

JUNE 15, 2021 WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2021 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/94386465697 or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603

Pledge of Allegiance

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff Present - Melissa Bulger and David Bjorson

Citizens Present - Julie Hill

CONSENT AGENDA

Kent Andersen made a motion to approve the following; Payroll check's 25386 - 25398 in the amount of \$28,462.54 dated May 28, 2021. Accounts Payable check's 25399 - 25404 in the amount of \$10,895.99 dated June 1, 2021. Payroll check's 25405 - 25406 in the amount of \$2,300.00 dated June 15, 2021. Accounts Payable check's 25407 - 25431 in the amount of \$87,337.29 Dated June 15, 2021. Approval of minutes from May 18, 2021 for regular council session. Roy Scheibner seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - No comments in person or via phone/zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office May Stats - Mayor, Erica Hearrean read the May incidents.

Street Vacation Request (Arden) - Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Bulger stated that the paperwork came in late so this subject will be tabled until the next Council Meeting. A short discussion did follow regarding the cost that the town incurs due to these requests. A list of charges was given to the Council. Melissa explained that the Town may want to charge an application/petition fee for these requests as other towns and cities already do. This fee will help cover the initial costs of advertising for the public hearing.

ORV Park Board - Mayor, Erica Hearrean stated that she would like to remove Kent Anderson as the Town Council Liaison, appoint Nichole Curtis as the Liaison and seat Robert Shepherd on the Board. Lynn McWhorter made a motion to remove Kent Anderson as the Town Council Liaison, appoint Nichole Curtis as the Liaison and seat Robert Shepherd on the Board, Kent Anderson seconded, all approved. Motion passes. Melissa updated the Council on the possible purchase of a port a pot; we are running into either high cost for shipping or a very lengthy wait time. Roy Scheibner asked if we could get a grant to build a restroom, Melissa will ask the engineer.

Town Nuisances (Residence living in RV's) - Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Bulger advised that she had asked other Town Clerk's what they were doing in their Town's. Jeannette from Almira gave a good

recommendation; she said they were sending a thirty day notice via a County Deputy. Melissa will look into possibly doing the same thing for the people in Wilbur. Council had other questions about nuisances around town. Melissa said she would contact the Nuisance Director, Bobby Petty to see if he could attend the next Council meeting.

Surplus Items - Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Bulger and Town Foreman, David Bjorson put together a small list of items that need to be advertised. Council looked over the items and asked questions.

Delinquent utility accounts - Clerk/Treasurer, Melissa Bulger advised that the moratorium on shut offs and late fees is due to expire on July 31°. She asked Council how they would like to proceed. There are approximately 20-25 accounts that are delinquent at this time; there are 7 that have large balances. The consensus was to continue with business as usual. Shut offs and late fees will commence effective August 1°.

OLD BUSINESS

An updated Project list from the Engineer was looked over.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Ordinance 598 - Amending Chapter 2.62.030 and 2.62.040 Board of Trustees and Town Council Liaison. Kent Anderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 598, Nichole Curtis seconded, all were in favor, and ordinance passes.

DONATIONS

\$230.00 to the Wilbur Ambulance Fund in memory of Larry Clark Sr.

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Erica Hearrean updated the Council on an early meeting regarding grant funding for the Wilbur Airport. Erica gave statistics on the Wilbur Ambulance; how many times our Ambulance has assisted with calls from Creston and how many calls Creston assisted Wilbur with. She also stated that only a few calls were taken by Creston due to COVID. Mayor Hearrean also advised that the Town will be receiving funds for the American Rescue Plan Act, approximately \$240,000. Half will be received in 2021 and the other half in 2022.

Councilmember Nichole Curtis gave an update on the ORV Park; she was wondering about a water truck that was out there, the Public Works crew will get it moved and they will also look into what needs to be done to get the old pumper truck working and out to the park.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Melissa Bulger, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Erica Hearrean