

OCTOBER 5, 2021

WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 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/81085506808> 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, David Bjorson and Jenna Archer

Citizens Present - Julie Hill, Joe and Charlene Douglas, Jim Allen and Officer Maclagan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kent Anderson made a motion to approve the following.

Payroll check's 25601 - 25620 in the amount of \$34,751.49 dated September 30, 2021.

Accounts Payable check's 25621 - 25635 in the amount of \$30,094.79 dated October 5, 2021.

Approval of minutes from September 21, 2021, for regular council session.

Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - None

NEW BUSINESS

Lincoln County Sheriff's Officer Maclagan was present to read the September 2021 Stats.

Public Works purchases - David Bjorson Town Foreman Informed Council of the need to purchase a utility vehicle. A couple of options were given to council. He also asked about purchasing a sander for the second big ram truck. The cost can be covered by the equipment fund. Since the town will not see any grant money for the street grader next year that leaves funds that can be used in 2021. After a short discussion, council approved to move forward and to advertise for bids on the UTV.

Library Grant purchases - Jenna Archer Town Librarian advised council of ARPA funds available through the Washington State Library in the amount of \$6,223. Jenna shared printouts of items that library would like to purchase with these funds. Items include a gazebo, a heavy-duty picnic table, a solar charger for electronic devices and possibly a touchless water bottle filler station. Council agreed to move forward with submitting the application for these items.

Postage cost increase - Since the rate of postage went from fifty-five cents per stamp to fifty-eight cents per stamp the cost was analyzed for the option to switch utility billing to postcards. The Town would save a considerable amount switching to postcards to help keep cost down. Melissa will reach out to BIAS/Springbrook to get the process started. The goal is before January 2022.

Airport discussion - David Bjorson Town Foreman has been in contact with Kevin Leyva out at the airport and they have been discussing redoing the roof insulation and sheet rocking. This would keep the mice from getting in and from it falling like the last insulation did. Also, the current work being done on the runway is complete and Mayor Hearrean will meet with the engineers and contractors later this week.

ORV Park Discussion – Councilwoman Nichole Curtis and liaison to the board, advised that an all-day event will take place on Sunday, October 24th.

Town Park upgrades - Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Bulger asked council about looking into upgrading and adding to the park structures. There are a few items she found that would be inexpensive and that would fit into the yearly budget. Also, she will investigate grants to help pay for replacing the large wooden structure that is deteriorating.

Doxie's Lease – The lease will be expiring next June; the Council needs to start thinking about changes to the current lease as we are losing money due to the increased cost of dust control.

Town Nuisances – Nuisance Director Bob Petty was not in attendance; Mayor will set up a meeting. More to come at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Long-Term Disability – Council woman Lynn McWhorter advised that she had spoken with Cathy McMorris-Rodgers and the result is that we will have to pay the new fee. Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Bulger is still looking into options, she is going to reach out to other clerks to see what they have decided to go with. She stated that the best option looks like it will be to go with the state plan since it will be the lowest cost.

Recycling Options - Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Bulger advised council of the rates she received from Lincoln County Landfill, \$170.10 per load. Other options were discussed.

An Updated Project list from the town engineer and an update on the airport project was shared.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Ordinance 600- Adopting the 2022 Garbage Rates. Kent Anderson made a motion to approve ordinance 600 as written, Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved. Resolution passes.

DONATIONS

\$27 from the ORV Park Box

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS


Mayor Hearrean asked which council members wanted to take part in the debriefing for the CDBG Grant denial that will take place via phone at Town Hall on Monday, October 18th at 4pm. John Hanon and Kent Anderson volunteered.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.



Melissa Bulger, Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor, Erica Hearrean
PRO TEM, KENT ANDERSON