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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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

Staff: D. Johnson and Attwood

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

Ashley Range, Community Cultural Center, was unable to attend the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the Music in the Park and the noise from the music. It was stated the event is abiding by the local rules and it was suggested a copy of the ordinance should be sent to the CCC.

Unfinished Business: None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Kriner:

- Inquired about the status of the proposed business licenses. Clerk stated it is being worked on.
- Inquired about the status of the coin operated water dispenser for the City Shop. The Clerk stated she thought it was supposed to happen next year. It was stated no, that it was to be installed this year. The Clerk asked for the price of the equipment and the building that will enclose it.
- Inquired about the speed sign on Hwy 20 that does not work. The subject will be put on the list for the 2020 Budget.
- Asked about painting a crosswalk at the intersection of Fourth St. and Western Ave. Superintendent Johnson stated there has never been a crosswalk there.
- Made a statement about recent online remarks and not wanting those remarks to have an effect on the Chamber of Commerce. She has worked hard on many things and put in a lot of effort for the Chamber of Commerce.
- Stated she would like to be part of a positive, strong and vibrant community.

Levine:

- Inquired how many applicants were there for the seasonal job position? It was stated there were about ten. Interviews have already been done.
- Inquired if it would be possible to have the tractor pull burn outs on Whitcomb Ave this year. The Clerk stated that WSDOT was not very happy about it.
- Reported the Tractor Pulls on Friday night are free.
- Wira meetings progressing.
- Council worked on the draft Council Rules and Procedures.

Motion to approve payment of \$4600.00 dollars to Award Construction which is one half of the electrical charges submitted to Award Construction in a change order for work done on the Parry's Acres Project, this will amend the final project amount. M/Ritter, S/Kriner.

Carried 5:0.

Ritter:

- Regarding painting the Youth Center at this time would possibly be wasted motion due to the possibility of moving the library to the Youth Center property. Ritter recommends the Committee meets and look at options.
- Stated she is still concerned about the Round Up and asked the Mayor if he is working with Christian on this. She asked if the permit they have covers safety issues. The north side of the building is exposed.

Sackman:

- Reported she and Councilmember Moreno met with Sheriff Hawley and Undersheriff Culp regarding the Weapons Agreement. The agreement will be brought forward at a later date.

Moreno:

- Stated the Weapons agreement is going well and will meet again before Council.

- Drove by the swim pool and everyone is enjoying it.
- Moreno stated that we need to have the quarterly meetings with the Sheriff.

Mayor:

- Stated the Fireworks at Chief Tonasket Park went well.

Councilmember Ritter stated people are starting to learn and pay attention regarding fireworks.

Ann Cook asked if the ban covered firecrackers and the answer was yes.

Department Head Reports

Johnson:

- Working on everyday things.
- Applications/interviews for the seasonal worker went well.

Attwood:

- No report

New Business

Motion to approve the Budget dates for the 2020 Budget as follows:

Request to Department Heads for Budget Items		August 14, 2019
Budget Requests Due to City Clerk	4:30 pm	Sept.13, 2019
Revenue Sources/Set Tax Levy, Public Hearing	7:00 pm	Sept. 24, 2019 (Reg. Mtg.)
Preliminary Budget Hearing	7:00 pm	Oct. 8, 2019 (Reg. Mtg.)
Budget Workshop	4:30 pm	Oct. 16, 2019 (Spec.Mtg)
Final Budget Hearing	7:00 pm	Nov. 12, 2019 (Reg. Mtg.)
Adopt Budget (tentative)	7:00 pm	Nov. 26, 2019 (Reg. Mtg.)

(these dates are subject to change by Council approval)

M/Ritter, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Four quotes were received to remove trees in History Park. 1) Iron Roots Contracting in the amount of \$25,342.20 (includes tax), 2) Lorz and Lorz \$5,500.00 plus tax, 3) Gasho and Gasho \$26,533.50 (includes tax), 4) Granite Mountain Grounds \$24,493.67 (includes tax). There was discussion that the scope of work on Lorz and Lorz quote was too vague. Levine would like to leave the trees and have an artist create a sculpture. The Clerk will clarify what services Lorz and Lorz will do for the quote and if it can be done before fall.

Motion to accept the quote from Lorz and Lorz, and clarify the scope of work and the disposal of the trees, provide equipment and to close the park when the work is done.

M/Moreno, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Councilmember Kriner stated that when the memorial name plaques by the trees are removed she would like to make a special memorial place for them to be relocated, maybe in concrete with a picture of the trees.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting, the Workshop meeting minutes, the June Payroll (9234-9258 & Direct Deposit run 6/26/2019) \$46,791.46 and the July bills (9259-9310 & 4 EFT Payments 7/9/2019) \$144,387.53.

M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

Jennifer Ward

- Engagement with the Council has been shut down no one is responding to her questions
- Bids are competitive and could be impacting others
- She is trying to verify the 40 hours per week in the Sheriff contract-no way to substantiate it. Didn't know the 40 hours of the Tonasket recruit was part of the contract.
- There will be a follow up.
- Has asked for Steve Brown's deliverables
- Will review report when she receives it and compare

Phil Christy – None

Jerry Anderson-None

Jeff McMillan

- Stated regarding the Code Enforcement person, he has talked with people and not one person likes the idea of hiring a town snitch. It was ill informed and he would not have voted for it.
- Wells Fargo closing doors—maybe move the library there—the police department or the library would be good there, could save a lot of money.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer