

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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

Staff: Pilkinton, and Interim Police Chief West

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 and the special meeting.

M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 3:0.

Councilmembers Moreno and Ritter arrived.

Public Comment

Dianna Creveling was present. She was concerned about First St. West and people turning around in driveways and parking to block driveways. She would like a “Dead End” or “Turn In Alley” sign. Jeffko suggested she talk to Public Works Superintendent Darren Johnson. She said that she had talked to the Mayor about it and he said quote, “People have been doing it for years and it would do no good to talk to them.” Interim Police Chief West said that the City has codes that deal with people parking on the streets during winter but there is no law about parking too close to people. He suggested to work with her neighbors. He also said that we could write a municipal code that prevents people from parking too close ie. blocking people in. Ritter suggested painting the curb that people are using as a driveway because it does not have a true ingress/ egress. Creveling then asked if there was an ordinance that stated how many cars someone could have on their property. Ritter said that they have to be able to move the vehicle, it can’t be broken down.

Unfinished Business

Motion to adopt Ordinance #790, Budget Amendment regarding swim pool wages. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 approving membership of the City of Tonasket in the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) and approving the Interlocal Agreement of OCOG. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-06, Airport Land Lease Agreement with David Hanna. M/Moreno, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Jeffko: Reported that the area is experiencing a major flood event and she wanted to thank everyone for how hard they worked, specifically Christa Levine. Businesses brought food and water. Jeffko also reported that the Tree Board was not able to plant the last of the shrubs on the berm because of the park closure and they will be doing that as soon as they can. Jeffko also said that Team Rubicon showed up at her house to check the erosion, all was good and they are awesome. Jeffko has had some people complain about how bad the mosquitoes will be when the water goes down.

Ritter: Reported that she would like to publicly acknowledge Tegan Levine for all her hard work and Jack Denison, the school kids, Tonasket Pizza Co and the whole community, she is very proud. Ritter also wanted to know where the City is regarding the hospital’s generator. Mayor Brown talked about the letter in the correspondence section of the council packet from the hospital responding to Permit Administrator Christian Johnson’s letter. Ritter then asked when the hospital was going to move their dumpsters. She said that she is not willing to work with the hospital anymore, and the dumpsters need to be moved or the hospital needs fined. She is not willing to wait another eight weeks and feels that it is disrespectful. She asked Mayor Brown to talk to Christian Johnson again and to have him fine the hospital. Ritter is also concerned with the house on Antwine Ave. and Third St. that burned down three years ago. There are homeless people staying there and it is a hazard. The owners need to be

contacted by Christian and they need to be fined, she wants a time frame, possibly six months. Jeffko wants Benitez's burned home included. Mayor Brown will talk to Christian tomorrow.

Levine: Reported that the first day of sandbagging was with Jack Denison, Justin Wilson and the DNR. It was slow, then a lot of people started asking for help on Facebook and day two they made 2000 bags and day three they made 13,000 bags. They made so many that day four was slow because they ran out of bags to fill and had to wait for more. Day five was great and they had 120 volunteers sign in. She wanted to thank Jack Denison for coordinating with Rob Inlow to get the bagging machine that Rob got on his own dime. They still have 23,000 bags on pallets ready to go for the third crest that she heard should be around June 3-5. She wanted everyone to know to leave your bags in place until this is all over. Levine also reported that the Mayor had received a letter from Justin Hubbard of the Samaritan Riders. They have asked that the City treat the Veteran's Day Parade like the Founder's Day Parade. They would like police help and roads blocked.

Sackman: Reported that she wanted to thank everyone for sandbagging.

Moreno: Reported that she would like to thank the entire community. She is very thankful to be part of this community, she passes by Omak and Okanogan every day and has seen all of the volunteers.

Mayor: Reported that he had gotten a complaint from a parent that people were speeding from the Forest Service to the end of the street. He also said that the Army Corp of Engineers worked well together. He wanted to thank the Police Officers and all the volunteers, it was a great thing.

New Business

Mayor Dennis Brown read aloud the Poppy Day Proclamation. It stated that Poppy Days will be May 25th thru June 2nd, 2018 in the City of Tonasket.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

This information was distributed in the Council packets.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Joël Pilkinton, Utility/ Court Clerk