TOWN OF WILSON CREEK REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 12, 2023 – remote/online meeting via Google Meet

- <u>Council Present</u>: Mayor Robert Herron, Councilmember Raymond Kelby, Councilmember Karl Hinze, and Councilmember Scott Mortimer.
- Council Present Remotely: Councilmember Kellie Ribail.
- Council Absent: Councilmember Debbie Moore.
- Staff Present: Kaci Anderson.

Regular Council Meeting

- **A. Open Meeting:** Mayor Robert Herron called the meeting to order at 5:56 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Mayor's Address and Maintenance/Public Works Report: Mayor Herron discussed the following...
 - **1.** There is potential interest in airport use as a drone training facility. He would like to invite representative(s) to attend an upcoming meeting.
 - **2.** Business that was being conducted in the shop across the street from Town Hall has ceased.
 - **3.** Offer for fall noxious weed treatment from Bishop. No quote has been received. Council consensus was to move forward with fall treatment to get ahead of weeds in the spring.
- **C. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by S. Mortimer, seconded by K. Hinze, and carried to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on September 14, 2023.
- D. Public Comment: None.

E. Council Concerns and Issues:

- 1. K. Hinze noted the RV dump is operational and working well. He then discussed his concerns about national/local safety regarding the current situation in Israel. He would like the Town to have a defensive/emergency plan to protect roads, water, school, and other significant infrastructure. Mayor Herron invited council to propose plan drafts.
- **2.** Mayor Herron: Regarding national situations, at Mayor's request K. Anderson is preparing a resolution draft mirroring Huntington Beach, California, regarding a ban of medical mandates.
- **3.** S. Mortimer: Reported a broken power pole at airport to the PUD and it was fixed today. Noted the Town needs a plan for the Shroeder lot suggested a low growing grass to reduce need to spray for weeds; applying a pre-emergent/sterilant now would prevent grass from growing. Noted more hydrant repair costs are coming as there are 2-4 hydrants that are stiff. Others have draining issues and can be emptied in the fall; repairs could potentially wait until next year.

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F. Reports

1. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

i. Bills, Checks & Electronic Withdrawal: Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by S. Mortimer, and carried to approve the Town's current fiscal status and pay the October 2023 bills as follows:

Accounts Payable:	PAYROLL: Check #11242 – 11252\$	2,104.32
	CLAIMS: Check #11253 – 11261\$	7,103.36
	EFT payments\$	2,334.95
	TOTAL \$	11,542.63
Bank Account Balances:	U.S. Bank\$	327,433.24
	Grant County\$	116,100.70
	TOTAL\$	443,533.94

ii. Preliminary budget for 2024: K. Anderson reviewed preliminary expenses projected for 2024. Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by R. Kelby, and carried to approve the preliminary budget for 2024 as presented.

G. Old Business:

1. Grant County Fire 12 Short Plat: K. Anderson reported she has contacted AWC and was referred to RMSA for assistance. RMSA has offered some help collecting sample application forms, etc., but recommended the Town hire an engineer. K. Anderson will take next steps to contact CenturyWest. No action taken.

H. New Business:

- **1.** Mayor Herron discussed ongoing negotiations with the school regarding equipment agreement. No formal offer or agreement is on the table yet.
- I. **Adjournment:** Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by S. Mortimer, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. The next regular council meeting is Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm.