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**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

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

**Staff:** Miller, D. Johnson, and Danison

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

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

**Public Comment:**

Lisa McCoy had made a Public Records Request and thanked City Hall for getting it to her in such a timely manner. But she felt it didn't include everything she asked for. She feels that the City Budget needs to be revamped and needs a fresh start.

**Cynthia Benitez-Garlic Festival.** Wanted to let the Council know that there is going to be a Garlic Festival this year in History Park on Aug. 24 & 25. They will be set up on the lower end of the park and will have a stage and a beer garden. She left flyers and vendor applications with City Hall.

**Kurt Danison report:** Kurt reported he attended an Okanogan Council of Governments (OCO) meeting that the Mayor also attended. Verizon was present to discuss First Net. The Economic Alliance cancelled their meeting but will be having one on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be meeting with Gavin Pratt and Alysa Jumars to discuss the proposed slaughterhouse in Tonasket. The Planning Commission will be meeting on July 18 to look at zoning and conditions use.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports:**

**Levine:** Reported she had several conversations with citizens concerning the police department and also people living in tents by the railroad tracks behind the fire department. She would like Building Official Christian Johnson to look into people living in the Texas Diner. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was great but people still were setting off fireworks in town. Councilmember Ritter wants it to be better advertised next year that the City only allows fireworks at Chief Tonasket Park. Reported the Tribe paid for the canine. July 11<sup>th</sup> there will be an Okanogan County Commissioner forum at the Elementary School Commons at 6:30 pm. There will be a Sherriff's forum at the Pac in Omak on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Ritter:** Reported there is an RV parked at the airport and she asked if anyone knew whose it was. Mayor Brown said he will check into it. The owners of the house on Third & Antwine have 60 days left to take care of it, and she will not let this go away. North Valley Hospital still has not resolved the dumpster issue. She would like Mayor Brown to talk with Building Official Johnson. Bruce Cogard had a complaint about the conditions at the old Round-Up. He lives there and would like the motorhome that is parked behind the building to be removed. He was advised to talk with Building Official Johnson.

**Sackman:** Thanked the City crew for coming out in the rain to check the drains.

**Moreno:** Reported the Finance Committee is working to make changes to the budget and mostly looking at the Police Department. She toured the PD and the place is horrible. The City is wasting money just patching it and funds need to be found for a new PD building. Police Clerk Diane Foreman thanked Moreno for taking the tour and invites the rest of the Council to come tour. Moreno is not happy with staff because things are not getting done. She wants all old business added to each agenda and not remove them until they are resolved. Moreno wants all Department Heads to give a staff report to the Council once a month.

**Mayor:** Reported the Council is working well together.

## **Department Head Reports**

**Darren Johnson:** Reported they are a small group and doing the best they can. Frank Holfeltz is trying to get into a CDL class. Councilmember Levine asked if anyone has taken the sandbags left from the flood and Johnson said a few people have taken some. Jerry Anderson told the Council that Scott Smith has offered to furnish a fork lift and a flatbed truck to remove the ones that are left.

Chief Odegaard was called out and would meet the Council at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-09 Recreation and Conservation Office Applicant/Authorization .** M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

### **Miscellaneous and Correspondence:**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Miller reported that only one estimate has been received for the asbestos and lead removal at the Police Department. As soon as at least one more is received they will be given to the Council.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting, the June Payroll (8345-8367 and direct deposit run 6/27/2018) \$64,355.55 and the July Bills \$89,465.56 (8368-8428 and 4 EFT Payments).** M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

Audience member Mark Foreman wanted to know who was responsible for not informing the local businesses that there were no local police. Councilmember Ritter informed Foreman that it was put in the City's official newspaper.

There being no further business the meeting was declared at 7:53 pm.

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**Deniece Miller, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**