

**Town of Wilkeson**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 27th, 2024
2. Approval of the bills for April 10th 2024, as budgeted.
3. Resolution 2024.06 to update the Data Sharing Agreement with the State Auditors Office
4. Resolution 2024.07 to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County, extending the Pierce County Flood Zone Funding for the Watershed Bridge Study
5. Resolution 2024.08 to enter into contract with Miken Dirtworx for the sewer manhole repairs
6. Approval of the contract with Jeremy Carnahan for Wastewater Training & Certification preparation for M. Heddrick

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

**M. Rhoades-** Came by to invite the council to the White River School District Community Summit on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The District is looking into the larger community needs and seeking input from the community on issues we are facing. This will be held at White River High School and we are all urged to attend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EMS Lid Lift:** The City of Buckley may have found another way to word this levy so that it keeps up with inflation and we don't have to repeat the process as often. Public hearing on this will happen at the next council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Swale Bid-** We received a bid from Miken Dirtworx to see what it would cost to fill in the ditch and create a swale for easier maintenance. The mayor and council discussed the possibility of moving forward later in the fall, when it is more appropriate to hydroseed and manage potential erosion concerns. We have a lot of projects in the works and do not yet know what our cost share is going to be, so yes get more bid, but we may not be able to actually do it.
2. **Annexation Process-** This is moving forward, we are still waiting for the response from the Catholic Cemetery, but they have received their mailed request and have been asked to respond by 4/15/2024 so we have the time to get our parts completed. There will be a public hearing on this matter on 4/24 at the next council meeting.
3. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service-** The elementary school reached out regarding providing community service to the town. We need ideas for them. If you have any, please let us know ASAP so we can make a plan with them.
4. **Water System Approval Letter-** The town received the acceptance letter for the Water System Plan from the State, it is good through 4/2034

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. **Tacoma Diesel Generator Bids-** We received 2 bids from Tacoma Diesel for generators and site installation at the Watershed Pumphouse as well as the Rousher Lift Station. **Motion made by council member Thawsh to accept these 2 bids and move forward on ordering the equipment, seconded by council member Drilevich and carried. Council member Murphy opposed the motion.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-**

**Website-** We are still experiencing difficulties accessing the GoDaddy platform for our Web Hosting. Marie spent has contacted the IRS and gotten one of the letters on the way that will prove we are who we say that we are so we can recover the domain. We should consider changing the website, our name is long. Once we do that, we can redirect traffic to the new site. Pen will look at options for new web addresses.

**Signage-** there is money to update some of the signage in town, including the forest service sign. We would do the work and be reimbursed by the CAP for the expenses and labor.

**HUB-** the cabinets are being prepped for paint. **Motion made by council member Murphy to accept the bid from all seasons painting for the interior walls, seconded by council member Farmer and carried.** The interior walls will be prepped/ painted on Friday

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** The bus turn around is amazing. It has people treating that area completely different. She wanted to thank the council again for taking action on this longstanding issue.

**Streets/Sidewalks, Zach Drlevich-**

**Utilities, T. Pen Snyder-** is researching the intricacies of fiber internet, reviewing case studies and seeking grant funding options that would suit the community.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm, seconded by council member Snyder, voted on and carried.