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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, September 26, 2023

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Weddle, Councilmembers Levine, and McMillan. Hill, and Alexander on zoom.

Staff: Attwood, Pilkinton, 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 (Agenda Items) None.

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

Public Comment None.

Danison Report

The Planning Commission met this month and went over the property that had just been sold in city limits with 13 acres, the new owners would like a horse, and this is a unique property. They are looking at possibly rezoning and establishing standards. They also went over accessory dwelling units and are relooking at the Comprehensive Plan. It had been stalled during the pandemic. There will be a Public Workshop on October 17 at 3:00 pm during Planning Commission.

The Infrastructure Fund is \$1.2 million. It will go every 3 years now so that the funds can build. The letter of intents have been written for the Perfect Passage and the Municipal Building. Would the Council like to add the South Access and South End Annexation? Council stated yes. There is also \$200,000- \$300,00 available from the Emerging Opportunities Fund.

Motion to authorize Planner Danison to write the letters of intent and applications for the 4 prioritization projects for 2024 and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents.

M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

The Supernova Competition has finalists, and the winner gets \$10,000. The winner will be announced October 7.

Public Comment (was allowed for a late arrival)

Aaron Kester, representing the TVBRC, presented the Council with plans for the 2nd Annual Harvest Fest, Saturday October 28 from 2:00- 6:00. They are asking for 9 barricades from the City and for the Council to approve the parade route and closure for 3rd St.

Motion to approve the street closure of 1st St. between Whitcomb and Western and Western from West Division to 4th St. on October 28th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve barricades on 3rd St. between Whitcomb Ave and Western Ave from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on October 28th. M/Weddle, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Public Hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Weddle opened the public hearing at 6:41 pm. Clerk-Treasurer Attwood explained the purpose is to review the 2024 Revenue Sources including consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues and for setting the tax levy for 2024. There was discussion. Removal of the drug dog donation line. Possibility of a one percent tax levy. Tabled to the next meeting. Hearing closed at 6:49 pm.

Unfinished Business None.

Mayor/ Council/ Committee Reports

Hill

- Building Official Taylor called about the kiosk at the TVBRC not having a building permit, inquired on the status.

Alexander None.

McMillan None.

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Levine

- Met with Councilmember Weddle about the 13-acre property in city limits that Planning Commission is reviewing.
- Inquired about the signposts at the south entrance to town.
- Inquired about the park plans and addition of a dog park.

Weddle

- Union meeting was cancelled, rescheduled for next week.
- Law Enforcement quarterly meeting next week.
- Reviewing Stucker's property for horses.
- Quill Hyde would like to display his animals together in town. Possibly Triangle Park.

New Business

- Ordinance #845, setting the Tax Levy for 2024- Tabled to next meeting.
- North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force Agreement.

Motion to approve the North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force Agreement.
M/Levine, S/McMillan. Discussion. Rejected 0/5.

Councilmember McMillan would like to know what the City gets for the agreement amount to more than double. Councilmember Weddle would like to invite someone from the Task Force to come to Council to explain.

Motion to revisit the North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force Agreement next meeting. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5/0.

- Discussion of Applying for funding for a Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. Kurt Holland of Varela discussed the waste-water treatment plant condition. There is an opportunity for funding up to \$250,000, 50/50 grant loan. It is 23ish years old, but Superintendent Johnson has been putting in new parts and feels comfortable with the plant. There was discussion from the council, and they asked for a recommendation from Kurt Holland. Kurt Holland recommends waiting at least another year.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

- Laura Knowlton is on zoom and messaged that it was a pleasure working with Tonasket and this would be her last night with the paper.
- Ziplly wants to have a ribbon cutting at the next Council meeting, discussion, no.
- Energy N.W. was awarded the grant for electric vehicle charging stations so plans are moving forward.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Joël Pilkinton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer