

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 13th, 2022

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
2. Approval of the minutes from the flag study session
3. Approval bills as budgeted for July 13th, 2022
4. Resolution 2022.13 to enter into contract with TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) for crack sealing our roads
5. Motion to move forward with the comprehensive plan amendment that will allow the annexation of the following parcels, 0619284057 (Coke Oven), 0619284039 (Thawsh), 0619213023 (10 acre lot) and 0619213024 (cemetery).

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

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

1. **John Hilding-** Working on the skate park, getting it cleaned and ready for the skate demo. Grindline will be helping touch up the concrete colors. The Foothills Historical Society will have a booth outside of town hall during the handcar races.
2. **Sara Sutterfield-** questions about the call for logos and how the “contest” will work and how many logos have been submitted. It is not a contest; this is a call for art and all submissions will be displayed for the public and reviewed by the council at the next meeting. She would like rules around how this was going to work. Per the mayor, this is informal, and nothing says a new logo will be chosen. Additional comments made from another citizen regarding the rules of this logo search. It was reiterated that it is not a “contest” and there are no guarantees that town will change logos.
3. **Daryl Dinwiddie-** Comments regarding the flag policy- what about the flag poles and the awning along the business district. He feels that the elected officials do whatever they want and do not follow “the rules.” He has documentation of the building permits for the awning, and they were paid by the businesses, which he infers as ownership. The mayor stated that he himself purchased the flags with his money and attached them to the awning as a citizen of this town. He remembers when the awning was built and believed it to be town property once construction was completed.  
**Clerk to verify ownership.**
4. **Chris Wilde-** Would like the 3 remaining trees in the old section of the cemetery to remain. She does not believe that they are a danger to the grounds or that there is danger of them uprooting and we need to look at other options to keep them standing. She reiterated her frustration with how the logging process was done and wants physical reports of why and how we got to that decision. She stated that she has heard 4 reasons. Danger of falling on the highway, rotting trees, sight line issues with Johns Road and the Highway and for money. **Marie to follow up and create a logging information packet that would be available at town hall for people to view.**
5. **Tyler Johnson-** Thinks Wilkeson is just great as it is. Has lived in many other cities and Wilkeson does not have the same issues that they face.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Flag Policy- Draft 4 presented to Council- **Motion made by council member Summers to amend the policy in the following ways-Remove the paragraph stating:** The town of Wilkeson does recognize the Federal Emphasis Program Observances and will accept community requests to fly approved flags during specified periods of time. These flags will be flown at the Miners Monument. The town of Wilkeson will not purchase flags for the above state emphasis months. Flags will be provided by the requesting party/ parties. **Insert a line:** Light poles: the town will determine the banners used on the light poles. **This motion was seconded by council member Thawsh, voted on and carried.**
2. Logging revenue and cost report was reviewed. We are looking at options for clean up, some of the quotes are only to haul it to another less visible location and others include full clean up. We need to decide how that will work.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Council informed that there will be a public hearing held on 7/29 to discuss prohibiting shipping/ cargo containers from town limits.
2. TIB Historic Downtown Sidewalk bids are due 7/29 by 2pm. Bid docs can be found at Builders Exchange of Washington.
3. Q2 Financials distributed to the council for review

## **MAYORS REPORT:**

1. Planning commission entries were given to the Mayor. He will review the names and work on getting something together for the next meeting.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-**

1. Summer of Safety- July event is 7/23. There will be a rodeo course for bikes and strollers. There will be ice cream and education given by the Police and Fire Departments.
2. Draft Town Newsletter distributed to the council for review. It will be hung at the post office and posted on Social Media.
3. The draft GIS mapping of this area was reviewed. Suggested that we resize the map to exclude areas that are not accessible from Wilkeson such as Ashford/ south side of the mountain destinations.

**Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-** nothing at this time

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

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-** There was an issue with the Lift Station at Rousher St. The electricians were on top of it and out on 7/13 for same day work. He is also going to contact Dept. of Ecology to see if there is anyone available to come to Wilkeson and help with the running of the plant until Mike and a new hire are adequately trained.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, seconded by council member Thawsh and carried.