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Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Present: Mayor Kriner and Councilmembers Alexander, Levine, Ritter and Weddle.

Staff: Attwood

Roll call was taken and Councilmember McMillan was not in attendance.

Motion to approve agenda. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

Lauri Jones, Okanogan County Public Health, was in attendance. Lauri updated the Mayor and City Council what the Governors Phase 2 means. Lauri stated restaurants can be at 24% capacity and hopefully we can soon advance to phase 3. The County has vaccinated 12,000 doses to those aged 65 and older. Working on getting those that are home bound the vaccines. Questions were asked and answered. Lauri did state she anticipates that swim pools will be open this summer. The Mayor and council thanked Lauri for her attendance.

Public Comment—None

Unfinished Business

Motion to approve Agreement WQC-2021-Tonask-00094 with the Department of Ecology for the Stormwater Treatment Improvement in the amount of \$1,352,000.00; Grant amount \$1,149,200.00, Loan amount \$202,800.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents. M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Mayor

- Continues to work on the two business buildings in town.
- Stated she would like to have the City pay off the tractor loan which is approximately \$7200. Was asked if she had discussed this matter with the Finance Committee. Weddle stated no recommendation at this point.

Levine

- Would like to give a Perfect Passage Presentation.
- Has been working with Councilmember Ritter on the ad hoc Police Department Committee and has checked with the US Department of Justice on guidelines. And researching how a new Police Department would be funded.

Ritter

- Asked the Mayor if the Library building is still an option for a potential Police Department—Mayor stated the Library District does not have funding for building libraries and there is no intent to ask them to leave the building.

Weddle

- Reported she had met with Councilmember McMillan—finance and personnel not much happening.
- Working on an agreement with Farmer's Market.
- No decisions on TranGo yet.
- Ad hoc Union Negotiation no results yet.
- Attended the EC Development Board meeting.

Alexander

- Is excited to meet in person at a meeting.
- Likes the idea of holding a retreat.

New Business

Councilmember Weddle presented a Council Project Board. She has put this together to track Council Committee's projects and asked the Councilmembers for their input. Weddle stated maybe it could be discussed when they have a retreat. It was stated the week of April 12th would be a good time for a retreat.

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Councilmember Weddle reported she attended the Tourism Summit. It was very enriching and subject matters included the COVID impact, 2021 will be the year of travel, what to do to prepare for that travel and how to be welcoming and inclusive.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 surplusing the 2005 Ford Crown Vic as on Exhibit A of the resolution. M/Weddle, S/Alexander. Carried 3:1. Ritter voted no.

Motion to excuse Councilmember McMillan from this Council meeting. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence - None

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer