

WILSON, JACK NORMAN
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Jack Wilson will be remembered for a long time as the man who waved to everyone.

His tenure on the Wheatland Town Council will long be remembered by Wheatland Mayor Joel Dingman.

Dingman said Wilson had the wisdom of age and the vision of youth.

"It's hard to get those two things together in one person," Dingman said. "He knew what needed to be done for Wheatland."

Dingman said he will remember Wilson as a thinking type of person who put a lot of thought into his role as a councilman.

"There were so many times he would just sit there and listen," Dingman said. "Then he could wrap things up with just one sentence. He made sense when he said it too."

Dingman said Wilson had a special vision for Wheatland and he was always thinking what would be right for future generations.

Wilson was seated to Dingman's left at the council table and Dingman could always tell when Wilson had something to say or needed a question answered.

"He would click his pen," Dingman said. "That's how I knew he wanted to say something or had a question to ask."

Dingman added he will miss seeing Wilson on the council and around town as well.

"I'm going to miss him," Dingman said. "I truly valued his opinion."

The Wheatland Town Council will have to find a replacement for Wilson in the near future, Dingman said.

There is no time limit so the council will carefully assess the situation before naming a replacement according to Dingman.

"The sitting council will have to appoint someone," Dingman said. "There really isn't a law on time frame, but we will need to get someone in there."

Dingman said the replacement will be on the council until the next general election in November and that term will run for two years.

"Two councilmen get elected at each big election," Dingman said. "Jack was only in the second year of his term and his seat would come up for election in 2002."