

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Present: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Levine, Sackman, and Ritter
(Kriner called in prior to Unfinished Business.)

Staff: Attwood, Hawley

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

Motion to change the order of the agenda—to have New Business directly after Unfinished Business. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Jean Notson, a local resident, presented a proposal to the City Council for Tonasket Gerhard Cemetery. Ms. Notson presented a plan with 4 goals for the Cemetery. The Council asked her to keep Superintendent Johnson in the loop if and when any volunteer work is done at the Cemetery.

Unfinished Business

Councilmember Kriner was connected to the meeting by phone.

There was discussion on the choice of a company out of the area. Councilmember Ritter stated she did not like that a company from out of the area was chosen. After more discussion a motion was made as follows:

Motion to approve the agreement with Municode for the City's website. M/Levine, S/Sackman. 4:0.

There was discussion on the work to be done at the Youth Center. It was the consensus of the Council that necessary patch work should be done this year such as repairing the woodpecker holes. There will be further discussion during the budget process on how to proceed with future repairs.

The matter of hiring a Code Enforcement person was discussed. Councilmember Kriner stated that by reviewing finances this should be reconsidered. Councilmember Ritter wouldn't say the hiring should be squashed—there are some unknowns at this time and she would like to revisit the matter later. It is the Finance Committee's recommendation to put the hiring of a Code Enforcement person on hold.

Motion to postpone the hiring of a Code Enforcement Person at this time. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to advertise the Black Dodge Police Car in the amount of \$8000 but to sell for no less than \$5000. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

New Business

Motion to approve the costs for Civil Service Commissioner Patti Hill to attend the Civil Service Conference September 9 and 10. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Motion to authorize an interfund loan from Sewer Reserve to Current Expense for payment of the roof on the City Hall/Library Complex until the loan documents are complete in the amount of \$49,083.68. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Councilmember Kriner was no longer connected by phone at approximately 8:10 pm.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine:

- Attended the pinning ceremony for Viet Nam Vets in Okanogan held by Dan Newhouse.
- Attended the Demo Derby.

- Levine and Ritter will meet regarding the Cemetery.
- Trying to put together a Tech Team meeting for the IACC Conference for the Perfect Passage and a flyer for the Library/Police Department.
- A lot is happening at the WRIA meetings—next one September 12.

Sackman:

- Attended Park Comprehensive Plan meeting—there will be a workshop coming up possibly October 15 at 6 pm.

Ritter:

- Thanked Mayor and building Official Christian Johnson for serving the search warrant to a certain business and giving it the attention it needed.
- Inquired about the status of the Round Up building—it has been posted.
- Inquired if there will be a Tech Team at the IACC for the Library.

Mayor:

- The Annual Clean-up will be September 28.
- Reported he attended the Garlic Festival.

Department Head Reports

Attwood

- Asked the Council to authorize payment to Mallett Sheet Metal in the amount of \$49,083.68.

Motion to authorize payment to Mallet Sheet Metal in the amount of \$49,083.68 contingent on all of the proper paperwork being submitted. M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 3:0.

Hawley

- Reported the Deputy that will be assigned to Tonasket is about to graduate.
- Councilmember Ritter asked when the new Deputy comes on board that he comes to a Council meeting—Sheriff Hawley stated that is his plan.
- Briefly discussed the weekly reports.

Motion to excuse Kriner to from the meeting. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

Motion to excuse Moreno from the meeting. M/Levine. Motion failed, lack of a second.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence presented.

Public Comment

Ben Blaney

- Request for a bike path from Oroville to Tonasket.

Jennifer Ward

- Statements regarding Youth Center as Library.
- Remarks regarding Council seat Moreno holds.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 8:42 pm.

Alice J. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer