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## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, July 11th, 2023

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

**Staff:** Attwood, Johnson, Taylor and Seydlitz.

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

Roll Call was taken.

Members of the Council received a request from Laura Knowlton with the Gazette Tribune to record the meeting for her. Or to provide her with notes. The decision was to provide her with notes.

**Public Comment (agenda items):** None

**Motion to approve the agenda.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Public Comment:**

- Emily Schell spoke regarding her concerns with the Pool Manager, retaliation issues and that the guards asked for a new manager. The Mayor said a process was followed in regard to the situation. Councilmember Weddle read statements from the Mayor/Council Handbook that the Council does not supervise employees. The Mayor said he will discuss the situation further with Emily, outside of the Council meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion to approve the art display agreement with Okanogan Highlands Alliance for artwork to be placed on the City Hall Building and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement contingent upon approval from the City Attorney.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle.

Discussion. Carried 4:0

Matt Alexander's Council position #5. Attwood notified the Council that the position had been advertised, however Alexander will now not be leaving until later this year. Attwood notified the Council that 2 applications have been received. It was the Council's consensus 4:0 to inform the applicants and hold for review at a later date if needed.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Johnson**

- Keeping up on the usual, sprinklers, tree pruning, cemetery, pool, and splash park.
- Pool – the leak detectors inspection was today, they will test after the pool is closed for the season.
- Ball field update – concrete, fencing and back stops are in. Electrical and potable water are a possibility.

**Taylor**

- One commercial permit.
- Two vehicles removed.
- Some nuisance issues.
- Walk through at Shannon's restaurant with the new owners.
- House across from the Junction is ongoing, baby steps, it is better but not 100%. A bigger problem is inside the house, but we have no jurisdiction there.

**Budrow** - not present

**Attwood**

- Letter received from Department of Commerce, approval of \$730,000 for Perfect Passage Phase 1.

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**Mayor/ Council/ Committee Reports:**

**Levine**

- Went to Therapeutic Court conference in Texas.
- Correspondence regarding Perfect Passage going out for bid in the fall.
- In Texas took photos of directional signage as examples and ideas, shared with other council members.
- Community BBQ on Saturday.

**McMillan** – nothing to report.

**Hill**

- Cemetery flowers, Alice will contact the family.
- Gerhard cemetery code needs to be reviewed.
- Rules for flowers and such at Cemetery.
- Airport Improvement Club draft received from Weddle, future agenda item.
- Asked if the people on Zoom can hear ok.

**Weddle**

- Not a lot, have been on vacation.
- Question regarding the project list discussed at the retreat.
  - Succession planning
  - Police Station
  - Code Violations
  - Welcome Packet for new businesses
  - Airport
  - Safety on 4<sup>th</sup> street

**Mayor Maldonado**

- Not much with the exception of some personnel issues.
- Crosswalk on 4<sup>th</sup> is a concern.
- Talked about Tonasket being welcoming.
- Focus on Perfect Passage.
- North end entrance to city needs improving.

**New Business:**

Levine brought up the past graffiti in the skate park, is it still an issue. Suggested an art piece as a possibility.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence:**

Community Appreciation BBQ is this weekend on Saturday from 1-6 pm.  
Invite all to come and, yes, it is all free. Set up at noon.

Motion to approve the consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the June Payroll \$64,531.24 (12381-12411 & Direct deposit 6-30-23) and July Bills \$133,954.12 (12379, 12380, 12412-12453 & EFT 1-2). M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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Gay Seydlitz, Utility Clerk