

Town of Wilkeson
Regular Council Meeting
August 9th, 2023

ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00- presided by, Mayor Sellers. Council members Farmer, Thawsh, Summers, Murphy and Sellers were present. Clerk Erickson was also present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 26th, 2023
2. Approval of the bills for August 9th, 2023, as budgeted.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:

CHRIS WILDE – CEMETERY PRESENTATION

4 different slides of a suggested layout to the new logged area of the cemetery. Focused: 1. Plot space layout 2. Community like setting 3. Naturalizing space by the highway.

1A. plan was to split the area in half, using half for more burial plots and the other half for shrubbery and trees. Added was a service road, parking lot at the entrance, adding accents to the existing flagpole with plants and a sandstone bench.

1B. plan has the same layout as 1A, but instead of leaving the area sloped, a suggested retaining wall to be placed in the center of the burial plot area creating a level1 and level2. Tiered plot.

3. Same as 1A, using the sloped ground, parking lot removed and instead adding 2-3 gravel parking areas along the existing roadside loop throughout the cemetery, allowing for 15 or more parking spaces. Instead of doing a straight line utilizing half of the ground for shrubbery only, 2 corridors would be placed, sectioning out the shrubbery into 3 sections, instead of one long section. Beautification was also added to the west entrance of the cemetery.

4. Similar to #3, but re-routing the loop drive up and around the urn garden and flowing back into the existing drive.

All pictures has the service gate included, as requested, and parking.

Chris has met with professional ecologists whom provided information on local shrubs and trees, the best times to plant them, and what would have a better survival rate for planting. Potted gallon plants (2'ft) would have a better survival rate.

John Hilding was also present and questioned about the parking area(s). One lot vs. 2-3 different areas, in regards to the neighbors at the back section of the cemetery. Suggested finding something to plant or put up to block looking into their yard.

SARA SUTTERFIELD – no comment given

JOHN HILDING –on behalf of the Foothills Historical Society wanted to thank Ashley Murphy on the signs. They look great.

Speaking on behalf of the Booster Club in regard to the Hand Car races wanted to thank Krista Farmer for the good work and to express that the second day at the Wilkeson Skate Park was a big hit.

John thanked the council and the Town for all of their support with all of these events through town.

Concern: John was a bit upset that he could not use the town's generator. It was expressed to John, from Rick Sellers, that those generators are for emergency purposes and need to be used as such. They are not something to borrow at leisure. Mayor Seller's also asked John if he had attended any prior council meetings to ask to borrow the generator, John replied no. It was expressed that if the generator was broke, under his supervision, how would John be able to replace it in a timely manner to support the emergency use of it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Arch Log-** need to choose a color for the stain and have the council review it. Estimated completion is TBD

2. **Noise Complaints 209 Church-** A second letter was created regarding the necessity of the noise study, however, the council would like to extend the window of time to get the study conducted to September 12th rather than the initial August 25th deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **July Police Stats Distributed-**
2. **Bus Turn Around** – Brock Construction will be here this Friday to drop Ecology blocks off to temporarily block a full turn around in this area. Concern was brought up to this temporary fix. Bill Summers has been in contact and a meeting with the school in regards to finding a solution and sharing costs to pave this area. It was agreed on by all council members to do away with the temporary fix, but to instead address to the school that if they will not partner up in costs that the lot itself would be block for good and would not be accessible by any school bus or car. The ecology block will be set at the back end of the turn around area for now, until a solid solution is agreed on. There was concern by Bill that if the town does a temporary fix, to where the busses can still utilize the area, that the school will just be ok with the temporary fix and that progress on paving it will get nowhere. Citizen Chris Wilde wanted to know the cost of asphalt and the mayor replied about \$40k, in hopes that the county would support as well, splitting the cost in 3 ways between, town/school/county.
3. **Sidewalk Repair Bids-** Valkyrie Construction has been awarded the project. Mayor Sellers expressed to the council that ½ of the project is supported by TBD monies and the remainder through the town.
4. **Chip Seal – nothing really expressed.**
5. **Cemetery Bids** – Bids from MIKEN DIRTWORX and Brock Construction were presented. It was noticed that MIKEN's bid referenced the cemetery loop road at 10'ft wide, as to where Brock Const.'s bid referenced it at 15'ft. It was expressed by citizen Chris Wilde that the current width of the road is at 14'ft. Council requested that the Clerk reach out to MIKEN requesting their bid to be updated and reference work for a 15'ft wide road. Discussion also came up about confirming how the drive loop was to be laid out. Krista asked Bambi her thoughts on it because she is chairing the committee. All agreed that the drive in presentation #4, with the drive going up and around the urn garden was better. Motion made by Bill Summers, seconded by Krista.
6. **Ash Street Bridge** – Confirmed that this project is complete and the bridge is open again.
7. **Rain Garden(s)** – no discussion.

MAYORS REPORT:

COUNCIL REPORTS

Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer- no updates at this time, there will be an update at the next meeting

Community Development, Ashley Murphy- Document Attached.

- Dedication Plaque – She wanted feedback on a size of the plaque and location. No following discussion.
- Centennial is 6 weeks away. Ashley proposed to close the whole parking lot town in front of the town hall, leaving access open for the Eagle's hall, from Maple through the backside of the lot. There was concern about this event happening on a Friday afternoon into evening and the impact it might make for vehicle parking. The mayor asked Ashley if she could come up with some better ideas and propose something more solid at the next council meeting and discuss more about impact on traffic.

Cemetery & Emergency Services, Bambi Thawsh-

Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-

Utilities, Rick Sellers-

ADJOURNMENT- Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm, seconded by council member Farmer, voted on and carried.