

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, February 14, 2023

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Present: Mayor Maldonado, Councilmembers McMillan, Hill, and Weddle.

Staff: Attwood, Seydlitz, Johnson, and Danison.

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/Hill. Carried 3:0.

Councilmember Alexander arrived.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to accept the bid from Wilbert Precast for supplying concrete grave liners to the City of Tonasket for the years 2023 and 2024, \$420.00 each delivered in loads of 8 and oversize liners 32" x 88" \$580.00 each, 38" x 96" \$700.00 each, must be part of an 8 unit delivery. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 4:0.

Councilmember Levine entered (via Zoom) at 6:07 pm.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing to hear comments regarding filing an application for federal financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes improvements to the wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater systems on Whitcomb Ave. Mayor Maldonado opened the Public Hearing. Councilmember Levine inquired if this is for the Perfect Passage Project and the Clerk replied yes. City Clerk-Treasurer Attwood read Resolution 2023. There were no additional comments.

Motion to approve pursuing the filing of the loan application for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) Loan Grant Application Process. M/Weddle, S/Levine. Discussion. Carried 5:0.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Kurt Danison Report:

- Not much to report, there will be no Planning Commission meeting in February.
- Shoreline State Environmental Policy Act checklist and Periodic Update at the next Planning Commission meeting.
- Only received 10 survey reports, not much involvement

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to authorize the sale of the 1.1 Acres of Cemetery Property to Bergh Funeral Service in the amount of \$30,000 and split the closing costs. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 5:0.

Councilmember Levine requested to do her report and then sign off before moving onto the Law Enforcement Agreement.

Levine Report:

- Perfect Passage meeting.
- OCOG meeting, a lot of attendance. Sheriff representatives are there to update on what is going on. Dept. of Health update was scary regarding Fentanyl usage and overdoses in the County.
- Omak Mayor and Team Okanogan regarding animal control, review ordinances and they will come and help our City.
- Spoke with Abby at Varela regarding Surface Transportation Block Grant funds.
- OCOG approved for DOT administrator grant and money was returned.

Levine left meeting.

Unfinished Business Continued:

Law Enforcement – discussion – Weddle updated the agreement is out for review. McMillan noted the price will be going up.

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SSI Discount Request Report – Weddle and McMillan recommend not to pursue SSI Discount. Community Action can support people on SSI and our City is not set up to support. Mayor Maldonado will convey the decision to the citizen who made the request.

Department Head Reports:

Johnson

- Sweeper is ready.
- Cycling water valves.
- Working on 6-yard truck.
- Received quotes to repair well 8, received two quotes and third one to come.
- Looking at snow blower for sidewalk for trouble areas in winter, received three quotes.

Motion to move forward with purchase from lowest bid from Picatti Bros for Well 8 repair \$21,560.00 plus additional expense for wire and tax and purchase of snowblower from Riggs for \$3,226.92. M/Hill, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 4:0.

Yarnell

- Monthly activity report: three burglary, one assault, three traffic, thirty-five traffic stops, thirty-nine complaints.
- No major crimes in city limits.
- Announce the promotion of Preston Ray to Sergeant, he will supervise Deputy Lopez.
- Perused the Law Enforcement contract.

Attwood

- Working on Annual Report, Rural Development application and kiosk agreement with Economic Alliance.
- Contact with Arnie Marchand regarding the Veteran Dedication on May 27th at 1 pm, in Legacy Park, after the parade.

Mayor/ Council/ Committee Reports:

Mayor Maldonado

- Read Building Official Report

McMillan

- Report covered in Law Enforcement and SSI discussions.

Hill

- Congratulations to Deputy Taft as a 1st Responder Award Recipient.
- New consignment shop Mama Bears.
- This n That shop new location.
- Super Nova Business launch competition.

Weddle

- Perfect Passage is main thing working on, including looking for funding for Phase One.
- Contacted School for the Blind and ESD regarding orientation of ramps. Need to be ADA compliant.

Alexander- None.

New Business:

Motion to approve and authorize entering into an agreement with USDA for the Provision of Technical Assistance. M/McMillan, S/Hill. Discussion. Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 Airport Land Lease Agreement with Brice Fullerton. M/Weddle, S/Hill. Carried 4:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence: None

Motion to approve the consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the January Payroll \$56,478.46 (12065-12079 & Direct deposit 1-31-23) and February Bills \$465,734.64 (12063-12064,12080-12136 & EFT 1-3). M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer