

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2022

ROLL CALL: Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Summers, Thawsh, Sellers, Murphy and Farmer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock was present as well.

Oath of Office was read and signed by council member Murphy for Council Position 2

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 26th, 2022
2. Approval bills as budgeted for February 9, 2022
3. Approval of Resolution 2022.01 requesting the repairs and restoration of the access to the Carbon River Entrance to Mount Rainier National Park.
4. Approval of Resolution 2022.02 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for the Town of Wilkeson and the Laborers Union, local 242, expiring on 12/31/2023.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. B Bachmeier- will contact the tree services that submitted bids on the tree work and let them know who won the bid and to contact town hall for further information.
2. Chief Skogen was here to discuss interagency emergency management. He would like the town to agree to spend \$84 a year for "CodeRed" for emergency mass communications. This could be reimbursed by South Sound 911.
 - a. **Bill made a motion to spend the monies necessary to move forward with this, council member Thawsh seconded, voted on and carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review of parks plan survey results from Wilkeson School. Council would like to see the surveys handed out at local businesses and offer electronic copies to the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Jan 2022 Police Stats- Council is concerned about the lack of police enforcement for very obvious issues, like parking in front of hydrants, parking on sidewalks and excessive speeding by commercial vehicles as well as local residents. Mayor to request a meeting with the Police Chief to discuss these concerns.
2. Pierce County appropriated \$10,000 to the town of Wilkeson and it is to be used at our discretion. There were several items discussed but ultimately we have tree work that needs to be completed at the parks and that is the priority.
3. There are 2 things that were not specifically budgeted for in 2022, but are being requested. A plate compactor and LED light bulbs. After much discussion, the plate compactor will wait.
 - a. **Motion made by council member Thawsh to purchase LED light bulbs for town hall, seconded by council member Summers, voted on and carried.**

MAYORS REPORT:

-With the new contract with the Laboreres union being ratified, there are some new policies that need to be implemented. Marie offered to reach out to other towns for their policies so we have a head start and can edit as needed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- nothing at this time

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- The historical photo project committee has sorted through the photos and they're on the table to approve. For the historical banners, they suggested adding when the towns that are showcased were each established.

Also we need to figure out what we need to do for logging at the cemetery. Do we need to involve the forester? Can we do it without because of the small area. Marie will email the forester

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- nothing at this time

Utilities, Rick Sellers- nothing at this time

Executive Session:

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm, council member Sellers seconded, motion carried.