

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
April 24th, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 6:05 PM, seeking public comment regarding the following:

1. Ordinance 2024.02 regarding the proposed annexation of 8 tax parcels into Wilkeson Municipal limits:
 - a. Emily Terrell- Town Planner- explained that this is to bring in 6 tax parcels into town limits. 4 parcels are owned by the Town, 1 by the Archdiocese of Seattle, 2 owned by Pierce County Parks and was requested of the Town to include these in this annexation request. There is 1 privately owned parcel who petitioned the town to be included.
 - b. No other comment regarding this item
2. EMS Lid Lift Levy: Chief Skogen and Sandi Hines, Finance Director from the City of Buckley, came to explain how the Lid Lift Levy works, and why and how permanent levies go down over time, as property values rise. Buckley has passed a plan that will go to voters, to attempt to maintain the .50/ \$1000 of assessed value, by doing a lid lift back to .50 and then 6% increases annually in an attempt to maintain that .50 cap. This a 6 year plan and will be on the August Ballot.
 - a. No other comment on this proposal

Public Hearing closed at 6:17pm

ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:17- 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 April 10th, 2024
2. Approval of the bills for April 24th 2024, as budgeted.
3. Resolution 2024.09 to enter into contract with the Department of Commerce to assist the Town with the cost of completing the Growth Management Act Requirements / Comprehensive Plan.
4. Resolution 2024.10- signatory authorization for RCO Community Forest Grant.
5. Approval of the Electronic Signature form for RCO grant application and if necessary subsequent award
6. Leak credit for account 1333.0 in the amount of \$1,483.82
7. Approval of Ordinance 2024.02 to move forward with annexation of the 8 tax parcels

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

J. Carnahan: Has been hired as a contract staff member to help Mike get up to speed and ready to take his test for certification. He stated that they have done walk throughs and he has reviewed the procedures in place and is working to help mike understand the “why” behind several processes. There is more work than he initially thought and he is working on somethings to address known functional issues at the plant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

White River Community Summit- reminder for the event is in the packets, all are encouraged to attend.

EMS Levy- Council appreciated the presentation regarding the EMS levy. The entire council agreed to mirror the Lid Lift Levy in the manner that Buckley has done, as they are our contract EMS. Marie to have Attorney Reynolds change the language of the Ordinance, and it will be published and we will bring this ballot measure to the voters in November

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Stats for March-** In the packet for review.

2. **Greens Towing-** Submitted a proposal to be the Town's official towing company, and provide impound services to the community. The council does not object, Clerk to reach out to attorney Reynolds regarding this to ensure that we can do this and review the contract.

MAYORS REPORT:

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- nothing at this time however the Mayor would like CM to see what grants are available for the Coke Ovens to be restored, even if it is only one or 2 of them for now.

Community Development, Ashley Murphy-

Website- We are still experiencing difficulties accessing the GoDaddy platform for our Web Hosting, however, the invoice was able to be paid. We need to decide how we want to change the web address as it will eventually impact our email addresses.

Signage- We need to move the "Know Before You Go Signs" closer into town. We will be reimbursed for this. Also we can purchase a new fire danger warning sign, there are a few different styles to choose from, and the CAP will fund this.

WSDOT- is working on a grant submission on our behalf for a safer downtown based on recommendations from town officials and the school. We will know more later this year.

HUB- the cabinets are being painted now, the interior is completed. We should have final engineering on the parking area soon and once approved, it can go to bid. The lock project is nearly completed. The chiefs office and front door locks are behind schedule but will be ready soon.

Motion made by council member Murphy to increase the contract rate of J. Carnahan, seconded by council member Farmer, voted on and carried.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- Much discussion regarding the cemetery plan and plantings.

Discussion on how many plants to plant now versus what can feasibly be taken care of. Concerns over deer and elk and costs for materials. More discussion coming after the committee is able to regroup and speak with staff.

Streets/Sidewalks, Zach Drilevich- first street sweep is scheduled for 5/2. Clerk brought up that is garbage day and is not likely the best day. Zac to follow up with the sweeping company

Utilities, T. Pen Snyder- nothing today

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm, seconded by council member Snyder, voted on and carried.