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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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

Staff: Christian Johnson and Alice 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/Sackman, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Public Comments: None

Building Official Christian Johnson was present to answer questions from the Council.

Councilmember Ritter stated that Christian's reports are vague and she would like addresses of the properties listed on the report. Ritter also inquired what the status is of the property on Third and Antwine Ave. Christian replied the owner is working on the property to remove the burned house on his own initiative. Ritter stated it is a hazard. Christian replied he will check into it make sure it is secured. There was also a question regarding the matter of persons living in a business building located on Whitcomb Ave. Christian replied the occupants have been served with a request for entry and then there will be a 2nd request and then if that is not fulfilled there will be a warrant. Also, there was a question asked about another business where it was thought someone was living in the basement and Christian stated no one is living there. The Mayor and Council thanked Christian for coming to the meeting.

Unfinished Business

The 2019 Budget was discussed. The Finance Committee, Councilmembers Moreno and Ritter, met and have determined that the Police wages should be increased by 10% to make them comparable with other entities and to retain officers. The City Clerk Treasurer stated all of the City Employees are involved with public safety—the City Crew is responsible for providing safe water to everyone in the city and a safe way to dispose of it and the City Hall staff is their support. The Clerk is asking for \$1.30 per hour per employee. It was stated the Police Department needs body cams, and computers for their cars and there is a local group that would like to raise funds to help the Police Department. Moreno stated we need to increase the Police officers wages by 10% to retain officers and everyone else should get a COLA. There was further discussion regarding the budget requests which will be noted in the Budget at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the Building Inspector/Permit Administrator Service Agreement with the City of Oroville. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Kriner: Brought up the matter of dog tags required in the City. How to get the information out. The Clerk suggested putting it on the water/sewer bills. Kriner asked if this is being enforced. Kriner stated the City should institute a business license requirement with a fee of \$25.00 per year.

Motion to work on a business license ordinance for the City of Tonasket. M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Kriner continued with her report. She stated we should increase the revenue for the airport and that can only be done by increasing the Hangar Lease fee. She would like to increase that to \$300 per year. It is currently \$102. The extra funds received could be saved to put towards the matching funds that will be required for the airport project. The revenue can also help with the upkeep of the airport. Kriner stated she would like the Mayor to put together an ad hoc Committee to start a fast track project to find the Police Department a place to move until a new building is constructed. She asked that she be on the committee with one of the members of the Public Safety. Mayor Brown appointed Councilmembers Kriner and Sackman to the ad hoc committee.

Ritter: Stated her report has been addressed with the Finance Committee report on wages and the questions answered by the Building Official. Ritter thanked Brenda Jones for her support of the Police Department.

Levine: Reported she and Ritter went to Olympia to do a presentation to the CERB Board to acquire a grant for Tonasket's Magnificent Mile Project. She stated they were successful and the city was awarded the \$25,000 grant for the project. She also reported that WSDOT will be part of the project. Levine reported the City was also awarded a TIB grant of \$350,000. Levine reported the Veteran's Day parade was awesome.

Sackman: No report

Moreno: Stated her report was the Finance proposal for Police wages and she thanked Ritter and Levine for going to the CERB meeting.

Mayor: Stated the Council needs to be thinking about the Police Department and where they will be moved to.

Motion to approve the agreements with Varela and Associates, the US 97 project and the Storm Water Project. M/Levine, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Resolution 2018-16 the 2019 Fee schedule was briefly discussed and will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

The City Clerk-Treasurer introduced Ordinance #796, a budget amendment for the first reading.

Motion to pay Police Clerk Diane foreman for 15 hours unreported time. M/Moreno, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Clerk stated the two subjects she was going to address have been brought up. The CERB grant and the TIB grant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer