ben Odanovich (Cothary St, Wilkeson Resident)-Why don't we forget ambulance service since we pay it ourselves anyway?

Darren Odanovich (Cothary St, Wilkeson Resident) no comment

Sherrian Robertson (Long St, Wilkeson Resident) no comment

Jayne Peloli (Hill St, Wilkeson Resident)-Why did we switch? Ambulance services are going to cost more for citizens. Where are the increased taxes going? Can we negotiate length of contract with Buckley/Carbonado? What kind of volunteer base is there and what is being done to get volunteers? The public wasn't kept informed of what was going on with negotiations and it feels like they weren't involved in any decision. How are we going to sustain Buckley FD? What is going to happen between when services stop with East Pierce on June 18<sup>th</sup> and when a new contract is negotiated? **Council voted**

to go with Buckley/Carbonado because they felt the service to the citizens of Wilkeson would be much faster since there would be volunteers who live in town and also volunteers staying at the fire station. Ambulance services will be billed to your insurance and any remaining cost will be the responsibility of the resident. The increase in tax dollars is going to be spent on fire services the same as it would have if the town had stayed with East Pierce. The length of the proposed contract is two years. Buckley Fire is actively promoting EMT and volunteer opportunities and there is some interest. There will be no stop in service.

Florence Fabiani (Short St, Wilkeson Resident)-Would like a copy of the agreement with the Town of Carbonado and City of Buckley if possible. **A copy of each agreement was made for Florence.**

Ken Whitmore, Assistant Fire Chief City of Buckley-Can't see any problem sustaining Buckley Fire Dept. They have a great working relationship with East Pierce. Buckley/Carbonado is ready to take over June 18<sup>th</sup> with no gap in service if council decides to approve their agreements.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Off-Road Vehicle legislation (Council member Endsley actively working on) (10/13) –**Comments from Town Attorney were received and will be answered and discussed at next meeting.**
2. Shop/office design for Watershed (2/14) –**Road show @ Costco later this month. Will visit road show.**
3. Marijuana Zoning Ordinance (3/14) – **Roundtable meeting planned for 6/25 at 6pm in Carbonado.**
4. Arch log replacement (10/13) - **Council member Brent Thawsh is working on acquiring new log.**
5. Parcel 9565000121 inquiry (3/14) – **no new information**
6. Review of Cemetery Rates (3/14)-**Council member Bambi Thawsh still working on.**
7. Open Gov't Training & Records Act (4/14)-**no new information. Meetings TBD**
8. Highway Clean Up Supplies. **List of costs for supplies for council review. Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned to purchase equipment for 8 people. Council member Brent Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
9. Spring Clean Up Schedule. **Council discussed schedule and got all shifts covered.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014.04 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Fire and EMS services with the City of Buckley and providing for the City of Buckley Fire Department's use of the Town of Wilkeson's community center and fire hall. Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned and Council member Fautenberry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014.05 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Fire and EMS services with the Town of Carbonado and providing for the Town of Carbonado's use of the Wilkeson community center and fire hall. Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned and Council member Galbraith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Comments on Six year street plan. No comments. Public hearing will be at 7pm on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor has been working on a contract for fire services. Albert St project is held up due to the County Exec signature needed on the agreement. Once we have signed agreement back we can proceed with construction. The replanting of the danger trees will happen between Jan – April 2015 and will cost approximately \$800.00. This cost will come from the logging proceeds.

**PLANNING COMMISSION-** Next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ian Galbraith, Community & Economic Development- *nothing new*

Robert Fautenberry, Planning Commission Liaison-*asked if any council members would like to contribute to his foundation and that their donations are tax deductible.*

Bambi Thawsh, Cemetery-asked that the cemetery gets mowed more. If Curtis needs help could the other employees help?

Brent Thawsh, parks-working on getting a log for the arch

Terry Endsley-will address attorney comments on sample ORV ordinance and will discuss at next meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Phil's Bike Shop

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council member Bambi Thawsh motioned to adjourn at 8:32PM and Council member Brent Thawsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.