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## **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

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

**Staff:** Danison, Attwood and Howe

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

**Julie Pratt was present to request permission to place a directional sign for the Community Church and the Assembly of God Church on the corner of Fourth St. and Whitcomb Ave.**

Ms. Pratt stated she had spoken with Building Official Christian Johnson and suggested the sign be similar to State Highway directional signs.

**Motion to allow Julie Pratt to place the directional sign on the corner of Fourth St. and Whitcomb Ave contingent on approval from Superintendent Darren Johnson.** M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

**Kurt Danison was in attendance to up-date the Mayor and City Council on several matters.**

Kurt reported the County is in the process of working on and adopting maps for the airport. There is language regarding incompatible uses but at this time there are not maps. Kurt reported that the Planning Commission met and at this time there are no burning issues. He asked if the Council had any land use issues they are concerned with and if there are, the Planning Commission would be happy to help. He also reported there will be a Hwy 97 meeting on Thursday.

**Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, was present to answer questions regarding Amendment #2 to the engineering Contract with Varela and Associates for the Parry's Acres Project.**

There were no comments or questions regarding the contract amendment.

**Motion to approve amendment #2 to the engineering contract with Varela and Associates for the Parry's Acres Project and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents.**

M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

There was a brief discussion on the Storm-water plan. Jeff Moran explained there are specific flooding problems that this plan will help address.

**Motion to approve the agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Storm-water Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

### **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Ritter:** Reported there will be a meeting on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm regarding the Magnificent Mile Project. Councilmember Ritter read her statement of no confidence in the Mayor.

**Councilmember Ritter made a motion of a vote of no confidence in Mayor Brown. Councilmember Kriner seconded the motion.** Motion carried.

**Sackman:** Inquired if the City has established the Criminal Justice tax in town. The answer was yes.

**Kriner:** Reported the Committee for fast tracking the Police Department has been working on the possibility of finding funding for a library instead of a Police Department building. The old police department building could be demolished and then build a library in that spot, then the Police Department could possibly be moved into the library building. Alisa Weddle is working with her on this project. Kriner read through the Council Committee Mayor's Appointments to inform the audience. Kriner also stated that it is important to increase the Hangar Lease fee from \$200 to \$270 due to the work that needs to be done at the airport and the lacking budget for the

airport. In the matter of the Parks and Pool, Kriner stated she would like to have further discussion with staff regarding maintenance and also signage at the Parks.

**Levine:** Reported she had attended a meeting at the Senior Center that Joel Kretz and Lisa Eaton also attended. The Senior Center is trying to acquire grant funding for heating and air conditioning. Levine reported the Chamber Banquet will be held Saturday. Levine is looking into a grant for a speed radar for town. Levine reported the Town Hall was well attended and thanked everyone for going. Oroville Police Department has been asked if they would provide Police Services for Tonasket. Oroville declined and Omak mimicked their response. Levine also gave a statement of no confidence in Mayor Brown.

**Mayor:** Mayor Brown stated Jill has refused to work with him and he has always tried and if I have cooperation things will be better. Mayor stated he would like the town to have their own Police Department.

Councilmember Kriner reported there has been a leak in the library roof.

**Motion to approve entering into a Public Works contract with A1 Asbestos Environmental Services for the remediation of the Library portion of the City Hall/Library Complex in the amount of \$5,030.15 plus tax.** M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to approve the Mayor's Appointments for 2019 as follows:**

**MAYOR'S 2019 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Finance/Personnel-----Ritter and Moreno  
Water/Sewer/Streets/Cemetery/Youth Center/Infrastructure----Ritter and Levine  
Park/Pool/Recreation-----Kriner and Sackman  
Airport-----Moreno and Kriner  
Public Safety-----Sackman and Levine

**MAYOR'S 2019 APPOINTMENTS**

City Attorney	Michael D. Howe
City Clerk/Treasurer	Alice Attwood
City Superintendent	Darren Johnson
Court Judge	Anthony Castelda
Court Judge Pro-Tem	Roger Castelda
Building Official/Permit Administrator	Christian D. Johnson
Airport Manager	Darren Johnson

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Members	Position 1	Patti Hill	term – 2019-2022
	Position 2	Jerry Anderson	term - 2014-2019
	Position 3	Phil Christy	term - 2018-2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Members	Position 1	George Hill	3 year term (exp 12-31-2019)
	Position 2	Gayle Mailloux	3 year term (exp 12-31-2019)
	Position 3	John Sanchez	3 year term (exp 12-31-2020)
	Position 4	Jan Asmussen	3 year term (exp 12-31-2020)
	Position 5	Kurt Haskin	3 year term (exp 12-31-2021)

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Members  
Bob Thompson  
Howard Zosel  
David Kester  
Rick Baker  
Dave Ogborn

**TREE BOARD**

Members  
Marylou Kriner  
Lalanie Kilpatrick  
Bobbie Jo Grace

M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

**Consideration of waiving late fees on water and sewer payments for federal employees furloughed.** The City Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council to consider waiving the fees for federal employees who have been furloughed.

**Motion to allow waiving late fees on water and sewer payments for federal employees who have been furloughed contingent on showing their most recent pay stub and federal id.**

M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance #799 amending Ordinance #798.** M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to elect Councilmember Ritter as Mayor Pro-Tem.** M/Sackman, S/Kriner. Carried 3:1. In favor of Ritter: Levine, Ritter, and Kriner. In favor of Levine: Sackman.

**Motion to approve the Transportation Board Agreement as read for \$355,458.00 for street work in Tonasket.** M/Ritter, S/Kriner.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02 amending the 2019 fee schedule.** M/Sackman, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

#### Miscellaneous and Correspondence

**Motion made to approve the minutes of the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Special Meeting and the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular City Council meeting.** M/Sackman, S/ Ritter. Carried 4:0.

**Motion made to excuse Councilmember Moreno from this Council meeting.** M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

#### Public Comment

There were many people present to voice their concerns regarding the possibility of contracting with Okanogan County for Police services. There are concerns there are not enough deputies. There was a suggestion that there should be an escape clause in the contract. It was mentioned the Youth Center or the Chief Tonasket Offices could be utilized as a temporary a Police Department.

Jose Perez was in attendance and produced paperwork stating he was not on the Brady list and stated show me proof that I am on the Brady list.

There was concern that there should be cameras in the Council room and that the minutes should be done properly. It was also stated the City has not done their due diligence and are jumping the gun. The County is losing deputies and the academy is filled up until after October.

John Cruz was also present and voiced his concern about a file that he stated was in the possession of Councilmembers and destroyed and that they should hold themselves in contempt.

It was also stated there should be a Council/Manager form of government instead of a Mayor/Council form.

The Mayor called an Executive Session to last for 45 minutes. The purpose of the executive session is pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(g) to review the performance of a public employee and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. After 45 minutes the public was informed the executive session would last an additional 45 minutes.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 9:38 pm.

**Motion to deny the request for on call time from John Cruz and Jose Perez.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm

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**Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer**