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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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

Staff: Miller, D. Johnson, West, Danison and C. Johnson

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

Public Comment: Robert Fuchs introduced himself to the Council. He is currently on the Oroville City Council and is running for Okanogan County Commissioner.

Alyssa Jumars and Gavin Pratt-Livestock Processing: Alyssa Jumars, Methow Conservancy, has been doing a feasibility study for getting a livestock processing plant in the Okanogan Valley. There is an urgent need for producers to have a plant that is USDA certified so they can expand their market. Gavin Pratt, owner of Double S Meats, was contacted and he would like to have it here in Tonasket to add jobs. It would be a mobile slaughter unit with a few holding pens. The cattle would only be held for a day and would be out of site of the road. Alyssa and Gavin asked for the City's support and to see if the zoning could be changed to include slaughter houses.

Motion to direct the Planning Commission to work on zoning to allow for a slaughter house in City limits. M/Ritter, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

David Hanna: After reading the article in the newspaper, David Hanna wanted to be sure the Council knew the history of the airport. The City leases only the land and the person owns the hanger itself.

Kurt Danison report: Reported the Council would be having a Public Hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. He needs the Council, Mayor and Superintendent Johnson to fill out the worksheet on their priority list. Kurt reported he attended an Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) meeting June 11, 2018. They are responsible for a Human Services Transportation Plan that documents and provides support for public transportation services that focus on underserved, elderly or disabled populations. OCOG had selected a consultant to prepare the required update to the plan which must be done every 3-5 years.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. Kurt Danison proceeded to inform the Mayor and Council the plan is pretty much the same as last year. There was a question from the audience regarding repairing the city streets. Kurt commented that yes they are on the list and the Council prioritizes the list. Kurt recommended the hearing be continued to the next City Council meeting on June 26th to make adjustments.

Motion to continue the public hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at the next regular City Council meeting, June 26th. M/Ritter, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0. Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on complaints from previous Council meeting. Building Official Christian Johnson reported that he has spoken with North Valley Hospital concerning the dumpsters and generator. John McReynolds, North Valley Hospital, assured the Council that they are trying to find a remedy. Councilmember Ritter stated it has been 7 years and she wants to see action or they will be fined. Johnson also reported he has contacted the two owners concerning the burned structures and that they both are getting a demolition permit. Councilmember Ritter stated she appreciates Johnson taking care of it.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports:

Levine: Reported the Public Safety Committee met but it will be talked about in New Business. Congressman Newhouse came to visit during the flooding and sandbagging. She also reported

the Samaritan Riders would like to have the Veterans Parade be more like Founder's Day and have the streets closed. The Founder's Day Rodeo and Parade went well and was enjoyed by all. Levine thanked the Tonasket Comancheros for letting flood victims use the rodeo grounds. The Library had a Summer Reading Kick-off that all the kids enjoyed. She asked when the Splash Park would be open and Superintendent Johnson said he was hoping by the end of the week.

Ritter: None

Sackman: Reported Founder's Day was awesome. She received complaints that the grass at the cemetery on Memorial Day looked very dry. She stated that most cemeteries have a fence around them and would like to see one around the Tonasket Cemetery.

Moreno: Reported she has heard great feedback from the community about Founder's Day and wanted to thank staff for good work.

Jeffko: The Park Committee couldn't finish planting the trees because of the flooding.

Darren Johnson: Reported Chief Tonasket Park needed a lot of clean up due to the flood and 4 valve box covers are gone and will be replaced.

Mayor: Reported he would like to see a few Councilmembers, especially the Finance Committee, attend the AWC Municipal Budget and Finance Management Workshop in August.

New Business:

Lee Orr, Tonasket Fly Club, reminded the Council of the Father's Day Fly In coming up. This year it will be dedicated to Duane Wilson and Bob McCammon.

Motion to allow the Tonasket Airport Improvement Club to hold their Annual Father's Day Fly In at the Tonasket Municipal Airport. M/Levine, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Motion to authorize a free swim day at the Tonasket Community Pool on opening day June 14th, 2018. M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Superintendent Johnson let the Council know that the Pool may not open on June 14th because he has had trouble with the chlorine levels in the pool. He is working on it and will let everyone know as soon as he can if it will open on the 14th.

Public Safety Committee Report: Councilmember Levine reported that the Public Safety Committee met to discuss the recent resignation of the final two officers, Beard and West. Officer Beard will be leaving on June 15th and Officer West will be leaving June 17th. They recommended that the City negotiate with Okanogan County Sheriffs for a short term contract until a force can be hired. Mayor Brown announced that he has offered the position of Police Chief to Darin Odegaard.

Motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Darin Odegaard as Chief of Police. M/Levine, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Councilmember Ritter stated it will take a few weeks for Odegaard to be vested and she is not pleased that nothing has been done to hire officers. She requested that Mayor Brown needs to address it with staff. She appreciates Officer West and his dedication to the job.

Motion to allow the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to negotiate with Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers for a short term (up to 3 months) Law Enforcement Agreement for police coverage while we are looking for a Police Chief and Officers, and authorize the Mayor to sign any applicable documents. M/Levine, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Miller reminded the Mayor and Council about the AWC Municipal Budget and Finance Management Workshop in Leavenworth on Aug. 23rd & 24th. If any Councilmembers would like to attend, let City Hall know and they will get them registered.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting, the May Payroll (8285-8297 and direct deposit run 5/29/2018) \$60,726.95 and the June Bills \$57,621.68 (8298-8343 and 4 EFT Payments). M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared at 8:35 pm.

Deniece Miller, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer