

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 22nd, 2024

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

Motion made by council member Thawsh to excuse council member Snyder, seconded by council member Drilevich and carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held May 8th, 2024
2. Approval of the bills for May 22nd 2024, as budgeted.
3. Approval of leak credit for account 1331.0 in the amount of \$140.30.

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

**J. Hilding:** wanted to discuss the skate park staining project. Over the last 2 weeks, Wilkeson staff have been working with a Rep from Sherwin Williams and they are possibly donating the materials necessary. Clerk has an appointment with them on Thursday 5/23 to go over this. Will report back with more information. Also Bacon and Eggs had some guests last week filming a skate demo and interviewing John about the park. That will be posted on social media soon and available for people to see.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Labor Contract-** still sorting this out, hopefully soon

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **UV Channel Intensity Quote-** This part is for the UV Channel and is required as part of the disinfection system. Motion made by **council member Thawsh, to purchase this item, seconded by council member Farmer and carried.**
2. **PSE Substation Renovation-** This project is moving ahead. There will be public notices posted at the physical locations as well as on Social Media, letting people know what is going on. Public Hearing to be held on 6/26/24.
3. **PRSC General Assembly Meeting-** To be held on 5/30 from 10 to 1pm. We need delegates. CM Murphy and CM Drilevich are going to register.
4. **Total Auto Repair and Offroad-** is moving into the old service station and will open for business next month. Memo distributed to the council regarding the code and zoning in that area. The property neighbors have contacted the town regarding this business and expressed concerns. The memo has referenced how and why this is a legal use in this zone and how it could be changed in the future.
5. **Burnett Water-** Contacted the Town regarding a feasibility study between the 2 jurisdictions for water. This feasibility study is for information gathering only and the results of the study do not require action. This was discussed in years prior, but was not desired by Burnett water staff. Dept of Health to follow up with the town.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. **Quote for brush cutting along highway-** The Town needs to have brush and branches removed from the State ROW. Quote procured from a local contractor. Clerk Wellock has reached out to WSDOT and requested that they complete this maintenance work as it is in their ROW, it is impeding signs and they have the equipment to do the proposed work. Will follow up.
2. **Quote for Digital Chart Recorder-** this has to do with the telemetry system at the WWTP. Discussions with Coast Controls regarding how to create one central telemetry system to encompass the Water and WW alarms. We

need to set up a meeting with ArgoCTS and Coast Controls so they can work together to see how this could be accomplished and what the costs would be for both contractors.

3. **Rousher St Lift Station-** The repairs have been made with the pumps and electrical. They have chosen a site for the generator that is near the property lines at 507 Rousher, but still within the ROW. A pad will be poured for that equipment. The generator with the automatic switch has been ordered.
4. **White River Home Town Grant Cycle-** is open now and closes 5/31. This is a grant that focuses on community enrichment and engagement. It's an easy form to fill out and council members are encouraged to submit applications if they have a cause in mind.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer-** have completed the project to reframe the broken historical photos at town hall. They need to be hung. Mayor and CM Drilevich to complete this task. Need to purchase black finish screws for the work.

### **Community Development, Ashley Murphy-**

**Website-** No word on the .gov yet. We will still migrate the website to the old godaddy domain.

**HUB-** interior work is completed. First round of furniture has been ordered and some items have been assembled. AA and Booster Club will be meeting there soon.

**WWTP Tours-** Jeremy is offering to take the council on tours of the WWTP and explain how the treatment occurs and where the deficiencies in our system are and how that factors into the process. Please let CM Murphy know if you would like to take a tour.

**NPS Composer Event-** June 6<sup>th</sup> at Wilkeson Elementary. It is free to attend.

**PSE EV Charging Grant-** This has been submitted to PSE for 2 EV charging stations at the Hub. Will keep everyone posted.

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** discussed the shelter trailer offered to us from Pierce County and that we should look for space to store it. Clerk Wellock reached out to Pierce County Emergency Management (PC-EM) and asked that we receive only the contents of the trailer as moving the trailer around and storing it is proving to be a challenge. We also have a bridge in town that is concerning and could dissect the town if it were to fail. If we had the trailer, we risk cutting off half of the residents from the resources available in this trailer. PC-EM to follow up with us. We may be able to get grants from PC-EM, WA Dept of Emergency Management and FEMA to procure our own goods as well.

People are still abusing coke oven park and the surrounding gravel. We should look into moving ecology blocks to minimize the areas where this could happen. Mayor stated that if someone hits an ecology block we could be liable. Clerk Wellock to follow up with insurance.

Last week someone dumped a vehicle just past Coke Oven Park. Several neighbors collected their camera footage and were able to get a license plate. Information turned over to Pierce County, vehicle was towed.

**Streets/Sidewalks, Zach Drilevich-** Town needs to purchase the torch down sidewalk bars or the paint necessary to fix the sidewalks near the school. Alpine industries is who we have used in the past. Clerk Wellock to get costs.

**Utilities, T. Pen Snyder-** Absent

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by council member Drilevich, voted on and carried.