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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2019

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

Staff: D. Johnson and Miller

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

Cindy Benitez was in attendance to inform the Council about the Garlic Festival. It will be on August 23 from noon until 8:00 pm and on August 24 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. She requested the water in History Park be shut off on Thursday evening so vendors can start setting up. The gates will be locked at sunset each day and someone will be staying there all night to keep an eye on things.

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

- He updated on the Park Plan.
- The survey results are finished. The pool rated well this year and parking was the least liked. There were 8 to 10 zip codes for people responding to the survey which shows people from places are enjoying the parks.
- North Star Opportunity zone is looking for projects. They want to bring development to rural areas.
- He will attend an EED meeting tomorrow in Chelan.
- Perfect Passage hasn't met for a while. Jeff Moran with Varela & Associates will be putting together a report for the Council and then they can decide how to move forward.

Unfinished Business

Discussion on the agreement with Municode for the City's website. Levine questioned statement 1 on the Services Agreement. She would like more clarity on the agreement being automatically renewed annually. Moreno would like to know what the fee is if the agreement is cancelled. The Council would like to see all the pages to the proposal before making a decision so they would like the discussion to continue to the next meeting.

Department Head Reports

Johnson:

- Installed a new water service.
- Fixed a sewer problem at the park.
- Asked where things are at concerning fixing the Youth Center. After discussion it was decided to put the Youth Center on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine:

- Would like someone from the Library to attend the next meeting and give a report.
- Has received many questions about the trees in the park and realizes there is a lot of history with them.
- Would like to have another letter sent to the County Commissioners concerning a 40' easement at the south end access to the park.
- Elections went great and congratulated everyone.
- Rep. Dan Newhouse is hosting a Vietnam-era Veteran pinning ceremony in Okanogan on Thursday, August 22.

Kriner:

- Asked Council to rescind the motion made at the July 9th meeting to accept Lorz & Lorz disposing of the trees in History Park until the arborist has looked at all the trees in the park.

Motion to rescind the approval of Lorz and Lorz to remove the trees from History Park.
M/Kriner, S/Levine. 4:0.

- Met with Rick Massie and Alisa Weddle concerning the BMX bike park.
- Met with Councilmember Ritter concerning the Code Enforcement position and reported they feel the position needs to be postponed for now and request that letters be sent to all applicants informing them their applications will be looked at again in the future. Councilmember Levine asked that the discussion be put on the next agenda.
- Reported there is a motorhome in the park that needs removed. Councilmember Sackman reported the Sheriffs have tagged it.
- Questioned what is happening with the black dodge. After discussion it was decided to put it on the next agenda under Unfinished Business.
- Reported Superintendent Johnson is getting prices for the Splash Park bathrooms.

Moreno:

- Reported on the quarterly meeting with the Sherriff's office. The first officer will be done with training on Sept. 13th and then start field training. The second officer will be done in December. The next meeting will be on Oct. 8th at 4:30 pm.
- Moreno stated that her personal life is not public but wanted all those that have questioned her residency that she is still a city resident. When and if she ever moves she will submit her resignation to the Council.

Sackman:

- Reported she and Councilmember Moreno met with Sheriff's and they want everyone to know that they are available for any questions.
- Met with George Elliott, Councillor for Princeton, BC. They are trying to rekindle the partnership between us and our sister city.

Mayor:

- Attended the OCOG meeting.
- Last storm didn't do much damage except tipping over the Porta Potties.

Superintendent Johnson asked when the Council would like the Splash Park closed. After discussion it was decided on Sept. 29th unless it gets cold and needs to be done earlier.

New Business

The Council decided they would like the Finance Committee to meet the first part of next week to discuss the loan for the City Hall Complex roof and for the subject to be put on the next Council meeting agenda.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to proceed with the loan for the City Hall Complex roof and authorize signature of applicable documents. M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

There was discussion concerning the Civil Service members attending a Civil Service Conference in September. It was determined that the only member likely to attend would be Patti Hill. Council would like the finance committee to look into where the funds could come from the pay for lodging, food and mileage and ask Clerk Attwood to inquire about a scholarship for the registration. They would like the discussion to be added to the next meeting.

Motion for the Finance Committee to meet prior to the next meeting to look into budget funds for the Civil Service to attend the Civil Service Conference on Sept. 9 and 10. M/Moreno, S/Sackman. Carried 3:1.

Motion to excuse Councilmember Ritter from the meeting. M/Sackman, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

Subway will be paying for a free swim day at the pool. Alisa Weddle reported that she has heard from people that would also like to donate for a free swim on the last two days. She will meet with Clerk Attwood concerning this.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer presented a letter from Jessica McNamara concerning the trees in History Park and a report from Building Administrator Christian Johnson on his activity.

Public Comment

Jeff McMillan

- Asked what the plan was for the Police Department.
- Is opposed to moving the Library to the Youth Center. It is more convenient for people being in the core of the City.

Steve Lorz

- Thanked the Council for doing the right thing.

Jerry Anderson-None

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting, the Workshop meeting minutes, the July Payroll (9312-9335 & Direct Deposit run 7/26/2019) \$58,441.39 and the August bills (9311, 9336-9384 & 3 EFT Payments 8/13/2019) \$68,966.36. M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Deniece Miller, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer