

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
March 23rd, 2022

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 9th, 2022
2. Approval bills as budgeted for March 23rd, 2022
3. Approval Resolution 2022.06 adopting the Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan
4. Acceptance of final contract voucher for the Foothills Trail Project

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. V. Hix- came in to discuss the cemetery logging project and her wishes surrounding the urn garden where he spouse is interned. They would like to see the stumps left tall. They have offered to donate a carving of some kind after the work is completed. We will work with the logging companies to see what they can do in that area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Storm High Water Damage- packets distributed to the council highlighting the areas that we are aware of at this point that were caused in the January storm and further exacerbated in the most recent spring storm. Many of these things could not be adequately identified until the water levels lowered.
 - a. Working with Pierce County and WA Emergency Management to apply for grants and emergency funding to get these identified areas mitigated before larger issues arise.
2. Draft Fee Schedule distributed to the council again for review. The draft Wastewater Facility Plan and Water Comprehensive Plans list a 5% annual increase. Council needs to review this and will be presented with a resolution that they can pass or fail next meeting 4/13.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. May 7th is the Firewise Clean Up. There will be volunteers cleaning underbrush near the Hotel, along the hillside. There will also be an information area at the fire station to keep residents up to date with what is going on. **Motion made by council member Thawsh to spend \$100 on hotdogs and chips for the event, seconded by council member Sellers and carried.**

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Sellers stated that Senator Fortunato and Pierce County Council Member Morrell are running for re-election. Both of these people have helped Wilkeson get funding for several projects over the last number of years. He is supporting their re-election campaigns and if other council members would like to endorse them too, they are welcome to.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- nothing new to report

Community Development, Ashley Murphy-

- Brought some garbage can ideas for the town, perhaps we can start with one or 2 and see how it goes with public use and if it is abused.
- They are working on a plan for the community garden for a clean up and to get the beds ready for 2022
- Would like to see a more robust approach to community communications, encouraging more involvement and giving more reminders for upcoming events to get more engagement.
- Plans for a “Community Commerce Meeting” are in the works. The date planned is 4/12 and it will be held here at town hall. Working on finalizing the agenda and inviting the businesses.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- it was brought up that a couple years ago, the motion was made to purchase a BBQ. The BBQ has not been purchased, but she would like to see that done. Cemetery looks good, moving towards getting bids for the work. Banner photos have been chosen and it is time to get the banners ordered as soon as the banner background designs are chosen.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- nothing

Utilities, Rick Sellers- Employee Handbook/ Procedures/ Policies discussed. Marie to request book from City of Buckley

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Sellers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, council member Summers seconded, motion carried.