



September 5, 2023

## WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on September 5, 2023, 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/89425795715> or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603

**BUDGET MEETING** - opened at 6:00pm and closed at 6:51pm. Capital Facilities Plan changes and questions were discussed. Estimated revenues and expenditures for the general fund were looked over. New utility rates for water and sewer beginning January 1, 2024, were reviewed with a 4% increase to continue to get caught up and to adhere to the 5-year rate schedule adopted by resolution. Garbage rates will need to wait until October when we negotiate the new rates with Sunrise disposal. Property tax levy was discussed. Nichole Curtis was absent.

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Members absent - None

Staff Present - Melissa Bulger and Phin Haglin

Citizens Present - Julie Hill, Catherine Seylor, Jessica Barney, Erica Robertson, Steffane Arnett and Officer Christian.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve the following

Payroll checks 26915 - 26937 in the amount of \$19,942.63 dated August 28, 2023.

Accounts Payable checks 26938 - 26953 in the amount of \$40,253.23 dated September 5, 2023.

Approval of minutes from August 15, 2023, for regular council session.

Nichole Curtis seconded, all approved.

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

Citizen comments -

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Community Pool Foundation - Catherine Seylor, Jessica Barney, Erica Robertson and Steffane Arnett, all members of the Pool Foundation were present to discuss the replacement costs for the pool roof. Council was advised that the foundation had received a \$10,000 grant from the Lincoln Economic Development Council to help with the cost. If the pending grant through RCO does not get approved the foundation wanted to know if the Town would be able to use other funds to help cover the project. Council did not oppose the possibility of using the Larrick Pool Fund.

Water Meter Presentation - Dean Brown with Correct Equipment was scheduled to be at the Council meeting, he emailed last minute with news that his company was dropped as a contractor for the Kamstrup meters. Another company will present another water meter option at the next council meeting.

Public Works Positions - Council was advised that the interim foreman, Tim Jennings gave his notice to resign as he has accepted a position with the Town of Almira. Melissa advised that the advertisement for both the Foreman and Crewmember have been posted on AWC website, with multiple area papers, the Town official

website and Facebook. One application has been received so far. Roy Scheibner and John Hanon both volunteered to be involved with the interviews.

Overview of 2024 utility rates - . New utility rates for water and sewer beginning January 1, 2024, were reviewed with a 4% increase to continue to get caught up and to adhere to the 5-year rate schedule adopted by resolution. Garbage rates will need to wait until October when we negotiate the new rates with Sunrise disposal.

Capitol Facility Plan - Council agreed to set the public hearing date for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Property Tax Levy - A public hearing was scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Department of Ecology - Mayor Hearrean went over details of a meeting with Casie Monge and Sheila Pachernegg with Cascadia Technical Services. The goal is to assess the situation with the groundwater monitoring wells and why the Town is being asked to run these tests more than what is typically expected. More to come.

Bids for three different water meter options were sent home with Council to look over. Council was asked to pick the top two to present at a future meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Avista - An email from Jan Hoogstad was shared. 15 of the 20 new light poles are in and waiting for the remainder before scheduling the install.

### **RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

Resolution 551 - Joel Krause made a motion to approve resolution 551 to apply for an Recreation and Conservation Office grant for the pool and park, John Hanon seconded, all approved. Resolution passed.

### **DONATIONS**

None

### **MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Hearrean gave an update on the Sundean Lawsuit, there is a hearing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm in Davenport. Joel Krause asked that the Council revisit tiny homes or accessory dwelling units, Melissa will add this topic to the next agenda. Tree Maintenance will be added to the next agenda as well.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, John Hanon seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

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Melissa Bulger, Clerk

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Erica Hearrean, Mayor