

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, November 8, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Maldonado and Councilmembers Levine, McMillan, Weddle, Hill and Alexander who was on zoom.

**Staff:** Johnson, Danison and Attwood

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

Roll call was taken and all Councilmembers were in attendance.

From 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm an informational update was given on the Perfect Passage by Kurt Holland, Varela Engineers. Items touched on:

- Estimated Cost for Phase 1 is \$5.6 million 90% grant 10 % Loan.
- Working on an USDA Rural Development grant/loan.
- Hope to go out for bid in Spring of 2023. Construction summer of 2023.

**Public Comment** – None

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

**This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing to take testimony and establish the record on the request for a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory dwelling unit in an R-1 Zone.** Mayor Maldonado opened the meeting and proceeded with the hearing protocol. The Mayor inquired if any Councilmembers needed to recuse themselves from the hearing for any reason. Councilmembers Hill and McMillan recused themselves from the hearing. The Mayor inquired if anyone objected to his participation or any of the Council in the hearing---there were no objections. The Mayor stated if there were any Councilmembers who have an interest to gain or lose financial benefit directly or do not believe they can hear in a fair objective manner then please state so---there were none. Then he asked if any if the Council had engaged in communication outside of the hearing with opponents or proponents---there were none. Then the Mayor continued to explain the purpose of the hearing. City Planner Kurt Danison presented the staff report. Comments have been received from two adjoining property owners that do not oppose and one from an immediate neighbor opposing the approval of the CUP. The hearing was then open for comments from the audience.

- Ivonne Boguslavskyy, 219 E. Third St. voiced her opposition to the request, stating she has submitted letters previously.
- Sally Utecht, 211 E. Third St. stating why she is requesting the CUP.
- Roman Boguslavskyy, 219 E. Third St. stated all very emotional---trap door now a window.

Councilmembers Levine and Weddle asked questions. Inquired if Building Official Randy Taylor could attend the next Council meeting. Also inquired if the window/door could be regulated as a condition. Kurt stated yes. Weddle asked Kurt why he would not recommend approval of the CUP and he stated due to the letter from the neighbors. Alexander states he has purposely avoided the neighbors and would like to hear from the Building Official. Kurt suggested the Public Hearing be continued to the next Council meeting and ask Building Official Randy Taylor be in attendance.

**Motion to continue the Public Hearing to the next Council meeting on November 22, 2022, and ask Building Official Randy Taylor to be at the meeting.** M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried, 3 in favor, McMillan and Hill recused themselves from the hearing and the vote.

**This meeting as been advertised as a Public Hearing for the purpose of the Final Budget Hearing on the 2023 Budget.** The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The City Clerk stated no final decisions have been made on the Budget yet, working on final numbers with the information that was given at the Budget Workshop. Asked of there any questions. Audience member George Hill voiced his concerns about the streets that need patching. There being no further comments the hearing was closed.

Kurt Danison reported on a few items.

- He attended the IACC conference---a lot of agencies have funds.
- Attended the Retail Strategy meeting---good information.
- Tonasket's .09 Projects are now on the Regional list.

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### Public Comment

- Lisa Mensik was present and stated that she would not be upset if the Council decided to tear down the old Police Department—she and a friend were the creators/painters of the mural that is on the old building.

### Unfinished Business

The appraisal for the cemetery property has been completed. It was the consensus of the Council to move this item to the next Council meeting.

Deputy Randy Taft was present. He stated if the Council had any questions or concerns he would pass them to Sheriff Hawley. He also stated that he loves his job and Tonasket is a supportive community.

**Motion to approve payment of \$4,047.05 to Vitan Construction for the City Hall roof repair contingent on receiving all proper documentation.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

### Department Head Reports

#### Johnson

- Snow being plowed and picked up.
- Sewer plugged on Fifth Street—has been fixed.
- Vacations in his department—maintaining ok.

Attwood - None

### Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

#### Mayor

- Has received literature on caulking for the swim pool.

#### Hill

- Has reviewed the Public Works inventory—needs to be updated.

#### Weddle

- Stated Public Works has done a good job on snow removal.

Levine - None

McMillan - None

#### Hill

- Stated maybe City Hall doors could be funded with Library funds.
- Inquired if there are still delinquencies in water and sewer payments due to COVID. Clerk stated no.

### New Business

**Motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant contract for the Perfect Passage Phase 1 Construction Project and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents.** M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve and enter into the agreement with Community Action for Low-Income Water Assistance and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents.** M/Hill, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

The Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County Tourism Council was briefly discussed. The City Clerk asked the Council to review the document and determine what the responsibilities of the City will be. This agreement pertains to the proposed kiosk to be placed at the Founders Day Park/TVBRC parking lot area.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence—None**

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Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the October Payroll (11894-11909 & Direct Deposit 10/25/2022 and the November Bills (11910-11945 and EFT 1-3) \$77,650.69. M/McMillan, S/Levine. Caried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer