

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 13th, 2022

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 23rd, 2022
2. Approval bills as budgeted for April 13th, 2022
3. Standard Service agreement establishing water service boundaries

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

1. Sara L.- representing the booster club, would like to get permission to have "Wilkeson Day," be 2 days. This would allow for more people to enjoy the festivities of the handcar races and spread out the traffic and events over 2 days. Council warns of a small committee and the risks of burnout, but was ok with them using town property for 2 days
2. John H- Is also on the committee and is in support of spreading out the festivities. Would like to have a skate demo on Sunday at Bacon & Eggs and perhaps an art exhibit of some kind.
3. Marie W- The Carbon Glacier Mavericks would like permission to use the WWTP as a staging area for a dumpster to store for a clean up on the Forst Service Road above Wilkeson the weekend of 4/23. The council is in favor of this. Also the Eagles Auxiliary will be hosting a may day event on 5/1 at the community garden.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Fee Schedule Review- Mush discussion about the rates and what to do. Mayor commented that we should wait until we have the water comprehensive plan completed and accepted by the council. Council member Sellers believes waiting will delay the inevitable and that would result in a steeper increase in the future to absorb revenue lost by falling behind the schedule. **Motion made to approve Resolution 2022.06 made by council member Thawsh, seconded by council member Sellers and passed without opposition**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Q1 Financials distributed
2. 1 Bid has been received for the small tree job at the cemetery, we are waiting for up to 2 more.
3. The dump truck has a leaky heater core and the f150 truck has a blown spark plug. It is estimated to cost about \$1,500.00 to repair both trucks. **Motion made by council member Thawsh and seconded by council member Farmer to fix the trucks, motion carried.**

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. Banner message needed for the 1<sup>st</sup> banner coming into town. After much discussion clerk will send examples in the morning and the council can choose.
2. There are 2 letters of support for the re-election of Senator Fortunato and Pierce County Council Member Morell. Any council member that would like to add their name to the letters, please let Clerk know.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-**

- Hosted an Spring kick off event at the Garden, it was 3 days and the community loved it. Turn out was great.
- Met with the Businesses and Booster Club for the first “Community and Commerce” meeting.
  - Parking is still a big concern. Town officials are aware and working quickly to have it resolved before 5/14 when 2 separate events are occurring in town. Perhaps some parking spot should have a use limit of 1-2 hours to try to keep spots turning over
  - The businesses would like to see garbage cans for public use
- Now has access to Facebook and Instagram accounts for the town to post important updates. Is working with Travis on wordpress (town website) to get it to an updated more user friendly site
- Had a meeting with PC Council member Morell, there was much discussion about Tourism in this area and making it friendlier for all types of recreation, including ATV’s
  - There was another guest from “Washington Home Town” and they create maps with layers for all kinds of use. This includes walking tours, ATV use areas, camping and equestrian trails. They have a feature for summer and winter activities. It would be free for the town to be included.
  - There will be another meeting with Sen. Fortunato to discuss speed limits to encourage ATV use throughout the canyon.

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** Trees in the urn garden will be “high stumped” at 8-10’ protecting the interned urns in that area. The next photo meeting will be on 4/22/22, the Peloli family would like to help ad they will be asked to attend.

**Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-** nothing

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-** Employee Handbook/ Procedures/ Policies draft is ready. Council has been given the draft for review prior to the staff receiving it.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Thawsh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm, council member Sellers seconded, motion carried.