

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
Via Zoom**

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**Present:** Mayor Kriner and Councilmembers Alexander, McMillan, Ritter and Weddle.

**Staff:** Attwood and Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

Roll call was taken and those in attendance were Councilmembers Alexander, McMillan, Ritter and Weddle.

**Motion to approve the agenda but striking 9a) approving demolishing old PD building.**  
M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Public Comment** – Alex Eppel introduced himself and said he is interested in watching the City’s Council meetings.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion to pay off the Lawn Mower/Tractor loan.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Mayor**

- Has been working with attorney Crandall on the City Hall roof.
- People on the small works roster have been contacted to put in quotes for the Youth Center project that are due on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The parks will be opened on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- P1FCU will be hiding Easter eggs the weekend of April 3<sup>rd</sup> in History Park for children to collect and turn in for prizes.
- 27,500 vaccinations have been administered in Okanogan County.
- City Hall will be opening their doors on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hours will be 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Masks will be required, and social distancing observed.

At 7:14 pm Councilmember Levine joined via Zoom.

**Levine**

- Requested to extend the adhoc committee for 60 more days. Mayor Kriner agreed and this will be revisited in 60 days.

**McMillan**

- Safety committee met and will be meeting with TranGo on Wednesday, they are working on several sites.

**Ritter**

- Has received an email about concerns of speeding on the Havillah Rd. coming into town. Would like Council to discuss either putting up solar speed sign or making the distance to slow down longer.
- The Extended Care would like to have therapy pets and she feels it should be turned over to the street committee. They would need a variance to keep the pets.
- Wanted to discuss the Union agreement. Mayor Kriner reminded her it would be later on the agenda. She wanted to be sure the Department heads received the same benefits as the Union members.
- There will be a park meeting tomorrow with Justin Haug and Planner Kurt Danison.

**Weddle**

- The Finance Committee has been quiet.
- Pool Levy will be voted on at the end of April and wanted everyone to know how important passing it will be.

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- Okanogan Highlands Alliance will be having an auction that will fund having 3 murals painted around Tonasket. You can also purchase a square on the wall for \$20.00. Contact Jen Weddle for further information.
- Spoke with Attorney Howe and has the okay to utilize the project board. It will be a working document and will be on the website.

#### Alexander

- Things have been quiet in the Airport and Cemetery. Councilmember McMillan asked where things are with the courtesy car and Clerk Attwood said it needs to be advertised.

#### New Business

**Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement Between the Teamsters Local Union No. 760 and the City of Tonasket which sets a 1.75% increase for wages, the Utility Clerk position receiving an additional \$.50 an hour, and paying \$59.00 for Life Flight, effective 1/1/2021.** M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Carried 4:1. Councilmember Levine voted no.

**Motion to set April 30, 2021 as the City of Tonasket's Arbor Day.** M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

The City will have an auction of certain surplus items on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 setting the City's annual Clean Up date.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

**Request from Extended Care for Therapeutic pets.** After discussion it was agreed that Councilmember Ritter would contact them and request that they apply for a variance.

#### Miscellaneous and Correspondence

The Council all agreed to have the Council Retreat on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Tonasket City Hall Council Room. Councilmember Levine may possibly be out of town that day.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer