

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
April 27th, 2022

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2022
2. Approval bills as budgeted for April 27th, 2022
3. Resolution 2022.07 Approving the Wilkeson General Sewer and Wastewater Facilities Plan

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

1. Daryl D- Asked the council about the log monument on Railroad Ave. It appears that covered space could be better utilized with Wilkeson Artifacts and perhaps the log can be moved to another location. Marie to reach out to the community for feedback.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Logging Bid- Awaiting other bids. We need to move swiftly because prices are very high for the sale of logs and it's not anticipated to stay at these levels much longer

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Police Reports for March distributed.
2. Mt Rainier support letter for repairs distributed
3. Review banner color choices- Marie to scan the photos and Ashley will arrange them and send them back to me to forward to Joanne
4. Stump Grinding bid reviewed. Fetter Logging to submit as well
5. The Town of Wilkeson received a State Appropriation netting 290K for several repairs necessary in the watershed. There is a 25% shortfall in the funding necessary to complete all of those key items, so we will continue working to secure funding.
6. Watershed Logging Plan- the forester highlighted 3 areas in the watershed. 2 need logging now and one other area will need it in the next 5 of 10 years.
7. There are still about \$48k in ARPA funding that is not obligated- council would like to see that money follow the Davis Rousher Construction Phase.
8. An attorney agreement was presented for a one time contract for land matters issues. **Council member Thawsh motioned to approve this contract, seconded by Council member Murphy and passed without opposition.** Mayor added that he would like to see this cost less than \$500.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. Employee Handbook- Mayor is asking for the handbook to be reviewed and any necessary edits to be sent to him very soon.
2. Property at 436 Long- A citizen approached mayor about purchasing that property at 436 long street and making it additional parking. It is not something that was budgeted for. Perhaps for parking, we could reach out to owners with vacant lots and see if they would be willing to lease out the space for public parking.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Community Development, Ashley Murphy-

- Would like permission to order 2 garbage cans for the Downtown. Most businesses are opening for their summer hours. Motion made by council member Murphy to buy 2 garbage cans, seconded by council member Farmer, and passed.
- “Just for Fun” is hosting a run/ walk in Wilkeson on 5/15. All are welcome to join, they will provide a certificate of insurance to the town ahead of time.
- There is a “Riverwalk Art Festival” in Orting and Wilkeson is invited. Town representatives would have small handouts to bring awareness to our community and increase tourism.
- Firewise Clean up will be 5/7. We are working with Buckley Fire for this event and it will be from 1pm - 3pm. All are welcome, this event is for fire prevention education.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- We need to notify the homes that are neighboring the Catholic Cemetery and let them know of our intentions to cut down the trees on the property line only.

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers- nothing

Utilities, Rick Sellers- nothing

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm, council member Sellers seconded, motion carried.