

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

Public Hearing: resolution 2023.01 regarding the surplus of the 2002 Chevrolet service body truck. Citizens present had no questions regarding this.

**ROLL CALL:** Called to order at 6:03- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Thawsh, Summers, Murphy and Farmer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was also present. Council member Thawsh motioned to excuse council member Sellers, seconded by council member Murphy and passed without opposition.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. Approval of the bills for January 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 as budgeted
3. Approval of Resolution 2023.01 declaring surplus of the 2002 Chevy Service Body work truck
4. Approval of Resolution 2023.02 appointing council member Murphy as mayor Pro Tem

**Motion made by council member Thawsh to approve consent agenda, seconded by council member Farmer voted on and carried.**

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

**Chief Skogen-** See attached staff report. In addition to the staff report, the council approved the use of the Town of Wilkeson for the kick off of the “Wildfire Ready Neighbors,” in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Public Lands Hiliary Franz is expected to attend. We will get more information in the coming weeks/ month. The draft of the Wilkeson Fire Department Logo was reviewed by the council and approved for use.

**Tyler Johnson-** Present, but did not have comment.

**John Hilding-** Presented a sign concept for the skate park. The council likes the sign, it will be made on aluminum and be 4’x4’ and be suspended on a beam above the sign. The cost for creating the sign, the sign frame and placing the sign will be covered by the funds collected for Bacon and Eggs Fest last year and are currently held by the town.

**Deb Gianola-** was present to ask about the proposed PSE temporary substation. We don’t have a lot of information other than they’re willing to pay for the lease, place a gravel pad and fence around it. Also she would like to thank the Mike for all of his hard work around town.

**Jan White-** Present, but did not have comment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Historic Sidewalk Project- is nearly complete. The hydrant riser should be here soon and the final walk through can be scheduled.
2. Crack Sealing Project- was completed on 1/24. We will watch for chip sealing opportunities this summer.
3. The council reviewed the proposed assistant position to cover for the clerks maternity leave. The council is in agreement with the proposal and Marie will reach out to the prospective employee and extend an offer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Community Clean up- dumpsters will be scheduled for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

2. Booster Club has asked to be able to use Town Hall for their meetings. Marie suggested that we allow them an open invitation to use town hall for their meetings as needed. The council agrees.
3. Fee Schedule Public Hearing will be held on 2/8 and proposed rate increases will go into effect in March.
4. There have been reports of people using the 10 acre parcel near the cemetery for shooting. This is prohibited on town owned property. Marie to get the Pierce County Ordinance to post on the signs.
5. Motion to adopt resolution 2023.01 adopting Pierce Countys Composting procurement policy as required by ESSHB 1799 and adding 18.19, compost procurement to the Wilkeson Municipal Code made by council member Murphy, seconded by council member farmer and carried.

#### **MAYORS REPORT:**

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer-** Nothing at this time.

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-** See attached memo

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** The Cemetery committee is working on a design layout. They are willing to take into account the temporary substation location as potential parking. This project is ongoing. Motion by council member Thawsh to add ecology blocks to the school bus turn around to minimize the amount of space for people to perform illegal maneuvers in their vehicles and ATV's, seconded by council member Murphy and carried without opposition.

**Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-** Nothing at this time

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-** Absent

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm, seconded by council member Murphy, voted on and carried.