

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, March 22, 2022

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**Present:** Mayor Maldonado and Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, Levine, McMillan and Weddle.

**Staff:** Attwood

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

Roll Call was taken, and all were in attendance.

**Motion to approve the agenda.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction to add in Councilmember McMillan's report that the quarterly meeting was with Sheriff Hawley.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Public Comment**

- Jill Ritter stated her daughter fell on the sidewalk across from City Hall and thank goodness was not hurt. She voiced her support and the strong need for the Perfect Passage Project which will include sidewalk repair.
- Phil Christy asked if trees were going to be replanted in History Park. It was stated Arbor Day trees were to replace the trees in the park that were removed.

**Unfinished Business**

**The proposed Rental Agreement with the Tonasket Chamber of Commerce was discussed.**

- Additions to the agreement: term; office space rent to tenant 2 days per week, 64 hours per month for 12 months.

**Motion to accept the agreement with the provided changes.** M/Hill, S/McMillan.

**Motion to amend the motion to include that the insurance coverage have the minimum limits.** M/Hill, S/McMillan.

Vote on original motion 4:1, Motion carried, Levine voted no. Vote on second motion 5:0, Motion Carried.

There was discussion to readdress this agreement in the fall and discuss items such as snow removal.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Levine**

- Have not met with Alexander yet regarding Parks Committee matters.
- When ground thaws the Parks will open.
- Have been in contact with Weddle re: Perfect Passage. Ad Hoc wants to meet.
- Business owners want to know process of Perfect Passage—question why the project can't be done all at once to eliminate inconvenience.
- Would like to add Jill Ritter to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Perfect Passage.
- The people who put together the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament would like to do it again.

There was discussion that History Park should be open for people to walk in.

**McMillan**

- Met regarding Public Safety with group of citizens and discussed the Law Enforcement Contract and discussed a police department. The group is a good cross section of citizens.

**Hill**

- Nothing regarding Library at this time.
- Asked how others could be involved.
- Inquired about the Cemetery survey---Clerk reported the short plat is in process.
- Inquired about the city hall doors—Clerk reported soon to be advertised.

- Inquired about the City Hall roof—a second opinion is being called for. There was discussion on why there is a short plat being done on the Cemetery Property—it is necessary if the property is to be separated and sold from the rest of the parcel.

**Motion to authorize the short plat of the property at the cemetery where the crematorium is located and allow up to \$1000 for costs.** M/Alexander, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Motion that the costs of the short plat become part of the selling price of the property.** M/Alexander, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

#### Weddle

- Working on tracking form, she will send out to everyone.
- Attended the NCWEDD Tech Assistance Team regarding grant funding sources.
- Inquired about Radar sign—clerk stated it hasn't been purchased yet.

**Discussion regarding having a City Facebook page. The Mayor would like to pursue this. It was the consensus the Mayor and Clerk should proceed with looking into this.**

#### Alexander

- Had conversation with Building Official Randy Taylor, he is aware there is an enforcement problem.
- Would like to be part of a community group that helps people that have problems with cleaning up their property.

#### New Business

**Motion to set the date for Arbor Day as April 29<sup>th</sup>.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Mayor Maldonado Proclaimed April 29<sup>th</sup> to be Arbor Day in Tonasket.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 setting the annual clean-up date for April 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>.** M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve the hiring of a person for the Seasonal Maintenance Position.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

#### Miscellaneous and Correspondence

- Clerk stated she would like to meet with the Finance Committee.
- Working on the American Recovery Act Funds.
- Would like to talk to Alexander regarding the city hall restroom that needs repair.
- Clerk reported regarding the fuel bid with Coleman Oil the margin is always the same, 10 no matter the cost of the fuel to them.
- Asked the city council to approve \$1100 for advertising in the Vacationland.

**Motion to change the meeting time for the City of Tonasket Council meetings to 6:00 pm.** M/Hill, S/Weddle.

**Motion to approve \$1100 for the Vacation Land publication with the Omak Chronicle.** M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to extend the meeting to 9:30 pm.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

#### Executive Session

- Mayor Maldonado called an Executive Session, 42.30.110, 1(g) for 30 minutes.
- The Mayor, Council and City Clerk, left the council room at 9:00 pm, at 9:30 the Clerk went to the Council room (no one was there, either in person or on ZOOM, the meeting was extended for 5 minutes).
- After the five minutes, the Mayor, Council and Clerk went back to the Council room and adjourned the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.** M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.