

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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

Staff: Odegaard, Johnson, Danison, Cruz, Domish and 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/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

Lee Orr, Tonasket Airport Improvement Club, was present to discuss airport matters. Lee stated the Washington Small Community Airports Association Conference is coming up and he inquired if anyone from the City will be attending. The Mayor and three of the Councilmembers will be attending the IACC Conference in Wenatchee during the same time and Lee volunteered to go in their place. The Council will address the matter of his attendance in New Business.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing to take relevant testimony from the public on the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the City of Tonasket Municipal Code to change the use of slaughterhouses from a prohibited use in the C-2 District to a use permitted with a zoning conditional use permit subject to specified minimum conditions/restrictions for all permitted facilities. Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and proceeded with the Open Record Hearing protocol. There were no challenges to the Council's jurisdiction, there were no disclosures of any conflicts of interest, the Mayor provided the opportunity for the disclosure of any ex-parte communication of which there were none, the Mayor provided for challenges of the hearing board's membership, of which there were none. Next the Mayor opened the testimony portion of the hearing. Building Official Christian Johnson entered into testimony the staff report with the correction on the matrix that there should be an x through the MU zone as recommended by the Planning Commission. Several people were in attendance and voiced their concern regarding the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Bob and Jane Thompson were concerned about the SEPA regulations, Peggy Wells voiced her concern that this would open the door to larger and more offensive slaughter houses. Alan McIlhenny stated the fear of the whole idea is the unknown. Councilmembers also had their turn at answering questions for the public. After further discussion the Mayor closed the hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion to adopt by reference the Planning Commission's Findings and Conclusions as our own and approve the text amendment and pass Ordinance #793 with the correction of an "X" to be placed on the matrix not allowing slaughterhouses in the MU District. Motion Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing on the Revenue Sources for the 2019 Budget including possible increases in property tax revenues and for setting the tax levy for 2019. The Mayor opened the public hearing. The City Clerk explained the purpose of the public hearing and the ad-valorem tax and asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the list of revenues that the Council received in their packets. Councilmember Levine asked if the City received 911 tax and the Clerk responded no. The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #795 setting the tax levy for the year 2019. M/Ritter, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Unfinished Business

A proposed Golf Cart Ordinance was discussed. Councilmember Levine stated she had met with Councilmember Sackman and discussed this matter and she would like to pursue having an ordinance to allow golf carts in the City. There would be requirements such as having a driver's license, a special zone, insurance, registration, etc. Chief Odegaard commented the golf carts are not powerful enough and how would they be insured? He had concerns about the traffic in town and golf carts. Councilmember Sackman stated we haven't had any issues so far why not allow

them now? Councilmember Kriner stated she thinks it is a huge risk. Councilmember Ritter asked to clarify where they would be allowed----is it worth for the few number of people? Councilmember Moreno said she is not for it, it is a liability and more work for the police. There were no further comments and no action taken.

The City Clerk updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the Airport Project. An e-mail has been received from the engineers stating the project is scheduled to go out for contractor's bids in either December of 2018 or January 2019 with construction to follow during the summer of 2019. Grant applications will need to be submitted for the next grant cycle for the construction portion of the project.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-12 authorizing the grant application to CERB. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve submission of a Planning Grant Application to Community Economic Revitalization Board and authorize the Mayor to sign applicable documents. M/Levine, S/Kriner. Carried 5:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Ritter: Welcomed Councilmember Kriner to the City Council and inquired about the City Clean up on the 29th.

Levine: Reported there has not been a watershed meeting yet. Levine inquired about the grant for setting up City e-mails etc. for the Council. The Clerk said she has not heard yet anything regarding that grant yet. Levine reported the Police officers are doing a great job. There will be a North Valley Hospital strategy meeting coming up in November. The Demo Derby is October 6th and we should have another Public Works Committee meeting.

Sackman: Reminded everyone the Clean-up is coming up on the 29th, it is homecoming week and also the Demo Derby is coming up.

Moreno: The Tonasket Police Department Night Out was a success and she enjoyed the community support. The Officers are building a relationship with the community and there has been good feedback. There was also support from other communities and Thank You to Diane Foreman and the Police Department for their help.

Kriner: Reported she has been to the Airport and there is a need for some maintenance. There are weeds and it needs to be mowed. The Splash Park needs attention also, the concrete is cracking and the paint is chipping off the animals. She is also concerned about the condition of the storage buildings at Chief Tonasket Park and the bridges on the walking path. Kriner stated she is also part of the Tree Board and trees should be planted annually.

Mayor: Reported he was happy with the Police Night out. It was fun and thank you to everyone that worked on it.

It was the consensus of the Council to Change the Budget Workshop meeting from October 11th, 2018 to November 7th, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Motion to cancel the October 23rd City Council meeting. M/Moreno, S/ Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Proposed Ordinance #794 was introduced for the first time. Ordinance #794 is a Budget Amendment.

The City Clerk presented to the Mayor and Council a Cost Allocation Policy for their review. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

Motion to pay up to \$750.00 for costs for Leroy Orr to attend the Washington Small Community Airports Association Conference. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

The City Clerk reported the Police Cars have been ordered. The City Clerk also reported the City is currently being audited and there will be an entrance conference on Monday or Tuesday October 1st or 2nd.

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Ecology stating the City will receive additional loan funds for the Parry's Acres Project.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer