

## **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

**Present:** Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Kriner, Levine, Ritter and Sackman.

**Staff:** D. Johnson, Miller and Attwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

### **This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget.**

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and the City Clerk proceeded to explain the purpose of the preliminary budget public hearing. The Clerk explained the figures that she has given them are very preliminary and are still being worked on. After discussion the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

### **Motion to accept the 2020 Preliminary Budget and have it filed with the City Clerk.**

M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

### **This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing for the purpose of applying for USDA Rural Development funds for the replacement/repair of the roof on the City Shop.**

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. Councilmember Kriner asked where we were going to put the Public Works crew until the new roof can be finished because there is mold in the building. After discussion it was decided to have Superintendent Johnson look into different places and the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance #808 Setting the Tax levy for 2020.** Clerk Attwood explained that the tax levy would be a 1% increase over the 2019 tax which came to \$1570.83.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance #808 setting the tax levy for 2020.** M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

**Department of Ecology Storm Water Grant/Loan Funding Application.** Clerk Attwood stated that after the meeting with Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, she recommends that the council go forward with the application. There was much discussion on the benefits of the Perfect Passage and Councilmember Ritter stated she is disappointed that rumors have been spread that aren't true concerning exactly what the project will be. Community member Roger Castelda stated that you have to start somewhere and this would be money well spent.

**Motion to approve applying for the DOE storm water grant/loan funding application and allowing \$3500 to \$4500 taken from the Storm Water Fund for Varela and Associates to submit the application.** M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 3:1. Councilmember Kriner voted no.

### **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

#### **Levine:**

- Free garbage day went well.
- The Fish & Wildlife meeting on Oct. 7, 2019 concerning reintroducing grizzly bears in Washington State was well attended. There were approximately 550 people there.
- Asked if it needed to be advertised that 3 councilmembers would be attending the IIAC Conference in Wenatchee. Attorney Mick Howe stated that it did not need to be advertised because they wouldn't be making any decisions.

#### **Kriner:**

- The arborist that checked the trees in History Park turned in a report. Kriner gave the report to Clerk Attwood to distribute to the council. He suggests removing 3 trees and pruning down the rest.
- Suggested that the council consider putting up crossing flags on all the intersections on Highway 97.
- Asked the Council for their blessing to go forward with talking with Oroville and Okanogan concerning a new Building Inspector.

**Sackman:**

- Thanked Upper Valley Disposal for donating the dumpsters again this year for the free garbage day.
- Thanked Councilmembers Ritter and Levine for their work on the Perfect Passage.
- Met with Sherriff Culp for the quarterly meeting. There haven't been many changes. Hopefully the new officer will be at the next council meeting.

**Ritter:**

- Finance committee met with Clerk Attwood and discussed the budget.
- Reported that the trench has been filled at the Round Up.
- Wore purple in memory of Christian Johnson, Building Official, who passed away due to injuries received while fighting fire. She asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

**Mayor:**

- Is very sorry about the loss of Christian Johnson. He was a friend and employee.
- Suggested adding Councilmember Kriner to Public Safety and Councilmember Sackman to Airport.

**Department Head Reports****Johnson:**

- Spent the day at the City's burn pile on the free garbage day.
- Has been winterizing and blowing lines.

**Attwood:**

- Has been busy.

**Mick Howe Report.** Reported that the Superior Court affirmed the favorable decision concerning the recall of Councilmembers Ritter and Levine. The attorney costs of \$17,000.00 to Dale Crandell won't be able to be recovered. The court did not label it as a frivolous case. There have been requests for the Steve Brown Report but while the prosecutors and the fraud division were looking into it no action could be made. There is substantial sections that will need to be redacted before it can be released. He has found someone to do the work so that it could be released in the near future. He had been working with Christian Johnson on two cases and has been looking for someone to continue the work but hasn't found anyone yet. It was suggested that the Council have a study session on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to continue working on the Rules and Procedures manual.

**New Business**

**Motion to lift the fire ban in the City of Tonasket.** M/Kriner, S/Levine. Motion carried 4:0.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2019-16 an Airport Land lease Agreement with Fred Osterhout.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to set a public meeting for the Perfect Passage for October 29, 2019 at 5:30 pm at City Hall Council chambers.** M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

Clerk Attwood gave the Council information about the Trunk or Treat at the school.

**Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all applicable documents for the bank loan for the City Hall roof project.** M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting 9/24/19, the workshop minutes 9/24/19, the workshop minutes 9/23/19, the September Payroll (9457, 9459-9478 & Direct Deposit run 9/26/2019) \$37,706.22 and the October bills (9456, 9458, 9479-9524 & 5 EFT Payments 10/8/2019) \$178,421.83.** M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

**Public Comment****Joann Dagnon**

- Has nothing to say

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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**Alice Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer**