

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, December 13, 2022

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**Present:** Councilmembers Weddle (serving as Mayor Pro Tem), Levine, McMillan, Hill, and Alexander (zoom).

**Staff:** Attwood, Pilkinton, and Johnson.

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

Roll Call was taken.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Public Comment**

- Kelly Scaggs inquired about plowing the alleys and what to do when he can't get out.
- Arthur Lanphier inquired about abandoned, unregistered vehicles parked on the streets and what the City is going to do about them.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance #840 establishing water and sewer utility rate reduction for low-income senior citizens and repealing Ordinance #820.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 declaring certain property as surplus to the City's needs and start the next step which is to negotiate the sale of property and enter into an earnest money agreement when the terms are agreed upon.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Johnson**

- Plowing snow, cleaning streets, branches down.
- Maintaining trucks.
- Received an award for the wastewater treatment plant for 2021. Was a team effort.

**Attwood**

- Working on end of the year items.
- Working with Varela & Assoc. on keeping track of funding for the perfect Passage Project.
- Will start working on the Law Enforcement Contract again after the first of the year when the new Sheriff starts.

**Lopez**

- Been meeting citizens through traffic stops.
- Just came from a DUI 200 yards from the school.

**Mayor/ Council/ Committee Reports:**

**Hill**

- Inquired about Life-flight and the possibility of being included in the City rates.
- Flag has been put up on the big pole in the triangle.
- Winterfest was cold but there was activity, the parade was kind of short.
- Chamber Banquet is January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Eagles.

**Alexander-** None.

**McMillan**

- Reminder that business owners are responsible for clearing and care of their sidewalks, Code Enforcement Officer needs to address this.

**Levine**

- Winterfest was cold. The City was not the event planner. Needs more coordination.

- At the Perfect Passage meeting, there was a draft review of what Phase 1 looks like and talked about funding for Phase 2. The grant funding ratio is good. Amie Marchand talked to them about what Oroville has done.
- There are lots of wondering dogs, appreciate everyone using social media to get them back to their owners.
- Been getting multiple complaints about construction noise after 11:00 pm and before 6:00 am.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### **Weddle**

- Perfect Passage document is very insightful.
- Busy assuming the Mayor's role.
- Appreciate Darren and Alice's hard work.
- Proud to be a part of this community!

#### **New Business**

**Motion to approve the 2023 Budget Items list as presented.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Weddle to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 760 for the wage increase for the Deputy Clerk- Treasurer position and the Utility Clerk/ Court Clerk position.** M/Levine, S/ McMillan. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve the 2023 wages as presented.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

#### **Miscellaneous and Correspondence:**

- Mayor's Budget Message- Read by Clerk Attwood.
- Varela & Assoc. accounting is very intricate. We have a bill for \$70,052.82 that needs to be paid but didn't get into the billings for the month.

**Motion to authorize a check to Varela & Associates in the amount of \$70,052.82.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the November Payroll \$53,458.99 (11947-11962 & Direct deposit 11-30-22) and December Bills \$54,082.88 (11965-12004 & EFT 1-2).** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:48pm.

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Alice Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer