

**City Council
July 8, 2025**

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Public Services Director Banks, Firefighter Smith, Finance Director Hines, Court Administrator Cash, Judge Berry, Police Chief Alfano, and City Clerk Zumeck

Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Mayor Burkett announced that he would like to reappoint Maria Zaffee to a three-year term on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission.

Council member Smith moved to Reappoint Maria Zaffee to a three-year term on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jeff Fetter – Mr. Fetter came to share information on an incident with the sidewalks near the log show grounds. During a log show an elderly woman fell and required stitches. Public Services Director Banks shared that the City staff is currently working on grinding the uneven spots on sidewalks.

He also wanted to share his concerns with E-bikes on the trail and requested that speed limit signs be added as he has almost been hit more than once by an E-bike travelling at well over 30 mph.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Burkett reported that there were 12 calls for the Fire Department on the 4th of July and only one was fireworks related and it was in Wilkeson.

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission:

Council member Bergerson shared that the Commission met on July 2, 2025, and discussed the following:

- Parting Commissioners,
- Program and Events Guide,
- Attendance & Participation,
- Wellness Classes
- New Positions Elected,
- Price Point Programming, and
- Wellness Fair.

Planning Commission:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Commission met last night and received a presentation from the Consultant on the Comprehensive Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bid Award – West Mason Overlay Project
- b. Consultant Supplemental Agreement 1 for Construction Phase of the West Mason Overlay Project
- c. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2025, City Council Study Session
- d. Approve Minutes of February 25, 2025, City Council Meeting
- e. Approve Minutes of March 11, 2025, City Council Meeting
- f. Claims and Payroll

Claim check numbers 69620 through 69697 in the amount of \$494,289.55 for June 10, 2025, through June 23, 2025; Payroll check numbers 41858 through 41910 in the amount of \$181,249.67 and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$510,638.54 for June 24, 2025, through July 7, 2025; and Claim check numbers 69698 through 69752 in the amount of \$123,633.32 for June 24, 2025, through July 8, 2025, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 8th day of July 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

RES No. 25-05: Support for Wilkeson- Fairfax Bridge Closure

Council member Anderson moved to Approve Resolution No. 25-05 in Support of the Town of Wilkeson following the Closure of the Fairfax Bridge. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Hines shared the 2nd Quarter 2025 Financial Dashboard Report. She shared information on the following:

- General Fund Revenues;
- Sales Tax and Utility Tax;
- General Fund Expenditures;
- Legal Services;
- Fire Department OT;
- Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance;
- Utilities, and
- Real Estate Excise Tax.

State of the Court

Judge Berry provided the Council with a brief update on the state of the Court. She shared that her department has a lot of expertise and has faced many unexpected challenges over the last year. She is very proud of how the Department has handled everything. She also wanted to remind Council that she loves to do community outreach so feel free to reach out to her if there is a group or association, etc. that you would like her to come speak at. She shared that they were able to hold a mock court for the kids present at "Bring a Kid to Work Day" and also presented at the Police Department's Citizens Academy.

City Administrator Update

City Administrator Brunell apologized for not having a notice up at City Hall that the ribbon cutting scheduled for today was cancelled, there are still a few items that need to be completed before we hold the event.

She also shared that the Doc Tait Pavilion Ribbon Cutting will be on August 7th at 5:30 PM.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Bergerson asked if there could be more garbage cans put along the trail for dog waste and asked if the door on the new bathroom could be painted as it has already faded.

Council member Green shared that Pierce County along with other jurisdictions have decided to not accept federal funds due to new language that was issued. Council member Green would like to see some pushback on this.

Mayor Burkett shared that Fire Chief Skogen, Police Chief Alfano and himself had recently visited the volcano observatory and shared some information on the recent earthquakes around the volcano.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

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