

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Present: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Kriner, Levine, Moreno, 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.

Kurt Danison was present to update the Mayor and City Council.

- Reported the Economic Development District applications are due by Sept. 13, 2019. Currently the City has the Perfect Passage, the south entrance to Chief Tonasket Park and the Police Department listed. There is no limit on how many projects you can submit. The Council would like to add the Library to the list.
- The Park Committee is meeting towards the end of September and again in October. In October there will be a public workshop to collect ideas and show the draft plan.

Unfinished Business

Draft Council Rules for Review. Clerk Attwood asked the Council to review the draft Council rules before the next meeting and present any changes they would like. The Council agreed to meet at 5:00 pm on September 24, 2019 before the regular meeting.

Department Head Reports

Attwood:

- Has been busy with the draft rules and regulations.
- Working on building department issues.
- Has been working with Jeff Moran, Varela & Associates, on the final check of Parry's Acre Project.
- Explained the difference on the amount paid to Mallet Sheet. They don't have the paperwork from L & I or Unemployment due to their not turning it in until October when they do their quarterlies.
- Reported the rumors regarding Attorney Mick Howe are false and he is fine and very healthy.

Johnson:

- Draining the pool and cleaning it. Hopes to blow the lines tomorrow.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine:

- Demolition Derby was well attended as well as the Okanogan County Fair.
- Reported the rumors about her living in Oroville are false. She has been working part time in Oroville.
- WRIA will be meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Okanogan County Commissioners room.
- Fish & Wildlife is having a meeting on Oct. 7, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Agriplex building in Okanogan to discuss reintroducing grizzly bears in Washington State.
- Prayers for Building Official Christian Johnson for a quick recovery.

Ritter:

- State for the record that she still lives in the City and doesn't plan to move.

Kriner:

- The arborist that was scheduled to tour the parks couldn't make it but someone from Twisp is going to come.
- Is going to meet with Alisa Weddle concerning Little Learners Park.
- The weather has changed and she is concerned about leaving the Splash Park open until the end of the month. It was the consensus of the Council for Superintendent Johnson to close the Splash Park on September 11, 2019.

- Had questions about the agreement with Mallet Sheet and the damage done from the roof not being covered during the rain storm. Clerk Attwood stated it has been turned over to the City's insurance.
- Asked the Mayor if the personal property discovered at the previous Police Department that is mentioned Steve Brown's report has been returned. He stated he will check into it and will talk with Attorney Mick Howe. Councilmember Ritter would like to have an answer by the next Council meeting.

Sackman:

- Reported she has stayed in contact with our Sister City and George Elliott has a blog that he updates. Their City live streams their Council meetings.

Moreno:

- Submitted her letter of resignation to the Mayor. She read her letter thanking the Mayor and Council, City Hall staff and the Public Works staff. She has enjoyed her time as Councilmember.

Ritter:

- Received an email from Varela's concerning the Perfect Passage funding. The ECY applications are due by Oct. 15, 2019 and Jeff Moran feels it is more advantageous to apply this year instead of waiting until next year. He needs to know by Sept. 24th if the Council would like him to go forward with it. Clerk Attwood will send the email to everyone. It would be 85% grant and 15% loan and will require a motion. It will be \$3,500- \$4,500 for Varela's to move forward. Councilmember Kriner asked where this money will come from and it was decided it should come from the Storm Water Fund.

Mayor:

- Is sorry to lose Councilmember Moreno.
- Had fun walking through the Okanogan County Fair.
- Reminded everyone to remember all the firefighters and people who lost their lives on 9/11.

New Business

Application for Peddlers Permit. Two people have applied for a peddler's permit that work for Spectrum which is part of Charter. Councilmember Kriner would like to see their background check and asked if their UBI number is the same as Charter's. Councilmember Ritter prefers not to allow people to go door to door. Clerk Attwood informed the Council they would need to look at changing the Ordinance that deals with Peddlers to do that. The Council would like to review the Ordinance before the next meeting and move the Peddlers Permit also to the next meeting.

Motion to cancel the October 22nd City Council meeting due to three Councilmembers and the Mayor attending the IACC Conference in Wenatchee. M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Clerk Attwood gave the Council the most recent Sheriff's report for review. Cathi Reed with the Commerce Tech team requested waiting to give a time for the meeting the morning of Oct. 22nd.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting 8/27/19, the Special meeting minutes 9/4/19, the August Payroll (9385-9409 & Direct Deposit run 8/28/2019) \$54,395.83 and the September bills (9410-9455 & 4 EFT Payments 9/10/2019) \$118,152.65. M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

Public Comment

Joann Dagnon

- Feels the City is biting the hand that feeds them by awarding the website contract to an out of town company. It is bad publicity.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 pm.