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Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Kriner and Councilmembers Alexander, Levine, McMillan and Weddle

Staff: Johnson, Danison 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 except for Councilmember Ritter.

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

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of excusing Councilmember Ritter. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Carried 4:0.

Public Comment

- George Hill stated the council may want to consider the parking for the employees and the Extended Care Facility before making a decision on the Tran Go bus stop.

Ed Koonce was present to discuss an organized neighborhood watch group. Ed stated the nextdoor.com program isn't working out and he plans on creating a Neighborhood Watch program. He has informed the Sheriff's Department. He would also like to ask the Council if there would be a chance for a liaison from the Council to be part of the group. Ed will be contacting superintendent Johnson to talk about the possible placement of neighborhood watch signs.

Sheriff Hawley Report

- Reported briefly what is at stake for law enforcement with the new laws and hopes to get better guidance from the courts on how to move forward.
- Trying to keep policies with different entities similar and working with Police Chiefs to accomplish that goal.
- Mission to perform Public Safety as best as they can and keep staff safe from injunctions against them.

Kurt Danison Report

- Reported on the Economic Development and Infrastructure Prioritization Process; Tonasket has 4 projects, 1) the Perfect Passage, 2) the Municipal Building, 3) South access to Chief Tonasket Park and 4) the South End Annexation. The presentation will be August 9th and he would like someone from the City to do the presentations. Councilmember Levine volunteered to do so. Councilmember Weddle said she could help if needed.
- Brief report on the STP funding.

Unfinished Business

There was lengthy discussion on the placement of a TranGo Bus stop on Western Ave near the Extended Care Facility. Kelly Scalf, TranGo, was in attendance via zoom and Alan Ulrich, Hospital CFO, was present for the discussion.

Motion to approve the TranGo bus stop on Western Ave near the Extended Care Facility and to change in the Franchise Agreement in Section 6.5 the time for notification from 10 days to 20 days. M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 3:0. Councilmember Weddle recused herself from the discussion and the vote.

Department Head Reports

Johnson

- Reported well #8 was down and has been repaired.
- The booster pump was also down and was repaired.
- There was a water break in front of the Catholic Church and has been repaired.
- Has quotes for a snow-plow
- The new employee starts on Monday.

Attwood

- No report.

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Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Mayor

- The Youth Center is coming along and looks good, and are working on the gutters.
- Reminder the auction is Friday the 16th at 1:00 pm.
- Met with Councilmembers Weddle and McMillan and discussed the City's Loans

Motion to approve the pay off of the loan with US Bank for the City Hall Roof. M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Motion to extend the meeting another 30 minutes. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

Levine

- Reported on the OCOG Back Roads Study.
- Reported the City needs to adopt a Resolution to allow for the appointment of the Mayor as primary OCOG attendee and two alternates. Levine stated she would like to continue to go to the meetings.

McMillan

- Met with the Mayor and Weddle to discuss the city's Loans.
- Reported on Public Safety.

Weddle

- No Report.

Alexander

- Stated that the Cemetery was discussed at the retreat and it was mentioned the property should be leased or repurposed. Also, that underground sprinklers are needed in the old cemetery. The Mayor stated that the new cemetery needs to start being designed for use as a cemetery, the old cemetery is beginning to be full.

Motion to authorize Superintendent Johnson to purchase a snow-plow for the 2019 Ford Truck from Okanogan Truck and Tractor in the amount of \$12,304.27 and to choose this quote over the other two quotes due to location. M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0, Levine abstained. The other two quotes were Cascade Pipe and Supply, Twisp, WA \$11,860.69 and Horizon, Spokane, WA \$11,528.71.

Motion to authorize Varela Engineering to proceed with applying for TIB funds to for the Perfect Passage and Jonathan St. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

Motion to authorize Varela Engineering to proceed with the TIB applications for the City and to rescind the prior motion. M/Levine, S/Alexander. Carried 4:0.

Motion to adopt Ordinances #825, #826 and #827, Budget Amendments. M/McMillan, S/Alexander. Carried 4:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence--None

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting June 22nd, the June 29th retreat, the July Bills \$75,290.94 (10833 through 10876 & EFT 1-3) and the June Payroll \$41,039.71 (10811 through 10832 & direct deposit run 6-28-2021). M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer