

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
July 10th, 2024

ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:22- presided by Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Murphy. Council members Farmer, Thawsh, and Drillewich were present. Clerk Wellock was also present.

Motion made to excuse Mayor Sellers made by Council member Farmer, seconded by council member Drillewich, voted on and carried. Mayor arrived at 6:35 and took over the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 26th, 2024
2. Approval of the bills for July 10th 2024, as budgeted.
3. Approval of Ordinance 2024.02 regarding R2 zoning code changes involved in WMC 17.03.020 and 17.07.020, special uses, providing severability and establishing and effective date.
4. Approval of Conditional Use Permit for PSE renovation of the current substation as well as the use of the Cemetery grounds as a temporary substation during the renovations.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

J. Hilding- has been working with James from Grindline regarding Bacon and Eggs and the need for cleaning and staining. He stated that James was going to get the stain and it would be about \$800. Council agreed to pay up to \$500 for the stain and the Wilkeson Booster Club may pay the remainder. There was another YouTube video made about Wilkeson and the Skate Park that is getting a lot of traction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Position 5 Vacancy- Motion made to by council member Thawsh to appoint Rick Sellers to Council Pos 5, seconded by council member Farmer. Discussion regarding this appointment included his prior experience with town council as well as his extensive knowledge of the WW system and the various needs of our Utilities. Motion voted on and carried.

RCO Community Forest Grant- Due tomorrow, is ready for submission

Labor Contract- still sorting this out, hopefully soon

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Friends of the Carbon Canyon Sandwich Board-** They need assistance getting it out on the curb for travelers to see. The Town can do it Monday through Thursday, but some one else needs to be responsible for it Friday-Sunday.
2. **June Police Stats-** distributed for review
3. Public Notice Period for the R2 zoning amendment is reopened. The initial notice did not include the SEPA information, and that is required in the notice. We will bring this back to the council for public comment on 7/24 and the Ordinance will be voted on by the council at that time.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor arrived at 6:30 and took over the meeting at that time

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- need to follow up with the brick mason for the coke oven repairs

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- two important dates coming. Mt Rainier National Park 125th Celebration in Wilkeson will be "MORA Pizza and Pints" on Aug 2nd. The Carlson Block will be donating all the proceeds from their pizza

sales to the Washington National Park Fund. There will be trivia and “Topsy Tapps” at the hotel yard as well as speakers from the park and Wilkeson Night Out on 8/8 will be at Wilkeson Elementary School, and will include the all wheels rodeo with helmet exchange and water safety.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh- still working with Chris on the grounds plan

Streets/Sidewalks, Zach Drlevich- Street Sweeping is set for the week of 7/22- an exact date will be determined closer to. Looking at the weather and it doesn’t appear to have a rainy days ahead.

Utilities, VACANT-

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Farmer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm, seconded by council member Drlevich, voted on and carried.