

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 25, 2019

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

Staff: Attwood and Hawley

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction in the previous minutes in Levine's report the funds for swimming lessons for 4th and 5th graders were a grant from the Red Cross passed through the Park and Recreation District. M/Levine, S/Kriner. Carried 4:0.

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

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2020-2025. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The City Clerk read through each of the proposed projects that are part of the Plan.

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-15, the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan presented to the Council from Kurt Danison, and to make the last project, the Fourth Street Sidewalk, Priority #18. M/Levine, S/Kriner. Carried 4:0.

The Public Hearing was closed.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing regarding applying for USDA/Rural Development funding for the roofing project at the Tonasket City Shop. The Public Hearing was opened. The City Clerk explained the purpose of the hearing is to inform the public the City will be applying to USDA/ Rural Development for funds to re-roof the Public Works Department Shop. Councilmember Levine asked if the City should also apply for Public Works Trust Fund dollars also. The Clerk will research this. There were no comments from the audience.

Motion made to allow the Mayor to sign applicable documents in pursuant of USDA/Rural Development Funding and Public Works Trust Fund assistance for the City Shop roof. M/Levine, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Steve Brown Report—Steve Brown has been working as the contract Internal Compliance Administrator for the City of Tonasket, a 3 month contract, for the purpose of closing the Police Department. Mr. Brown's report was about an hour and touched on several issues, missing money, drugs and firearms. A full report will be available for the Mayor and Council.

Unfinished Business

Tonasket Weapons Storage Agreement—Sackman stated the Committee has not been able to meet with the Sheriff yet and will have a report at a later date.

Motion to approve the Seasonal Job description and the Code enforcement Job description. M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Motion did not carry—3 nays.

Motion to approve the Seasonal Maintenance Job Description. M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0

Motion to approve the Code Enforcement Job Description. M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to allow Varela and Associates to proceed with the TIB application for 4th Street. M/Levine, S/Kriner. Carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine:

- Reported the Fly In went great 58 kids signed up to fly—53 flew!
- Need to clarify that tonasket.org is not the City's website.
- Hospital may be losing the Obstetrics department and they are looking at a rural health center.
- Okanogan County has adopted a fire ban.
- County is discussing the south access to Chief Tonasket Park, will it be 50' or 30'.
- County reviewing comp plan and defining city expansion areas which should be left to the Cities.

Kriner

- Chief Tonasket Park—checking on all the issues at the Park.
- History Park trees are a huge liability and she will be getting quotes to remove 9 trees.

Mayor

- Reported he went to his class reunion and the All Class reunion.
- Tree broke and fell at the park.
- Father's Day Fly Inn at the Airport looked like a big success.

Moreno

- Reported she heard the Fly In was good.
- Glad the City hired Steve Brown, it is an eye opener to see where we are at.

Sackman

- Inquired about the signs for Little Learners Park—Kriner stated she is looking into that.
- Park Plan meeting July 2nd.
- Are Deputies operating under City Ordinances or County ordinances? The Clerk will research this matter.

Department Head Reports

Hawley

- The meeting with Public Safety was postponed.
- Reports are sent weekly.
- The recent homicides have had an impact on resources.
- Great reports from Officer in CJTC specifically for Tonasket.

Attwood

- Reported the TVBRC manager would like to place a sign on the property—it is the international information center symbol.

Motion to allow the TVBRC to place a sign on the property pending approval by Public Works. M/Sackman, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

- The Clerk reported she has received a letter from Varela and Associates and the construction company that worked on Parry's Acres is asking for the City to pay half of an additional cost accrued on the project. It was suggested this matter is forwarded to the Finance Committee and Attorney Howe for further deliberation.
- There will be a Park Committee meeting on Monday, July 8, at 2:45 pm.
- Remind everyone that fireworks are only allowed in Chief Tonasket Park. The County has declared a burn ban and also the Mayor.

Howe

- Attorney Howe reported he is pursuing a warrant regarding the Texas Family Diner and hopefully will have one in a couple weeks.

New Business

Motion to adopt Ordinance #805 a Budget Amendment. M/Kriner, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #806 amending Chapter 5.12 of the Tonasket Municipal Code.
M/Kriner, S/Moreno. Carried 3:1, Levine voted no.

The two website quotes received were briefly discussed. The City Clerk-Treasurer will be reviewing the quotes and make a decision.

Motion to accept the contract with Mallet Sheet Metal, Omak, Washington for the work to be done on the City Hall roof contingent on the statutory limits be verified. M/Levine, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0

Motion to allow an interfund Loan from Sewer Reserve Fund to the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$50,000 and that the loan be paid back with the same interest rate of the State Investment Pool. M/Levine, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

The Board of Health is looking for a new member.

Public Comment

Phil Christy

- Music in the Park at History Park is too loud.

Diane Foreman

- Stated she spent several hours with Steve Brown regarding evidence.
- All keys from Police Department were given to the Mayor and unauthorized persons were given keys.
- Commented there were files in the chained cabinets when she left.
- Also stated drug training aids in a desk and were placed in a safe.

Steve Perry

- Commented that if it is any consolation he has helped others in worse shape and it is not a unique situation.
- Also stated when he worked for the Police Department that he discovered 33 firearms. Some were destroyed, some were traded.

Brenda Jones

- Would like City to post Committee meetings on the website, also Civil Service meetings and Planning Commission meetings
- Trees in the park need attention.
- The sign at City Hall needs to be repaired.
- Is it possible for volunteers to work on the Youth Center.
- Complained about a neighbor's property—aren't they required to have an occupancy permit?
- And there are more people living in businesses than we know.

The Mayor called an executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) for 20 minutes. After the 20 minutes the Clerk checked if people were still in the hall to let them know the executive session would be extended another 15 minutes. No one was in the hall and the meeting was extended 15 more minutes. At 10:32 the executive session ended.

There being no further business the meet was declared adjourned at 10:33 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer

