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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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

Staff: Attwood

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Mayor Brown presented a plaque to Jason Utecht recognizing him for his many years volunteering at the Tonasket Police Department.

Kurt Danison was present to update the Mayor and Council on several issues. Kurt reported he is working with Councilmembers and the Park and Rec District to review and update the City's Park and Rec Plan. He stated it is most important in light of the potential updates at Chief Tonasket Park and the proposed south access to the Park to have an update. Kurt also reported on the Perfect Passage meetings and the need for a more desirable downtown for the locals and visitors. Kurt reported that on May 14th the State Transportation will be in town

Dave Kester asked to be on the agenda to talk about the proposed bulb outs on the corners in the downtown area. He voiced his concerns regarding truck traffic and snow removal.

Stacy Kester and Jordon Weddle were present to talk about the City's Park and Rec Plan. They stated they are very interested in the future of the city's parks.

Motion to authorize Kurt Danison to work on the City's Comprehensive Park Plan. M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Jennifer Ward, a Tonasket resident, asked to be on the agenda regarding the contract for the Internal Compliance Administrator. Ms. Ward had submitted a 103 page document for the Mayor and Council outlining her concerns. Ms. Ward also submitted to the Council a Summary of Findings from the larger document. Ms. Ward voiced her concerns to the Council.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing on the surplus of items from the Water/Sewer Departments. Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing. The City Clerk explained the process and that it was according to RCW 35.94.040. No one had questions or comments. The public hearing was closed.

This meeting had been advertised as a public hearing to inform the public the City is applying for USDA/Rural Development Funds for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Public Works Department. Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing. The Clerk explained the process. There were no comments. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Unfinished Business

There was a brief discussion on the proposed Code Enforcement person. The Personnel Committee will meet April 30th.

The City Council Rules of Conduct will be on the agenda again when the template is received from Ann MacFarlane.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12 which declares certain items to be surplus. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

The Peddlers Permit being requested by Maria Garcia was discussed again. A hold harmless paragraph will be added to the application and the Clerk will research the addition of insurance to the application also.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Ritter: Ritter asked the Mayor to have Building Official Johnson at the next Council meeting regarding the status of the Texas Diner and the Round-Up. Ritter asked the status of the roof repair and the Clerk stated that quotes have been requested.

Levine: Reported the perfect Passage was on the 11th and was a good meeting. Lots of discussion on parking, trees and changing the traffic patterns were part of the discussion. Levine also reported on Water Resource Inventory Area 49 meeting. Levine stated if someone is having a public safety issue to please call the Sheriff's Department.

Moreno: Briefly spoke about the code enforcement position and gave examples and also spoke about the quarterly meetings to be set up with the Sheriff's Department.

Sackman: Inquired if the gates to the parks are being locked and if the restroom at Chief Tonasket Park is open. The Mayor stated he will be closing the gates and public works is waiting for a part to repair the pump at the restroom then it will be open.

Kriner: Thanked Public Works for all of their hard work and fixing all of the water leaks that showed up recently. Also reported that Arbor Day is on Friday April 26th at 1pm and the group will be planting a tree in memory of Claire Jeffko.

Mayor: Reported the mechanical bridge being built over Railroad Avenue by Bluebird has been started.

New Business

Proposed Ordinance #802 was discussed. Ordinance #802 would amend the Park Ordinance regarding dogs in Chief Tonasket Park. Councilmember Kriner has been in contact with soccer and baseball people and they would be happy if dogs were not allowed in the park. Councilmember Levine asked if there would be areas for animals? This matter will be reviewed by the Parks Committee.

Proposed Resolution 2019-13. This resolution would set rules for use of Chief Tonasket Park. There was discussion on the lawn mowing of the fields and whether soccer people should be mowing around the goals. Other issues with the Park were discussed. No action taken.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Varela and Associates sent communication regarding TIB applications and if the City would like to proceed.

Bob Penney would like speed bumps on 5th Street.

Okanogan County Sheriff Department will be to placing decals on the City Police Vehicles designating ownership by the City.

Public Comment

Rose Corso stated public comments should come at the beginning of the meeting, also stated that Hwy 7 is noisy and there should be speed bumps.

Brenda Jones apologized for how Jen Ward was treated at the last meeting, suggested the Council should be more fair and to think about the elections.

Alisa Weddle reported on the Little Learners Park—they are creating more of a retaining wall for ADA compliance, the Masons of Oroville are awesome!

Justin Haug and Andy Townsend are developing a vision for Chief Tonasket Park and there is a lot of volunteer effort that goes into the Park.

Anna Bergh and Marah Norris addressed parking and speeding at Chief Tonasket Park and the need for signage.

Motion to allow one additional person to speak at Public Comment. M/Ritter, S/Levine.
Carried 5:0

Jean Ramsey stated Council meetings are for the Council and regarding regulating dogs in the parks that will require enforcement.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer