



September 15, 2020
WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020 at Town Hall by Mayor Erica Hearrean via HEARING IMPAIRED (VOICE) 1-800-833-6384 (TDD/TTY) 1-800-833-6384

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99874288517> or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603
Computer issues occurred at the very beginning of the meeting preventing from the webinar working.

Pledge of Allegiance

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Members present – Mayor Erica Hearrean, Mayor Pro Tem Kent Anderson, Council Members Roy Scheibner, Nichole Curtis, John Hanon and Lynn McWhorter.

Staff Present –Melissa Bulger and David Bjorson

Citizens Present – Julie Hill

CONSENT AGENDA

Kent Anderson made a motion to approve the following;
Payroll warrants 23781-23782 in the amount of \$2,300.00 dated September 15, 2020.
Accounts Payable warrant #'s 23783-23801 in the amount of \$34,611.52 dated September 15, 2020.
Approval of minutes from September 1, 2020 for regular council session.
Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - Removed due to Governor Inslee's Co-vid 19 Proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Covid Utility Relief Update – Melissa Bulger, Clerk/Treasurer advised that the Innovia Grant monies had been placed onto the 12 applicants accounts. There were 11 residents and 1 business that had applied for the grant funds and each one received a \$416.00 credit on their account.

Wilbur 2020 Crime Stats – Sheriff Mager's emailed a letter regarding both his new hires for the county and also the 2020 crime statistics for the town which can be picked up at Town Hall if residents are interested.

Surplus Items Sold – Melissa Bulger, Clerk/Treasurer spoke about the surplus items that were recently sold via an online marketplace. Items that were sold were the 1984 dump truck, the crack seal heater, the 1998 Dodge truck with plow and the street sweeper. Items that are still for sale are the skimmers, the copier and the old ambulance.

New Public Works Truck – David Bjorson provided council with specifics on a new work truck with a plow and tool box bed from Dave Smith Motors, the same dealer whom we purchased our last truck from. The cost of this truck is slightly more than the used one that was previously looked at and would have no mileage and would be warrantied. Kent Anderson made a motion to approve the purchase of the new truck, John Hanon seconded, all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Resolution 497 – Capital Facilities Plan, the newest and most updated version has been discussed over the past two meetings, including the budget meetings. Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve resolution 497, Roy Scheibner seconded, all approved.

Resolution 498 – Water/Sewer rates – During the budget meeting council had discussed with the Clerk the need to increase rates as low as possible to not increase utility bills dramatically, but enough to cover the increasing expenditures for both systems. Resolution 498 shows increases to both and approves a new utility rate sheet that will be available at Town Hall. Kent Anderson made a motion to approve resolution 498, Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved.

Ordinance 589 – Amending Municipal Code Title 13, Chapter 13.16 Sewer and Water Rates and Charges, this ordinance amends all wording in the chapter that previously set base rates to change to where rates will be set by resolution. This would allow council to assess rates each year at budget time and to amend the changes to fit the need of the town. Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve ordinance 589, Kent Anderson seconded, all approved.

Ordinance 590 – Amending Ordinance 580, regarding the utility tax on water and sewer services. This amendment was necessary as it came to light that the Town cannot have a flat fee tax, it is against state statute. This amendment changes and cleans up the 3 different taxes to create one tax that would cover the needs of all funds. Kent Anderson made a motion to accept and approve ordinance 590, John Hanon seconded, all approved.

DONATIONS

Donation to the Wilbur Cemetery - \$50 in memoriam of Dan Porch

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lynn McWhorter spoke about the recent level one evacuation due to the fires, her concern and also concerns that other residents had voiced to her, was there is no set plan for evacuation for emergencies other than a flood. Council discussed this, explained that the Sheriff's office would be in charge of notifying residents. Lynn would like to put together a packet of information for residents, especially older residents who would need help or a plan to be able to get out. She will continue to work on a plan.

Roy Scheibner asked David Bjorson on the plans to clean up the equipment lot over next to his house. David advised that some of that equipment has been sold and we are waiting for it to be picked up so the public works crew can move things around and clean it up.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, Roy Scheibner seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Melissa Bulger, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Erica Hearrean