

City Council
June 11, 2024

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Burbank, Bergerson, Bender and Green.

Also present were: Mayor Burkett, City Administrator Brunell, Public Works Director Banks, City Engineer Miller, Finance Director Hines, Police Records Clerk Burkett and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

Mayor Burkett asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

Council member Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Burkett adjourned the regular meeting at 6:53 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation for a period of time not to exceed 10 minutes. At 7:03 PM Mayor Burkett extended the executive session for another 5 minutes.

At 7:09 PM Mayor Burkett reconvened the regular meeting.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Harding – 553 Tanner Ave., Buckley
Ms. Harding is on the board for Chamber of Commerce and appreciates the Councils decisions especially with Highway 410. Chamber is more than happy to work with the City on important concerns with the highway, such as adding more businesses on Hwy 410 and bring in more business for downtown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admin/Finance/Public Safety

Mayor Pro Tem Smith updated that the committee met yesterday.

- Finance: 2023 year-end financial report, LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Commission) has a meeting coming up to discuss 2024 fund requests that have come in. Since Buckleys population has exceeded the 5000 residents, we have had to implement LTAC.

- Police: discussed personnel updates, they have a new hire that is a great replacement for the officer that just recently retired. Chief Alfano is evaluating entry level and lateral lists to look for candidates to replace an officer that left for a neighboring city. They hope to have this done by the end of summer. Also, the committee discussed complaints that have been received regarding illegally parked cars in the right way.
- Fire Dept.: Is in the process of hiring two firefighters as was approved prior by Council and is in the process of implementing a lieutenant training program and EMS program. An RFP (request for proposal) for ambulance services will be going out and will be due back Aug. 12, 2024.
- Court: Legally the court needs to provide an interpreter from the state if needed and the state will reimburse us.

Parks & Community Services

The committee meeting has been postponed until next week.

Council Comments and Good to the Order

Council member Anderson wanted to thank Buckley Fire that came to Wilkeson school field day, the kids got to spray the hose, and some firefighters even got in the dunk tank. Mayor Pro Tem Smith agreed and stated that the fire department came out to Glacier Middle School and when they come out to the schools it means a lot to the kids.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of February 27, 2024, City Council Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

RES No. 24-03 Approval of Lukes Landing Agreement

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve Res No. 24-03 Approval of Lukes Landing Latecomers Agreement. Council member Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Hines provided information on the 2023 year-end financial status. 2023 was a positive year but has leveled out from 2022 due to Covid. Based on the current projects in 2025 we should see an upswing again for building permits. The City has benefited from several fire grants, recreation program grants, youth and senior center grants.

You can view the staff memo that is in the packet that contains the exhibits for budget to actual compensation for revenue, expenditures and general fund revenue and expenditures.

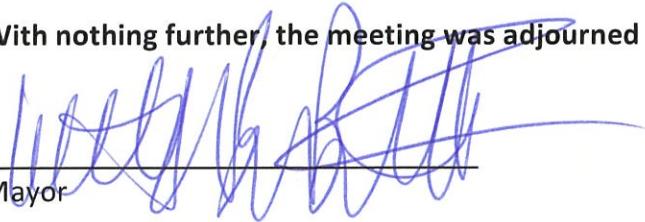
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Pierce County Council member Morrell spoke on the Foothills Trail and the section of the Spiketon bridge, due to the creek underneath to protect the fish. The temporary bridge could take up to a few years and the county will monitor it every two years.

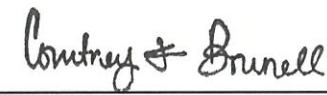
Council member Bender had a final comment regarding an emergency ban on fireworks. City Administrator Brunell answered what other cities have done and she can look further into this.

Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Mayor



Courtney Brunell
City Administrator

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