

DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Tonasket City Council, March 12, 2024

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

Staff: Attwood, Pilkinton, Johnson, Taylor, and Yarnell.

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): None

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

Public Comment (other): Travis Hilkey was upset that the revised Airport Lease wasn't on the agenda and that it was taking so long to complete. He stated that there were 3 people waiting for it to be completed so that they could proceed with the purchase of their hangar spaces.

Unfinished Business: None.

Department Head Reports:

Johnson

- Sweeper broke, repaired Monday but with the rain it's too wet to continue.
- Did 2 water taps for the new construction.
- Parks are ready to open, will unlock gates when the porta potties come April 1.

Levine joined the meeting on zoom.

Taylor

- Ongoing inspections on building permits.
- Garbage removed from the alley.
- Cars removed from alleys and off streets.

Yarnell

- Report submitted.
- Arrest on warrant in the dark, foot pursuit, taser was ineffective, the officer had to go hands on with him. Citizens saw and started approaching the officer, he not knowing what their intentions were, reported to dispatch that he was being surrounded. The moral is that if you see an officer that needs help, identify yourself as friendly, ask if the officer needs help and wait for an answer before approaching.

Attwood

- Purchased a new car for city business.
- Planner Danison will be at the next meeting.
- The new NCWEDD director will be here March 27th.
- Working on EV's, will have more information at the next meeting.
- Would like to meet with the streets committee this week.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports:

Cerrillo

- None.

Hill

- The airport lease is with Attorney Howe and will be on the agenda when he returns it.

Weddle

- Thanks to Patti for standing in at the Sheriff's quarterly meeting.
- Inquired about a spigot at Little Learners Park to water new trees.
- Inquired on the trees at the Cemetery.

McMillan

- Had the quarterly meeting with the Sheriff Friday, they are down on personal, they can't provide us with what the contract says so they will be sending a revised contract for review.

Levine joined the meeting in person.

DRAFT Levine

- Will be meeting with Alisa about parking.
- Picnic tables at the Splash Park are bad.
- Inquired about the Baseball building at the park.
- Inquired about Law Enforcement Agreement, other small towns are hiring security, installing cameras, etc.

New Business:

- a) Arbor Day Proclamation- Presented by Mayor Maldonado. Arbor Day will be on April 26, 2024.
- b) **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 amending Resolution 2023-11 fee schedule Swim Pool Rates, to add a single season pass amount for senior citizens 65 and over.** M/Hill, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.
- c) **Motion to amend the 2024 wages page in the budget to include a wage range of \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour for the public works seasonal position.** M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.
- d) **Motion to amend the 2024 wages page in the budget to include \$19.50 per hour for the swim pool manager.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Discussion. Carried 5:0.
- e) **Motion to approve Resolution 2024-02, setting the days for the spring clean up for April 8-12.** M/Hill, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.
- f) **Motion to approve the suggested changes to TMC 8.12 from Building Official Taylor and send to Attorney Howe to amend the Ordinance.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.
- g) **Motion to approve the quote from Designer Signs in the amount of \$1006.88 for the Tonasket Gerhard Memorial Cemetery sign.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 3:2. Hill and Levine voted no.

After the vote for the Cemetery sign, it was brought to the Council's attention that with a double-sided sign there wouldn't be a name board to show where people were buried. It was suggested by Clerk- Treasurer Attwood that the City have Greg Gardinier create a QR code. Greg spoke to the Council and said he would create a database that could be searchable to connect to the QR code so people could use their phones to find their loved ones.

Motion to approve Greg Gardinier to create a QR code and system database.
M/Weddle, S/Cerrillo. Discussion. Carried. 5:0.

- h) **Methow Beaver Project-** After discussion it was decided to invite them to the next meeting so the Council can ask questions and Clerk-Treasurer Attwood can talk to them about the strike out on page 3 that Attorney Howe suggested.
- i) **Motion to approve the renewal of the Gardinier Tech contract in the amount of \$20,100.00 per year.** M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence:

- TIB letter of completion for the 4th Street Project.
- Updated list of acronyms.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the February Payroll \$58,163.55 (12918-12933 & Direct deposit 2-29-24) and March Bills \$201,624.48 (12934-12980 & EFT 1-2). M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

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

Joël Pilkinton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer