

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, May 9, 2023

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

Staff: Pilkinton, Seydlitz, Johnson and Taylor.

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 5:0.

Phil Christy and Mariah Cornwoman, representing Green Okanogan, expressed the well for properties Green Okanogan, Whitney's and Bakers Acres is not serving them and they are interested in the cost/process of connecting to City water. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pilkinton stated she spoke with Patty Baker at Bakers Acres and she is not interested in connecting to City water.

Maurice Goodall, Okanogan County Emergency Management, updated the Council on the flooding in the County. Bonaparte Lake Road is closed at mile post 2.1 and will not reopen until water recedes. Okanogan River is running high but normal for now. He encouraged people to sign up for notifications. Sand-bags are available at Tonasket Public Works. Highway 20 West will be open later this week.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing to take testimony on updates to Chapter 15.16, Floodplain Management of the Tonasket Municipal Code. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm. He then turned it over to Kurt Danison who facilitated the hearing to take testimony on updates to regulations for the City; containing a severability provision and setting an effective date. There was no public comment. The hearing closed at 6:33 pm and the regular meeting resumed.

Motion to approve Ordinance #843 amending Chapter 15.16 of the Tonasket Municipal Code; adopting amendments to Floodplain Management regulations for the City; containing a severability provision and setting an effective date. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 5:0.

Kurt Danison Report

- Attended the Economic Development meeting in Chelan in person.
- Reported on the Super Nova contest.
- Economic Alliance meeting in June. Elected officials will be attending.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business

Motion to hold a public hearing on the Shoreline Master Program update, which includes amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Chapter 18.08 TMC during the regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 5:0.

Department Head Reports

Johnson

- Cleaned storm catch basins.
- Work on sprinklers in the parks.
- Pool work might run behind.
- Well 8 work started today.
- Three of the four railroad crossings have been painted.
- The usual locates, potholes and normal work.

Taylor

- Two building permits, both residential.
- Inspections on projects in progress.
- Municipal code violation issued.
- Responding to debris, garbage, parking, and dog complaints.
- Looking into one building going on without permits.
- Next Tuesday he is meeting with Mayor regarding the biggest code violations.

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- Enforcement is baby steps. Need to figure out a way to get compliance.
- No housing starts currently.
- Need clear path on enforcement and next steps.

Budrow - Not present

Attwood – Deputy Clerk Pilkinton read Clerk Attwood’s report.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Alexander- None.

Weddle – None.

Hill

- Cemetery Cleanup, covered by the Public Works staff weeded and headstones. Work on the mound in the cemetery, to the North, can use volunteer help.
- The Chamber of Commerce is having a BBQ the same day as the City Community Appreciation BBQ.
- Varela letter.
- Attended Arbor Day where three trees were planted, advertise better next year.

McMillan- None

Levine

- Blake decision not fixed, cities doing homework and ordinances being put together. Look into what other cities are doing and what we can do to protect our citizens.
- OCOG meeting
- Lunch with Brent Timm regarding bus depot. He asked if any Council member is available to attend TranGo meetings.
- Liked seeing Porta Potty at Little Learners Park.
- Thanked Darren Johnson for the clean streets again.

New Business

Superintendent Johnson said he has received a request for a Loading/Unloading Zone on the north side of 4th Street by Grants Market.

Motion to ask the City Attorney to amend the parking ordinance to include this new parking ordinance and bring it back to Council. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 4:1. Levine voted no.

Superintendent Johnson said he has also received a request from a hangar owner, Travis Hilkey, to put in a water hook up at the airport. This issue was discussed and it was decided the matter needs to go to the Airport Committee and a comprehensive drawing needs to be provided by Travis Hilkey.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence:

- May 18th is the retreat.
- Letter from Justin Haug regarding the baseball field project.
- Varela letter regarding a delay in advertising for bids for the Perfect Passage Project. Kurt Holland explained the situation regarding the Perfect Passage. The decision was made to get information out to the public via Facebook and the Perfect Passage page on the City website.
- Weddle announced that Darren Johnson made sure we are now in compliance with the Department of Ecology.
- EV charger grant opportunity.

Motion to approve the consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the April Payroll \$50,190.25 (12261-12275 & Direct deposit 4-28-2023) and May Bills \$184,950.77 (12260, 12277-12323& EFT 1-3). M/McMillan, S/Hill. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:45 pm.