

January 16, 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 Pro Tem John Hanon via HEARING IMPAIRED (VOICE) 1-800-833-6384 (TDD/TTY) 1-800-833-6384

Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85681251004 or by phone 1-844-855-4444, participant code 1130603

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members absent - Mayor Erica Hearrean

Staff Present - Melissa Bulger and Dustin Taylor

Citizens Present - Julie Hill and Deputy McLagan. One person on zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to approve the following Payroll checks 27228 - 27239 in the amount of \$12,258.33 dated January 16, 2024. Accounts Payable checks 27240 - 27257 in the amount of \$163,911.83 dated January 16, 2024. Approval of minutes from January 2, 2024, for regular council session. Roy Scheibner seconded, all approved.

REGULAR SESSION

Citizen comments - None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy McLagan went over the stats for the sheriff's office for December.

Foreman's Report for December was read aloud by the Town foreman Dustin Taylor.

Funding for pool roof replacement – Melissa provided current fund amounts for both the swim pool reserve fund and the Larrick pool fund. She will be communicating with the Community Pool Foundation on how much will be needed to get the roof replacement done this spring. More to come at the next meeting.

Public Records – Melissa advised council of the fourteen new record requests received in the month of December, she also wanted to make it known in a public meeting that an administrative fee that is part of our current policy and in line with the Washington State Attorney Generals guidelines will be enforced moving forward. Any records that take over a certain amount of time will be charged this fee.

Dog Kennel - Melissa advised that a dog kennel was purchased and will be placed next to the Public Works building. This location is better than out at the sewer plant and allows the sheriff's department access.

Town Insurance - Melissa spoke with two representatives with CIAW regarding the cancellation notice that was given five days past the due date and their response of not accepting the cancellation notice for 2025. There will be a board meeting for CIAW on Tuesday January 23rd via zoom if any council members want to join so a request to forgive the five days can be presented.

USDA Loan/Grant Program - A list of options that can be funded through the USDA Loan/Grant Program was given to council to look over and to discuss at the next council meeting.

Garbage cost discussion - Councilmember Lynn McWhorter led an open discussion in regard to the compulsory charges for garbage within Wilbur. Melissa provided revenue and expenditure amounts for 2022 and 2023 for the garbage fund, showing that the Town does not profit from the garbage service provided for in the Town. Further discussion on garbage requirements will be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Inspector - John Hanon and Lynn McWhorter spoke about the applicant that was interviewed last week. The Town will send out an official letter to hire this applicant and to look into the cost of training and certifications for this person.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

None

DONATIONS

John Hanon read the donations; \$100 in memory of Carolyn Rosman to the cemetery fund, \$100 to the swimming pool fund in memory of Carol Bodeau and \$30 to the library fund in memory of Don Bodeau.

MAYOR, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roy Scheibner asked the Town Foreman about the need to have a larger storage facility for the new equipment. Lynn McWhorter asked the Town Foreman about reading the water meters that we currently have that are not reading.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Lynn McWhorter made a motion to adjourn, John Hanon seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

John Hanon, Mayor Pro Ten