

April 18, 2023
WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on April 18, 2023, at Town Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Lynn McWhorter via HEARING IMPAIRED (VOICE) 1-800-833-6384 (TDD/TTY) 1-800-833-6384

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85182595734> or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603

PUBLIC HEARING – The variance request for Josh Sherwood at 660 SW Richmond was opened at 7pm. Council asked a few questions; Josh answered all concerns. Variance request is to specifically allow the overage of two feet on a shop build. Council had no opposition.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Members present – Mayor Pro Tem Lynn McWhorter, Council Members Roy Scheibner, John Hanon, Joel Krause, and Nichole Curtis.

Members absent – Mayor Erica Hearrean

Staff Present – Melissa Bulger, Courtney Ruiz, David Bjorson and Phin Haglin

Citizens Present – Julie Hill, Frank Stedman, Josh Sherwood, Monica Krause, Shelly Johnson, and Billie Wheeler.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nichole Curtis made a motion to approve the following.

Payroll checks 26604 – 26614 in the amount of \$13,272.43 dated April 10, 2023.

Accounts Payable check's 26615 - 26633 In the amount of \$35,940.84 dated April 18, 2023.

Approval of minutes from April 4, 2023, for regular council session.

Roy Scheibner seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments – Billie Wheeler addressed Council regarding the pending cannabis zoning. Courtney Ruiz asked Council on behalf of Monica Oaks for the Wilbur Chamber of Commerce for a volunteer to handle the traffic detour for the Goose Days parade. David said that public works will take care of it.

NEW BUSINESS

Melissa or David explained the need for new water meters and software. The purpose of the bid from Kamstrup was to gauge an approximate cost for the entire project. Melissa asked if Council was ok with moving forward on opening up a bid process to allow for other suppliers and to follow procurement laws. Council is ok with moving forward.

Library Hours – Melissa advised that the librarian Jenna asked if council would be ok with changing the hours for Thursday's and Friday's, making Friday's the late open day. Council did not have any issues with the change as long as the hours were not being cut.

Wilbur Register Visitor's Guide – Frank wanted to know if there were any changes, he was given a copy of the ad with minor changes.

Cannabis Zoning – A lengthy conversation was had between Billie Wheeler, Shelly Johnson, Council members and Melissa regarding the proposed ordinance that addresses areas of concern for potential cannabis business in the Town. It was explained that the Town is attempting to be proactive when it comes to this topic rather than leaving all the regulation to the State. This is the beginning of ongoing conversations regarding this zoning.

Dollar General Store – Public hearing to be set for May 15th. Representative for the store will be present to address any questions or concerns. Melissa asked their rep for a list of potential items to be offered in the store. More to come at later meeting.

March Foreman's Report – David Bjorson read report aloud.

Life Insurance – Melissa explained the option to add life insurance through our existing AWC Trust benefits. The company that is contracted with AWC is The Standard, rates were given to Council. Melissa asked for approval for the Town to cover the base rate, which council agreed to. The cost will be \$1.50 per month per employee for a total of \$7.50 total for at \$10,000 coverage. Phin Haglin asked if he could be added to the benefit, and he would pay the total out of payroll deduction.

OLD BUSINESS

Sunrise Garbage Contract – A final copy of the contract was shared. Nichole Curtis made a motion to accept the Sunrise Garbage Contract as written, John Hanon seconded, all approved.

Avista Main Street Light Poles - An email from Jan Hoogstad from Avista was shared with Council. There is an issue with supplies for the steel light poles. Jan offered an alternative that can be ordered and received sooner, this would be a fiberglass pole, he also offered to cover the price difference as the fiberglass poles are a higher cost. Council has no problem going with the fiberglass poles but would like to see a picture of one. Melissa will work on getting one.

Summer Help – Melissa advised that two part time people were hired as office aides. Their first day was today and the grant to cover employment costs will be submitted on May 1st.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Resolution 548 – Joel Krause made a motion to approve resolution 548 for the variance request at 660 SW Richmond in Wilbur, John Hanon second, all approved, resolution passes.

DONATIONS

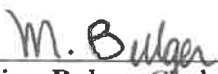
\$100 donation to the swimming pool fund in memory of Patricia (Krause) Moreland.

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS


Mayor Pro Tem Lynn McWhorter requested a notice for Avista for potential issues in boring underground for the new main streetlights, Melissa will reach out to them. Phin Haglin gave a short update on the Ambulance.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Nichole Curtis made a motion to adjourn, Joel Krause seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.



Melissa Bulger, Clerk



Mayor Pro Tem, Lynn McWhorter