

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, April 26, 2022

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Present: Mayor Maldonado, 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.

Public Comment (for agenda Action Items) – None

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction to McMillan's report that the Citizen Committee is for Law Enforcement. M/McMillan, E/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

- Lee Orr, Tonasket Airport Improvement Club was present, to ask for Council's permission to have the Annual Father's Day Fly In at the Airport.

Motion to allow the Tonasket Airport Improvement Club to hold the Annual Father's Day Fly In at the Tonasket Municipal Airport. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

- Jennifer Thornbird and Lisa Vaughn, were present to request a water and sewer hookup to their property at 7 Hoot Owl Lane which is located outside City Limits. This will be researched, and the property owners contacted.
- Quill Hyde was present to discuss the issue of artwork displayed on City property. His sculpture is currently on City property and there is concern of liability. This matter is being researched.
- Anna Bergh, Tonasket Soccer Club, was present asking about park use and Peddlers Permits for vendors in relation to the Soccer program. There was some conflict at a soccer tournament. The park use permit and the peddlers permit will be reviewed.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the State Community Development Block Grant, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower income persons residing in the Tonasket area. The City will also discuss what they plan on doing with the funds if received. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing Regulations handouts were made available to all in attendance, along with the CDBG Fact Sheet, the Project Summary Sheet, and the Public Hearing agenda. The Public Hearing agenda was followed. There were no questions from the audience. Councilmember McMillan asked if the CDBG money was all grant or is it part loan. The Clerk responded it is all grant. Councilmember Levine asked if Varela is charging a fee for this application. The answer is currently unknown. Councilmember Hill asked if there were any written comments. The Clerk responded no. Councilmember Levine stated this application is one of the steps in the funding strategy for the Perfect Passage Project. The CDBG resolution was presented.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-07 with Certification of Compliance authorizing the City to apply for Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant. M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Motion to amend the previous motion to remove Phase 1 from the Resolution. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Mayor Maldonado adjourned the Public hearing and the regular meeting resumed.

Unfinished Business

Aaron Kester was present to discuss the proposed Kiosk project. Aaron will meet with Councilmembers McMillan and Hill to discuss the placement of the proposed sign. No action.

Motion to hold a City Barbecue on June 11th. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

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Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine

- The Perfect Passage Tech group met regarding the meeting on May 4th to Structure the meeting.
- Reported she is keeping the Perfect Passage in the fore front with legislators—could always use more letters of support.
- Reported she is also contacting legislators that are not in our district but have been supportive.

McMillan

- Safety Committee Law Enforcement Citizen Group has met and done as much as they can do—will have a recommendation for Council.
- Building Committee-he has met with Building Official Randy Taylor and Howard Zosel regarding the old Police Department.

Hill

- Airport Committee—she has not spoken with Lee Orr about the well at the airport yet.
- Inquired about the status of the cemetery. Clerk stated the comment period has not ended.
- Inquired about the TVBRC and Youth Center. The Clerk stated the Youth Center information was emailed to her.

Weddle

- Reminded everyone to come to the meeting on May 4th.
- Knows someone who wishes to be on the Tree Board.
- Which Committee will be taking care of the soccer issue? Parks Committee will take handle this.
- Public Safety---Law Enforcement Citizen Committee need to hold a town hall to report findings.
- Reported a person had contacted her regarding the signage at the Cemetery.

Motion to hold a town hall meeting on May 31st for the purpose of informing the public of the recommendation from the Law Enforcement Citizen Group and the Public Safety Council Committee on future Law Enforcement coverage. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Alexander

- Reported the restroom situation at the parks has been handled.

Mayor

- Reported he has been on vacation in Mexico.
- Reported things are going well in the City, he is learning a lot about being Mayor!

New Business

The City Clerk stated no quotes for the City Hall front doors were received on time. One quote was received late. The Clerk will talk to the City Attorney about proper procedure on how to proceed with the quote.

Councilmember Weddle stated she would like to see artwork in Tonasket and has an example of a policy the City could use for allowing artwork on City property.

Motion to form an Art Board Committee. M/McMillan, S/Alexander. Carried 5:0.

Motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

Motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to close Third Street from Whitcomb Ave to Western Ave on May 27th and 28th all day and until noon on the 29th. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

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Motion to allow up to \$1200 to be paid to Howard Zosel for conceptual plans for the old Police Department and City Hall. M/McMillan, S/Wedde. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Alice J. Attwood. Clerk-Treasurer