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## Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 9, 2021

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

**Staff:** Johnson, Danison, Hawley and Attwood

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

The Roll call was taken and all were in attendance.

**Motion to approve the agenda;** M/McMillan, S/Ritter. **Motion to add Greg Gardinier to the agenda under Unfinished Business.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Vote on amending motion carried 5:0. Vote on original motion Carried 5:0.

### Public Comment

- Mayor Kriner reported she has received a complaint from Dave Kester about skateboarders in the Lee Franks parking lot. The City has no jurisdiction on a private parking lot however the Council suggests refreshing the stencil on the sidewalks stating no skateboards or bikes allowed on the sidewalks.

**Brent Timm, TranGo, was in attendance to inquire if Council will approve moving forward with their proposal for a park and ride on City property.** Brent stated all funds for the project will be provided by TranGo.

**Motion to approve the proposed project with TranGo and authorize them to proceed with their plans to construct a Park and Ride bus stop area on South Western Ave and to bring the final plans to the City for approval.** M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

### Kurt Danison Report:

- Has an estimate for the South access study and design.
- Been in discussion with Justin Haug regarding the ballfield project.
- Planning commission is working on the Transportation element in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Economic Development has a new office.

**This meeting has been advertised as the Final Budget Hearing for the 2022 Budget.** The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The City Clerk went through the items requested from Department Heads and stated which ones were in the budget line items for 2022. There were questions from the Council regarding the need for a new pick up. The trees at the Cemetery were also discussed and the need to replace them and maybe it would be a good idea to replace them with the Arbor Day trees. After further discussion the Public Hearing was closed.

### Unfinished Business

**Motion to authorize Varela Engineering to research funding for the replacement of the sewer line on Winesap Ave.** M/McMillan, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

**Greg Gardinier was present to update the Mayor and Council on the installation of the cameras on City property.** The installation is almost complete. Electrical will be needed for better coverage in the City Shop area.

### Department Head Reports

#### Attwood

- Reported Joël Pilkinton will be moving into the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer when Deniece Miller retires and she has hired Gay Seydlitz as the Utility/Court Clerk.

#### Johnson

- Reported he has been working at the Wastewater Treatment plant.
- Has been raking leaves in parks
- Cleaning Storm drains

#### Hawley

- Deputy Taft continues with his training.
- Sheriff Department still looking to fill positions.
- Thank you from Councilmember Levine regarding a recent issue.

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**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Mayor**

- Reported she has given an award to Cameron Emery for helping clean up Tonasket.
- Also gave an award to Chad Short for all of his help at the WWTP.
- Reported Darren Johnson will be stepping down as Superintendent and will be in the Assistant Superintendent position. The City will advertise for the vacant Superintendent position.

**Levine**

- Reported the Perfect Passage meeting went well.
- Asked the City Clerk the process on liens.
- Attended the Cemetery meeting and discussed the potential project.
- Stated the Perfect Passage meeting should have been on ZOOM—some people not happy about that. Meetings should be consistently on ZOOM.
- Has been vandalism at the Park.
- WSDOT will be short handed this year.

**McMillan**

- Still in union negotiations.
- Nothing to report in Public Safety.

**Ritter**

- Maybe it is time to look at the fines/penalties for vandalism due to what is happening in the park.

**Weddle**

- No report.

**Alexander**

- No report.

**Motion to extend the Council meeting to 9:15 pm.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**New Business**

Discussion on the selling of 1 acre of property at the new cemetery to Bergh Funeral Service. Councilmember Levine stated it was illegal to do so. The City Clerk stated it is not illegal and has checked with the City Attorney

**Motion to table the selling of the cemetery property until the next meeting November 23, 2021.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve and authorize payment for the North Central Washington Task Force Agreement for 2022 and authorize Mayor to sign the agreement.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes of the previous meeting, the October Payroll \$36,864.93 (11092 – 11107 and Direct Deposit run 10/27/21) and the November bills \$100,738.00 (11108 – 11159 and 3 EFT's 11/8/2021).** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer