

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
March 8th, 2023

Public Hearing: Opened at 6pm by Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Murphy. Dom Miller with Gray and Osborn presented some key points from the proposed Water Comprehensive Plan including the water use efficiency goals, rate increases and capital improvement plan. The citizens present had no comment on this information. Public Hearing closed at 6:16pm.

ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:17- presided by Mayor Sellers. Council members Murphy, Thawsh, Summers, Sellers and Farmer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock and Christina Erickson were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 22nd, 2023
2. Approval of the bills for March 8th 2023 as budgeted
3. Resolution 2023.04 adding Christina Erickson as a temporary alternate signer for the Town's Columbia Bank accounts
4. Resolution 2023.05 adding Christina Erickson as a temporary alternate signer for the Wilkeson Municipal Court
5. Ordinance 2023.02 accepting the proposed water comprehensive plan as submitted
6. Water bill adjustment for account 1476.0 in the in the amount of \$810.47- the waterline was broken during the sidewalk construction project and is not at the fault of the owner

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. John Hilding/ Janet Peloli- Barclay- Cemetery proposal presented. A conceptual lay out was also presented with how the layout could be done, with respect to low maintenance grounds keeping. Mayor would like to see hydroseeding to keep the invasive weeds down. Council member Summers would like to know how many plants they're intending on planting because there is a significant cost difference between seedlings and potted plants. John and Janet would like the council to consider that there will be some plant mortality and the wildlife may eat some of the plants. Mayor brought up the budget for the project and that the groundwork must be completed before things could be planted or plotted out with any level of accuracy. Bambi also mentioned that Christine Wilde has been working very hard, examining several angles and ideas to get the most out of our local resources, such as the high school and local nurseries.
2. Brian Bauer- is still considering purchasing the land to the West of the watershed. 2 of the parcels are landlocked with pierce county parks so he is needing this access to be granted. The mayor had been given the impression that this was not moving forward, so Marie has not contacted the attorney or insurance. Marie to get in contact with the insurer and attorney to see if this is even feasible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Historic Sidewalk Project- still awaiting concrete around the hydrant and final walk through.
2. 6 Year Street Plan- ideas for changes were presented, including re-ordering some of the projects. Gray and Osborn will need to reorganize the list and we can get it back to council for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Station Gravel Lot- We need to have this completed this year for public use. We need to get some costs, and not depend on it being grant funded. We have been promising the businesses that it would be ready and we need to make good on that. We need to put together a quote for the next meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. Meeting with Congresswoman Schrier on Thursday March 16th. Dave Morrell will also be here to discuss the county funded ARPA projects in the area and allow Congresswoman Schrier to see how those funds are being spent in her district. There will be a roundtable meeting with the Mayors of Wilkeson, Carbonado and South Prairie here at town hall after those site tours. The Congresswoman will also tour the local small business and meet with the owners.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- See attached memo-

Motion made by council member Summers to accept the #1 logo design submitted by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Sellers and carried.

Motion Made by Council Member Murphy to spend up to \$45/ month for a new website platform hosted by WIX, seconded by Council Member Farmer and carried.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Cemetery information distributed to council. The photo project is moving along, and nearly completed.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-

Utilities, Rick Sellers- review the quote for a VFD install at the WWSTP. It has been down for quite some time and this offer that they have give us is fairly low risk if it doesn't resolve the issue. Motion made by council member Sellers to accept this bid, seconded by council member Farmer and caried

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm, seconded by council member Farmer, voted on and carried.