

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 22nd, 2022

**ROLL CALL:** Called to order at 6:00- presided by Mayor Pro Tem Summers. Council members Murphy, Thawsh, Summers and Farmer were present. Clerk Marie Wellock and Attorney Mike Reynolds was also present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
2. Approval bills as budgeted for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
3. Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into contract with Pierce County Historic Preservation for the historic photo display and banner project grant.

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

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:** Comments limited to 3 minutes

1. Chris W- came to express concerns over the logging and the intended direction of town, without a planning commission, and is willing to be a member and restart that commission. She has several questions as to how it came about, that the people deserve a say on the method of the clean up and restoration of the grounds. There should be careful planning from here on out to determine the direction that we go with the clean up.
2. John Hilding- Stated that he has 2 neighbors that both work for the DNR and had differing opinions on how the cemetery logging should have been handled with regard to selective logging and clear cutting. The restoration needs to be aesthetically pleasing. Would also be willing to join a planning commission or advisory group.
3. Janet P- asked a general question as to who was in charge of the cemetery oversight. The answer is council member Thawsh. She stated that he decision was not made lightly. There are trees that are destroying the historic portion of the cemetery. We can't let these also get out of hand and put the same risks on the newer section. Many of the trees had significant rot and the decision to clear cut was made by the forester and DNR.
4. Felisha F- Would like to readdress the perforated pipe on the stop sign near that building. People put cigarettes into the pole and it has caught fire before.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Flag Policy- Attorney Reynolds offered some insight into this issue. We have basically 4 choices for a policy, the 3 that were presented and how things are currently, with no policy. He suggests keeping it simple and keeping the language in line with the State and Federal Policies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Town logo submission- Sara Sutterfield submitted a logo design to the town, for a redesign of our town logo. The council has an opportunity to review the logo and ask changes. This rebrand included the arch, mountain, coke ovens, an eagle, the Carbon River and trees.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

1. American Flag banners have been ordered for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. They are versatile and can be used for Veterans Day and Memorial Day as well

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-**

1. All Along the Riverwalk festival fliers was successful, lots of people attended.
2. The Buckley Police Association is partnering with the Town for our Summer of Safety Series donating funds for the snacks and beverages. They have also agreed to reimburse the town for the costs associated with the GIS mapping services.
3. National Night Out is scheduled for 8/2- need to speak to the businesses about how and if they want participate that night.

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** Cemetery- council member Thawsh wanted to add to the concerns brought up previously in the meeting regarding the cemetery logging efforts. We had our forester come out and look at the trees with DNR. They looked at the option of selectively logging versus clearing. It is not feasible to selectively log timber of this age, it poses a greater risk of trees falling and endangering lives on the highway or the cemetery grounds. Much of the tree bases had many feet of center rot, that made them more hazardous. This was done as an added protection for the cemetery and was not a hasty decision.

**Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-** nothing at this time

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-** We have a new electrical contractor for our system. The contact information has been sent to Marie, and we are expecting a visit next week for some work on our lift station.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm, council member Murphy seconded, motion carried.