

**Town of Wilkeson**  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 27th, 2023

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 13th, 2023
2. Approval of the bills for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as budgeted.
3. Resolution 2023.15- authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with “The Market” for the fresh food lockers  
**Motion made by council member Farmer to approve consent agenda, seconded by council member Murphy voted on and carried.**

**CITIZENS PRESENT/ COMMENTS:**

None Present

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Arch Log-** Need to buy the stain and hope that the weather window opens again
2. **Noise Complaints 209 Church-** additional noise complaints for the business working before 7am. The attorney has sent a letter to the business and the owner. If this happens again, further action will be levied against the business/ land owner.
3. **Town Hall Centennial Celebration-** This was really a great community event. Lots of people came and all of the feedback that we got for the event was great, and we stayed within the allotted budget.
4. **Cemetery-** Dirt work has started
5. **The Bus Turn Around-** Clerk is in contact with our engineers and trying to get a baseline requirement determined for what the turn around will have so that all of the bids are working toward the same goal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We need new garbage cans for the parks. Motion made by council member Farmer to spend \$1050.00 on 2 can’s, seconded by council member Murphy and carried.
2. The food locker program is moving forward. As information comes in, the council will be updated.
3. We will have budget meetings on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> for FY2024 budget input, EMS Levies and Property Tax Levies. We will also add the language for the Pierce Conservation District.
  - a. We will have our first budget workshop on October 11<sup>th</sup> to review current year financials and budget projections for FY2024

**MAYORS REPORT:**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Parks & Trails/ Emergency Services, Krista Farmer-** RCO Maintenance Grant was submitted. There was a window of time, were the grant was reviewed and questions were sent back to clarify. Those clarifications were made and the grant was resubmitted.

**Community Development, Ashley Murphy-** Fire Safety event on 10/7- fire extinguisher exchange will occur as well as the potential for fire blankets to be distributed.

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

**Streets/Sidewalks, Bill Summers-** would like to know more about the Lein process for utility liens. A customer was complaining about an old lien on their property. They do not have a meter. It was explained that once a connection is

purchased, it is removed from our available connections and base fees are required. This is the same for any property in our system. This lien predates the current clerk and she is unaware of the reasoning behind it.

**Utilities, Rick Sellers-** met with PumpTech came out and met with TSI. It is too cumbersome for the staff to be the middle people in their shared work. It will be PumpTech and TSI communicating together on our system. It makes more sense and will increase the information turn around. Also Clerk will need to reach out to the contact in Longview that does VFD's for the pumps. They are not returning calls to Mike. We will need the VFD's done, perhaps TSI can do those for us.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Council member Summers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm, seconded by council member Sellers, voted on and carried.