

TOWN OF WILSON CREEK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2022 – remote/online meeting via Google Meet

Council Present: Mayor Robert Herron; Councilmembers Karl Hinze, Jerrod Johnson, Raymond Kelby, Scott Mortimer, Debbie Moore. Council Absent: None. Staff Present: Kaci Anderson.

Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 pm

A. Open Meeting: Mayor Robert Herron called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to entering executive session, Council heard from Lesa Nugent regarding her livestock application. Council reviewed WCMC Chapter 6.04 regarding livestock, and discussed potentially revising code. Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by J. Johnson, and carried to grant Lesa Nugent a temporary permit for one (1) year for one horse as indicated in her application.

B. Executive Session [RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]: Council entered executive session to discuss, with legal counsel representing the agency, potential litigation, at 6:25 pm for approximately 30 minutes. Council resumed regular session at 6:55 pm.

C. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by D. Moore, and carried to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on June 9, 2022.

D. Public Comment

1. Livestock Applications

- i. Tara Justice:** Council discussed application as submitted, as well as location in town and lack of legitimate family need or educational purpose. The application was unanimously denied.
- ii. Lesa Nugent:** Previously discussed. Council asked the clerk to request written permission from the property owner.

E. Council Concerns and Issues:

1. S. Mortimer discussed and/or requested updates on the following:

- i. Building insurance claim:** K. Anderson was able to submit the claim this week and is waiting for a response.
 - ii. Airport weeds:** S. Mortimer reported he mowed most of the kochia at the airport but said the sides of the runway needs attention, as well as the seams on the tarmac.
 - iii. Hydrant repair/maintenance:** There are a number of hydrants not working properly. HD Fowler has been contacted to hopefully come out to repair them soon.
 - iv. Levee inspection:** S. Mortimer and K. Anderson summarized their visit with Army Corps of Engineers Levee Safety Program Manager Charles Ifft on July 11. Mr. Ifft stated he may be able to get a crew to survey the levee. Motion made by J. Jerrod, seconded by S. Mortimer, and carried to invite the USACE to survey the levee. K. Anderson will contact Mr. Ifft regarding a survey.
- 2.** J. Johnson requested permission to install safety fence on town property/right-of-way, along his property, while he installs a new permanent fence. Motion made by D. Moore, seconded by R. Kelby, and carried to grant permission to J. Johnson to install temporary safety fence as requested. J. Johnson abstained from the vote.
 - 3.** K. Hinze asked for an update on tree trimming. Mayor Herron is waiting to have all the work done by the same person/company.
 - 4.** S. Mortimer reported there are piles of fill material at First and Bonaparte, near the fire hydrant, that should be relocated. Mayor Herron will pursue.

F. Reports

- 1. Mayor's Address and Maintenance/Public Works:** Mayor Herron commended the fireworks display, sharing appreciation for Chris Stout for setting up secure bases for the fireworks. He also noted everything was cleaned up very well in the following day or two after the display.

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2. Clerk/Treasurer Report

- i. **Bills, Checks & Electronic Withdrawal:** Motion made by R. Kelby, seconded by K. Hinze, and carried to approve the Town’s current fiscal status and pay the July 2022 bills as follows:

<u>Accounts Payable</u>	
PAYROLL: Check #10961 – 10969	\$ 4,078.79
CLAIMS: Check #10970– 10975	\$ 4,762.16
EFT payments	\$ 2,958.69
TOTAL	\$ 11,799.64

<u>Bank Account Balances 6/30/22</u>	
U.S. Bank	\$ 294,089.01
Grant County	\$ 113,047.10
TOTAL	\$ 407,136.11

- ii. K. Anderson reported the Grant County Auditor’s Office has inquired about placing a ballot box on Town property near the public works building. A map was provided for location. If agreeable, the county will create a contract for approval and the county public works department will install.

Council asked for clarification on whether the box is temporary or permanent. Motion made by J. Johnson, seconded by D. Moore, and carried to review a contract with the county regarding the ballot box.

G. Old Business:

1. **Appointment of GTA Board Member:** J. Johnson is unfortunately unable to commit to the position.
2. **Ordinance 421: Discontinuance of Water Service:** Council discussed goal and vision for the regulations regarding discontinuance of water service. Consensus reaches that the ordinance will remain in place as-is until an amended version is proposed. K. Hinze and J. Johnson volunteer to work on amendments.
3. **Ordinance 441: Credit/Debit Card Payments:** Motion made by S. Mortimer, seconded by D. Moore, and carried to approve and adopt Ordinance 441 regarding electronic payments.
4. **Ordinance 440: Flood Damage Prevention:** Motion made by D. Moore, seconded by J. Johnson, and carried to table Ordinance 440 until K. Anderson has time and opportunity to obtain information previously requested by Council.
5. **Street Sweeping by Grant County:** K. Anderson received a quote from Ed Lowry for \$4,300 to sweep all town streets. Council discussed pricing sweeping equipment. Consensus reached to not pursue county sweeping at this time.

H. New Business:

1. **Ordinance 442: WCMC Chapter 16.14 Wireless Facilities amendment:** Motion made by D. Moore, seconded by K. Hinze, and carried to approve Ordinance 442 amending WCMC Chapter 16.14 regarding Wireless Facilities. S. Mortimer abstained from the vote.
2. **Cost Estimate from Core & Main:** K. Anderson received a quote from Core & Main for product only (meters and software); Core & Main is working on a separate quote for installation, which will depend on the town meters’ current setup. Quoted cost is \$52,820.00. Motion made by D. Moore, seconded by S. Mortimer, and carried to approve.

- I. **Adjournment:** Motion made by R. Kelby, seconded by S. Mortimer, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. The next regular council meeting is Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk August 11, 2022 Date