

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting August 28, 2018

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

Staff: Miller, Odegaard and Cruz

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 with correction of those present.
M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 3:0.

Councilmember Moreno arrived.

Public Comment

Michael Seek was present and asked the Council if anything has been done on driving golf carts in City limits. The Council said they would revisit it again.

Unfinished Business

Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, was in attendance to discuss the Parry's Acres Project.
Moran reported he had heard back from Coleman Miller at the Department of Ecology and they will be able to increase their loan to cover the gap between the current funding and the revised budget. This will allow the City to award the project without allocating funds from the city reserves.

Motion to allow Varela and Associates to move forward and award the base bid of \$839,848.40 and schedule B in the amount of \$60,051.00 to Award Construction Inc. and revise the loan contract with the Department of Ecology for the Parry's Acres Project.
M/Ritter, S/Levine. Motion carried 4:0.

Motion to accept the bid from IRS Environmental for the asbestos abatement of the Police Department for \$20,845.00 plus tax. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Motion carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Ritter: Inquired if anything had been done with the property on 3rd Street. She would like to see North Valley Hospital taking care that the dumpster is put back every day where it belongs.

Moreno: Reported she attended the Garlic Festival and there was a great turnout. The Police Department Night Out will be September 14, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the gazebo in Founders Day Park. She has been working on the budget and researching different cities wages for employees.

Sackman: Reported she had been asked by citizens to request that the Police Officers use their lights when they are going fast in town.

Levine: Attended an Economic Development meeting to discuss the railroad. She had a public safety meeting with Officer Cruz and the committee recommends the Police Department use the TVBRC while the asbestos removal is going on in their building. She attended the AWC Budget & Finance training in Leavenworth with Councilmember Moreno and learned a lot. She also attended the Planning Commissions public hearing on slaughterhouses.

Mayor: Stated Claire Jeffko's passing was felt with sorrow. She was a good friend and he enjoyed her company and would miss her.

New Business

There was discussion on the Loan Resolution Security Agreement for the new Police vehicles. The Policed Department wants 2 SUV's instead of 1 car and 1 SUV. Councilmember Ritter was

concerned that it might change the terms so she wants to wait until a corrected agreement is presented.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Motion to approve refunding the pool rental paid for August 11, 2018 that was cancelled due to poor air quality. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

The Police Department presented the Council with a memo concerning purchasing laptops and selling their Surface Pro tablets to the Council for \$500 apiece. The Council decided to table the discussion on the Council purchasing the used tablets until later.

Chief Odegaard asked for advice on how to proceed with his budget.

Motion to allow Chief Odegaard to purchase 2 tasers with Axon for \$3420.44. M/Ritter, S/Moreno. Motion carried 4:0.

Motion to allow Chief Odegaard to purchase the number of laptops he needs that is within his 2018 budget. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Police Clerk Foreman commented on the bad conditions in the Police Department building. Officer Cruz would like to see an interview room built and Councilmember Ritter stated there might not be enough funds to do it right now but possibly the community could help out. The safety committee could look into doing fund raisers. Ritter also asked the Mayor to talk with Superintendent Johnson about cutting back on the lawn sprinklers to help with water seeping into the basement of the police department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Deniece Miller, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer