

January 2, 2024

WILBUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington opened at 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 2024, 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/83963735744> 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 Nichole Curtis (via phone), John Hanon, Roy Scheibner, and Joel Krause.

Members absent - None

Staff Present - Melissa Bulger and Phin Haglin

Citizens Present - Julie Hill, Deputy Christian, Monica Oakes, Dave Hearrean, and Leonard Woolsey. Three people on zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve the following

Payroll checks 27198 - 27223 in the amount of \$20,409.75 dated December 29, 2023.

Accounts Payable checks 27224 - 27227 in the amount of \$9,363.07 dated January 2, 2024.

Approval of minutes from December 19, 2023, for regular council session.

Joel Krause seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - None

NEW BUSINESS

Oaths of Office - Lynn McWhorter swore in Erica Hearrean as Mayor, John Hanon for council position 3, Roy Scheibner for council position 4 and Joel Krause for council position 5.

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to appoint John Hanon as the new Mayor Pro-Tem, Joel Krause seconded, all approved.

Monica Oakes was present to discuss the upcoming Wilbur Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on January 18th and the new sign at the Telford rest area.

Funding for pool roof replacement - Melissa advised council that the likelihood of seeing any grant funds from RCO is slim, she will reach out to the Community Pool Foundation to discuss moving forward and how much can be used from the capital facilities fund or larrick fund. More to come at a future meeting.

Upcoming RCO Grant eligibility - Melissa advised of the next round of RCO grants that are coming out later this month. The grant limit is higher, there is no match requirement and certain projects for both the park and pool may be eligible. More to come at a future meeting.

Tourism fund expenditures for 2024 - Due to a large increase in Hotel/Motel Tax or Transient House Tax we have additional funds that can be used toward tourism in 2024. Ideas for these funds are, an increased amount allotted to the Wilbur Chamber of Commerce, festival of lights and electrical work in the park for events such as Goose Days.

Lawsuit Appeal - Mayor Hearrean advised that an official appeal was filed with the courts on the Sundean Lawsuit. Dave Hearrean gave a short explanation of the appeal process.

A copy of the letter for the one-year cancellation notice from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement was given to council. The Town will be working with the Sheriff's Office over the next year to renegotiate the terms for a new contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Lift Station Generator - Melissa gave an update on the new generator; it is still on track to be installed in February.

Building Inspector - no additional applications were received, and interview will be scheduled with the one person who applied.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Resolution 559 - Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve resolution 559, approving the Salary Survey Contract with Toni Nelson as written, John Hanon seconded, all approved, resolution passes.

Resolution 560 - Joel Krause made a motion to approve the Royal Tree Co. bid and move forward with a contract, Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved, resolution passes.

Ordinance 620 - Roy Scheibner made a motion to approve ordinance 620, amending the Town of Wilbur fee schedule, Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved, ordinance passes.

DONATIONS


John Hanon read the donations; \$1,000 from the Tuft's Foundation to the ambulance fund, and \$100 to the cemetery fund in memory of Carolyn Kay Rosman.

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS


Phin Haglin gave an update on the ambulance. Roy Scheibner asked that the Town Foreman come to meetings and about the markers on the road near the post office.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Joel Krause made a motion to adjourn, Lynn McWhorter seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.



Melissa Bulger, Clerk


Erica Hearrean, Mayor