

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
December 13th, 2023

ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Farmer, Summers and Sellers were present. Clerk Wellock was also present.

Motion to excuse council member Murphy made my council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Farmer and carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 22nd, 2023
2. Approval of the bills for December 13th, as budgeted.
3. Resolution 2023.18 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Buckley Police for the FY 2024 contract
4. Bid for SC mechanical (wall mount sink) for the public restroom repair
5. Bid from Hanson Electric for replacing the lights in the offices and foyer of Town Hall with LED Lights

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **The Bus Turn Around-** We have accepted the low bid from flow line. Clerk is working on the contract with WRSD for the cost share and we will be ready to move forward on it very soon.
2. **Weyerhaeuser Property-**
 - a. Still awaiting the BLA process to be completed so the appraisal process can be done. Dan Bruner checked in this week and will be ready to assist in the timber value when the BLA is done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Stats November-** Reviewed
2. **Grant Opportunity from the DNR-** This is for "Urban Forestry," and can be used for the cemetery. The plan is to apply for \$25,000 with the intention of making the cemetery whole again and completing the planting of trees in one phase.
3. **Grant Opportunity for Town Hall-** Representative Roberston sent over paperwork for a direct appropriation for Town Hall. This grant would cover preliminary engineering and architectural drawings for the building. This will create the plans necessary to obtain additional funding for the construction phase.
4. **Wilkeson Sandstone-** is now the official stone of Washington State.
5. **Rainier Ranch Billing Error-** We discovered there was an accounting error in the rate for the Rainier Ranch rate group. The first month that this was an issue was for the April read month billing. It also impacted June, August and October. It was corrected for December when the error was caught. After consulting with the attorney, we must back bill the change. We are within the statute of limitations. Clerk is working with Vision on reports to make this process easier. They will assist with the adjustment postings that are required for each customer.

MAYORS REPORT:

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- nothing at this time

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- Tree Lighting went really well. We met with Dom at the Hub to discuss the fire station parking lot design and engineering needs. We will need approximately 10-12k for engineering and design and

probably about 3k for surveying and elevations. Motion made by council member Farmer, to spend \$15k of the grant money from pierce county for engineering and surveying, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- We need to follow up on the Cemetery roadway completion. Also inquired about changing banks, which we have not moved forward on. The school pick up is overflowing onto Railroad Ave and blocking the road. Clerk will reach out to the school and see if they have changed their pick up policy of opening the gates around the school and also follow up with Attorney Reynolds on the legality of blocking the roadway. We need to clean the council chambers on at regular intervals.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- Roofing samples will be here soon, once we pick a roofing color, our painting crew will get us some color ideas that coordinate and we can pick from there. We will order additional sheets of metal roofing for the bus stop when we order the roofing for the fire station.

Utilities, Rick Sellers- We have a DOE inspection next month at the WWTP. Rick would like to join it, the mayor would as well and assist Mike with the procedures and moral support for this even though he will not be on council next year, we would like him to join that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm, seconded by council member Sellers, voted on and carried.