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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Staff: West, Aguilar and Attwood

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

Public Comment

Michael Seek, a Tonasket resident, was in attendance to voice his concern regarding the ORV Ordinance and whether it applies to golf carts or not. Interim Police Chief West was present and will speak with Mr. Seek about his use of his golf cart until the situation can be resolved. The City Ordinance requires a license decal from the Department of Licensing and the Department of Licensing does not give decals for golf carts. Staff will look into this matter. In the meantime Mr. Seek will be able to use his golf cart as long as he follows all of the applicable rules.

Kurt Danison Report

Kurt reported on several items he has been working on. An Opportunity Zone application has been prepared and sent to the Governor's Office. It has since been forwarded to the US Treasury to be certified. Apparently there will be funds established for the Tonasket Census District for private individual investors to create business/industry in our area.

Kurt will be attending the NCWEDD meeting and Kurt reported that County Commissioner Branch is communicating with the Railroad people to let them know how important the railroad is to our area.

Unfinished Business

Motion to allow Bouncy Houses on City property with the proper paperwork such as a hold harmless agreement and appropriate insurance and that staff contact Attorney Howe to determine if an ordinance or a resolution is needed. M/Moreno, S/Sackman. Carried 4:1. Jeffko voted nay.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04 adopting a Shoreline Management Section to the Land Use Element of the City of Tonasket Comprehensive Plan. M/Jeffko, S/Levine. Carried 4:1. Motion carried. Ritter voted nay.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #787 adding a new chapter 18.08 to the Tonasket Municipal Code; adopting a new Shoreline Master Program for the City, containing severability provisions and setting an effective date. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #788 relating to the siting, Collocation, removal and replacement of wireless facilities; adding a new chapter to the Tonasket Municipal Code; establishing regulations for siting; collocation, removal and replacement of wireless communications facilities to conform to federal law and regulations; establishing an application submittal and approval process; and providing for termination of non-conformation structures. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Storm-Water Discussion: Councilmember Ritter stated 3 people showed up for the hearing. Kurt stated the folks that came to the hearing had good questions.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Sackman: Inquired if residents are allowed to have 3 yard sales in one year, the Clerk replied she would check to make sure it is 3. Sackman also reported the Public Safety Committee met with the Mayor and City Clerk and discussed some concerns about the Police Department. There is one person on the list for the Chief of Police and the Mayor would like to have more on the list to choose from. There was also concern that the City will soon be without another Police Officer. The Committee discussed ways to retain Officers and it was recommended to raise the wages by

5% across the board for all city employees. In order to raise the wages by 5% it is also recommended by the Committee to eliminate the 4th Police Officer position. It is a concern the lower wages may be a factor in retention of police officers. This information was to be shared with the Finance Committee.

Moreno: Reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the current situation regarding retaining officers with the Police Department. The Committee discussed the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee. Moreno stated a solution to the problem of retaining Police Officers may be to hold a community forum and form partnerships with the Community and make assessments as to what the community wants for the Police Department. Moreno asked if there are grants to help with the Department. Kurt Danison will be researching possible funding for a new Police Department.

Levine: Commented on forming an advisory committee for the Storm-Water Utility and the need for the ADA curbs to be improved. Levine also commented on the Police Officer retention and how the City is constantly retraining Officers. Levine stated the idea for a wage increase was to make the City's wages closer to other entities by pennies instead of dollars. Levine reported she has been looking into a possible way to eliminate the graffiti at the Skate Park by offering the Skate Park to local artists. She would like to explore the options on this project.

Jeffko: Reported the Arbor Day Celebration will be at 1:00 pm in Chief Tonasket Park on April 25th.

Ritter: Stated in the Finance Committee discussion they would not recommend eliminating the 4th position in the Police Department and are also not in support of a 5% wage increase for all employees. The Committee would also like to make one more attempt for the Police Chief position. The Clerk was instructed to do a more widespread area for advertising the Police Chief position.

Mayor: Reported Officer Aguilar has given his two week notice and will be quitting the Police Department. The Mayor said he is disappointed to see him go. He stated that "Taz" the drug dog will also be going with Officer Aguilar and the Tribal Police will be purchasing the dog from the City.

Officer West stated the sale of the dog to the Tribal Police is still in the works.

There was a brief discussion on paperwork submitted to the City Council from Robert Oakes that has to do with a current District Court case. Councilmember Ritter acknowledged receipt of the document in Council.

Motion to approve the Second Addendum to the Lease Agreement with the Tonasket Veteran's Association. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Ordinance #789 First Reading. Ordinance #789 is a budget amendment.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting and the March Payroll (8156-8168 and direct deposit run 3-28-18) \$57,270.91. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer