

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2022, at Town Hall by Mayor Erica Hearrean via HEARING IMPAIRED (VOICE) 1-800-833-6384 (TDD/TTY) 1-800-833-6384

Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87841973949 or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

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

Members absent - Kent Anderson and John Hanon

Staff Present - Melissa Bulger

Citizens Present - Julie Hill, Joel Krause, Officer Cuzzetto, Officer Weir, Frank Stedman, Keith Pouley, Sheri and Marc Farnham.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve the following.

Payroll check's 25908 - 25927 in the amount of \$33,059.52 dated March 31, 2022.

Accounts Payable check's 25928 -25949 in the amount of \$53,667.15 dated April 5, 2022.

Approval of minutes from March 15, 2022, for regular council session.

Roy Scheibner seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - Keith Pouley gave his thoughts on the hours that the brush pile should be open on the free days.

NEW BUSINESS

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office March Stats - Officer Cuzzetto read the Stats. Officer Weir answered questions regarding an incident earlier in the day down in Grand Coulee. Lynn McWhorter also asked about a noise disturbance.

Kent Anderson Letter -Mayor Hearrean explained the resignation from Wilbur Councilmember Kent Anderson. After the resignation was accepted, Lynn McWhorter made a motion to appoint Joel Krauss to fill position number five, Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved. Joel Krause was sworn in by Mayor Hearrean.

Bids Received for Park Restroom Project - Melissa advised Council that the restroom project is on hold, as the cost had increased significantly since the first assessment. The cost in the beginning was quoted at \$79,000 and the lowest of the four bids that were received is \$196,965. At this time the engineer is working with RCO to see if the grant match can be adjusted.

Pool Foundation Grant - Melissa advised that she had filled out a grant application with the pool foundation to help cover the cost of supplies necessary to get the swimming pool up and running for the season. The Town had requested \$4,062.26 and the Foundation graciously approved the grant.

Community Clean Up Day - Mayor Hearrean advised that after consulting with Public Works it was decided that the clean-up day this year will be on Wednesday, April 20th.

Free Brush Pile Days - The week of Monday, April 18th through Saturday, April 23rd was presented to Council. The Brush Pile would be opened and closed by Public Works, Monday through Friday, 7am - 7pm and Saturday it will be unlocked from 9am to 4pm.

Community Center Lease Renewal – The current lease is set to expire on June 30, 2022. Melissa advised that she had reached out to Rick Jones to discuss the renewal option. Rick said he would have Ashley Ross send over a letter. Council did not have any changes currently.

Fire District Interlocal Agreement - The current agreement is set to expire on July 7th. Council will take the agreement home to read over before the next Council meeting. Mayor Hearrean advised that she spoke with Mike Finch and the district is fine with signing another agreement.

Visitor's Guide - Frank Stedman, owner of the Wilbur Register gave the Mayor and Council information on this year's visitor's guide. The cost will be \$800. Roy asked that a picture or other information about the airport be added.

Liquor License Application - The Town received a new liquor license application for Barenaked Flower LLC owned by Richard and Zenda Jaeger. All Council members agreed to approve the license through the liquor board.

Discussion on ambulance fee for non-transport - Topic tabled until next meeting.

Fee Schedule for Town Services - A copy of the current fee schedule was looked over. The following changes were discussed; late fee, changing from \$5 to \$15, water and sewer connection fee, changing from \$700 and \$1,500 to \$2,000, brush pile fee, changing from \$7.50 to \$5.00 and the removal of the rental rates for equipment. Council debated on all changes; fees will be set by ordinance at the next meeting.

Annual Report - Melissa asked for one or two volunteers from Council to go over the financial annual report before it is submitted. Lynn McWhorter and Erica Hearrean volunteered to meet with Melissa this Thursday to sign off on the annual reports before submitting them to the State Auditor.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Discussion on RV living ordinance – Council will hold a public hearing in May. Sheri and Marc Farnham, the owners of Country Lane Campground and RV Park were present to discuss their purchase of additional property in order to offer more long-term spaces. If there are no roadblocks, they anticipate the new area to be open this summer.

Chamber Insurance - Melissa advised Council that after speaking with Monica Oaks she found out that their need to cover insurance is \$933. Melissa also stated that the portion over \$500 that was agreed to at the last meeting would be used from the ARPA Funds.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Resolution 532- Nichole Curtis made a motion to accept resolution 532, setting May 3rd at 7pm as the public hearing for a conditional use permit to allow for RV living. Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved, resolution passes.

Resolution 533- Acceptance to match funds for mini excavator. Tabled until the next meeting due to the cost increase of \$3,073.68 over original bid and the negotiations with USDA.

DONATIONS - None

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hearrean gave an update regarding the Airport Board.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved. Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Melissa Bulger Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Erica Hearrean