

**TOWN OF WILKESON  
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Kepka called to order and presided over the Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2006 at 7:29 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Council members, Christine Fabiani-Wilde, Dennis Smith, Ben Odanovich and Rebecca Gilbert are present. Councilmember Smith made a motion to excuse Councilmember Walker from the meeting. Councilmember Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Jim Walker is excused from the meeting.

**Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2006**

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the March 8, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilmember Fabiani Wilde seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills for March 22, 2006 as budgeted**

Councilmember Gilbert motioned to approve the March 22, 2006 bills as budgeted, Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Introduction New Town Marshal – Glen McKinney  
Mayor introduced Marshal McKinney. Marshal McKinney shared his experience with council and that he will attend council meetings in order to keep council informed.
2. Fire Department – Dan Packer  
There is a ballot measure for May 16, 2006 that combines Fire Districts 12, 20, and 22. It will only be voted on by residents of unincorporated Pierce County and Bonney Lake residents. Bonney Lake residents have combined their fire protection services with Fire District 22, while Wilkeson is only contracted with its district. Advantage to the town is that the response time to the citizens will be quicker and that it is much cheaper. They will bill insurance; if someone does not have insurance they will send a courtesy bill to the patient. They will not continue to bill the patient should they not pay. The town is under contract with District 12 at this time and the conditions of the contract will not change with this merger of districts.
3. Electric, Telephone, and Cable Tax rate – Tabled until next meeting (Clerk to bring last years tax received at 5% vs. raising to 6%)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Town Hall repair bids (tabled from previous meeting)  
Mayor Kepka presented three bids for the repairs. 1) Kitchens Construction \$1200 2) Eddie Kivisto \$625 3) Handy Man Matters in Orting \$65/hr with no estimate of how many hours. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the bid from Eddie Kivisto for \$625.00. Councilmember Odanovich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Alarm System – Chlorination of Water  
Councilmember Odanovich made a motion to approve up to \$6000.00 for the Water Chlorination Monitoring System. Councilmember Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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**CITIZEN'S PRESENT/COMMENTS:**

Markus Dennis with Foothills Trail Coalition and Buzz Grant with Foothills Rails to Trails- Rainier 2 Ruston run is on June 3, 2006 National Trail Day. Run is becoming very popular, and can be a great way to enhance awareness of Wilkeson. Volunteers are always appreciated. (Information on the event and how you can help are available at Town Hall.)

Florence Fabiani – Short Street – The repairs to the Town Hall walls are only cosmetic. There should be some plans for real repairs. Councilmember Fabiani Wilde will try to locate those plans before next meeting. Mayor Kepka responded that she is looking for a grant to restore the entire building but for now this is all we can do.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** *Parking Lot, soil testing work will begin on Friday March 24. Council Study Session regarding council goal scheduled for March 29, 2006 at 7pm. Street Sweeping, Streets were swept last Friday, if there are any complaints please contact Robert Peloli, he has been working with them to make sure it is done correctly. Rainier Ranch Site Agreement, they have retained a new attorney and are meeting with her next week. Park Funds, Councilmember Gilbert spoke with Representative Shawn Bunny and he has about \$5000.00 that we can use. It must benefit the children of the community.*

**REPORTS:**

*Councilmember Walker:* Working on the lighting for the park (message relayed through Mayor)

*Councilmember Fabiani Wilde:* Nothing

*Councilmember Smith:* Cemetery sign is hard to read; looking into options for a new sign (Mayor suggested maybe a large piece of engraved sandstone). He will also post for volunteers at the post office to have a clean up day at the cemetery for the fallen branches.

*Councilmember Odanovich:* Street need to be cleaned

*Councilmember Gilbert:* Any suggestions or ideas for the park are very welcome. Shawn Bunny needs to know ASAP what will be doing.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Planning Commission Minutes (January 2006)

Trust for Public Lands

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approved by Council on the 12th Day of April 2006**

**Prepared by: Meredith, Clerk**

**Attest: Mayor Janet Kepka**

  
