

## Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting, January 2, 2019

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

**Staff:** Attorney Howe and Alice Attwood

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

The Mayor called an Executive Session from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm 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.

The Mayor, Councilmembers, Attorney Howe and Clerk-Treasurer adjourned to the City Hall Office to hold the executive session.

At 7:00 pm the special meeting regular session was called to order. The Mayor allowed the public in the audience to speak for 3 minutes each.

There were many people present in the audience voicing their concern regarding the subject matter of closing the Police Department and possibly contracting with Okanogan Sheriff's Department for public safety purposes.

Councilmember Ritter stated the Council supports having a police department however it is important to have a police department building and proper police policies and procedures before a police department is reinstated.

There was discussion regarding retaining Officer Perez and it was stated that will be up to the Sheriff's Department after a contract has been signed between the City and the County.

**Motion to direct Mayor Brown to enter into contract negotiations with Sheriff Tony Hawley to provide temporary police coverage for the City of Tonasket .** M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance #798 temporarily repealing Chapter 2.12 of the Tonasket Municipal Code entitled "Police Department" and providing for police services to be temporarily provided by contract and designating the Sheriff of Okanogan County to be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Tonasket until the Tonasket Police Department can be re-established.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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