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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Present: Mayor Plumb and Councilmembers Jeffko, Levine, Sackman, and Moreno.

Staff: Attwood, Darren Johnson, Christian Johnson, Darin Odegaard, John Cruz and Kurt Danison.

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

Public Comment

Lisa McCoy was in attendance and thanked the Mayor for taking quick action regarding her concerns. McCoy also stated she rode along with Officer Cruz and he acted with respect and was calm and collected and the officer is having a positive impact on the community.

Kurt Danison reported that Planning Commission will be having a public hearing on August 21 at 3:00 pm to amend the zoning code to allow a slaughter house in a C-2 or mixed zone. There will be a limit on the number of animals; 16 beef equivalents in a 48 hour period. Kurt reported he attended the EDD meeting and the priority applications will be due soon and intends to put the South end annexation, the Magnificent Mile and the Police Department as the top three priorities for Tonasket. Kurt also briefly discussed the upcoming meeting regarding the railroad which will be held on August 20th.

Unfinished Business

The City Clerk reported that Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates will attend one of the next Council meetings to discuss the Parry's Acres Project and the awarding of the contract.

The City has received two estimates for the abatement of the asbestos at the Police Department. One of the estimates is \$20,845.00 plus tax from IRS Environmental and the other is \$35,042.86 plus tax from A1 Asbestos. There was discussion on the matter and it was decided the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, August 20th at 5:30 pm to discuss the estimates and the details.

The Clerk stated the purchase of the Police Vehicles is being worked on.

There was discussion on police equipment. The Police Chief had submitted estimates for several police items such as tazers and computers and the Council had questions for the police chief.

Motion to approve the application for the Small City Preservation Program and the application for the Small City Sidewalk Program funds. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

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

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Jeffko: Reported she would like some communication with the Little Learners Park Committee for an update on what is happening with the Park. Jeffko stated she is concerned with the bad condition of the bridges in Chief Tonasket Park since the flood. Jeffko reported she was present to receive the USDA Award at City Hall. The award is for receiving infrastructure funds from the USDA for new police cars. Jeffko brought up the matter of Golf Carts being used in town and the previous decision that they weren't allowed. It was stated the gentlemen that came to Council earlier this year should receive a letter informing him why his golf cart cannot be used as transportation.

Levine: Reported there are masks available at the hospital for those that have difficulty breathing the smoky air. Levine also reported she is continuing to work on a parade for Veterans Day with the American Legion and Roger Castelda. Levine reported she also attended the ceremony for the USDA Award. Levine stated there was a fund raiser for Little Learners Park, at the park, and it was well attended.

Sackman: Reported there are still sandbags available at the City Shop. The pool closes the 18th.

Moreno: Reported she is working on having a National Night Out. This would help with Police awareness and the whole community would be invited. Moreno also reported she is excited to be attending the AWC Finance training in Leavenworth August 23rd and 24th.

Mayor: Reported on the USDA Award. The Mayor stated there is a fire ban in the City until further notice.

Department Head Reports

Johnson, Darren: Reported the crew has been working on trimming trees in parks and doing locates when called upon. He stated they are attempting to make the bridges in the park safe and will repair them.

Odegaard: Reported on the many activities the Police department has been involved in lately. He has purchased new firearms, is working with the County IT Department figuring out computer issues, cleaning the building, changing locks. Odegaard also stated Officer Cruz is doing a fine job.

Johnson, Christian: Reported he is seeing movement on several issues such as the Texas Diner. There was discussion on the dumpsters which have been on First St right of way. The dumpsters will be moved to a different parking spot on the hospitals property. The hospital is working on a long term solution to solve the problem.

Motion to instruct the hospital to remove the dumpsters on First St. by August 31, 2018. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

Attwood: Reported to the Council the need for lateral entry police officers and that the City has Civil Service rules that need to be adhered to. The Civil Service Commission has decided to test for lateral level officers and the Clerk is asking the City Council to rescind their decision made at the last meeting by voting against the testing.

Motion to rescind the decision made at the previous Council meeting when the Council voted no to have lateral police officer testing. M/Levine, S/Jeffko. Carried 3:1. Moreno voted no.

Motion to adopt the Budget dates as written and submitted. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Dates For 2019 Budget

Request to Department Heads for Budget Items		August 14, 2018
Budget Requests Due to City Clerk	4:30 pm	Sept. 10, 2018
Revenue Sources/Set Tax Levy Public Hearing	7:00 pm	Sept. 25, 2018 (Reg. Mtg.)
Preliminary Budget Hearing	7:00 pm	Oct. 9, 2018 (Reg. Mtg.)
Budget Workshop	4:30 pm	Oct. 11, 2018 (Spec. Mtg.)
Final Budget Hearing	7:00 pm	Nov. 13, 2018 (Reg. Mtg.)
Adopt Budget (tentative)	7:00 pm	Nov. 27, 2018 (Reg. Mtg.)

(these dates are subject to change by council approval)

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the July Payroll and the August Bills. M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

There was a question regarding the burned home on Third St. and Building Official Johnson stated the property owners have gotten their permit to do the work.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:03 pm.

