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Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Staff: Pilkinton, Johnson, and West.

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

Public Comment: None.

Kurt Danison Report: Kurt discussed Opportunity 360 briefly stating that the deadline was March 26, 2018 and that twenty-five census tracts will be selected in Washington State that will allow for tax incentives for private investment geared to economic/community development. The Economic Alliance has tentatively scheduled a committee meeting on Thursday March 22 at 10:00 am to review eligible zones in the County and select one to submit. He noted that he would not be able to attend. It was also noted that the City could submit an application for the competitive process as well.

Kurt went on to report that Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on March 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm for the adoption of the updated Shoreline Master Program which entails amendment of the Comp Plan and Municipal Code and for the proposed new Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance.

Stormwater Utility Discussion: Kurt discussed with the Council the rates for the new stormwater utility. He reminded Council that the utility was being formed to deal with the flooding on Whitcomb Ave. He stated that the initial rate structure will be limited to cover the debt service, on a \$13,000 loan the City has received as part of the funding for a Stormwater Management Plan. The questions staff is attempting to refine in order to determine the rate structure include: Who would receive the charge? What should the charge be? How will it be billed? He suggested to keep it as simple as we could with the understanding that it is just the initial rate structure with one of the anticipated products of the Stormwater Management Plan a capital improvement plan and recommended rate structure. He suggested that staff would prepare a recommended rate structure for Council to review at its April 10th meeting followed by a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm to take testimony and consider adoption of the utility.

Motion to move ahead on the Stormwater Treatment Plan and that we need to make adjustments.

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

Motion to set the public hearing for the discussion and introduction of a new stormwater utility on Monday April 23, 2018 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers. M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 3:0.

OCOG Discussion: Kurt discussed that the OCOG (Regional Transportation Planning Organization) is required to prepare a 6 year street plan for the region, something that has not been done before. He also discussed the Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant process. Josh Thompson, the County Engineer and chair of the Okanogan County Transportation Committee (OCTC) will be sending out requests proposals that the OCTC (the Public Works Directors and 2 planners) will review and decide what projects can be done with the money in the allotted time. A key change in the process is that the projects will need to be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan prepared and adopted by the OCOG.

Motion to approve the Okanogan Council of Governments Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the applicable document. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 3:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Mayor: Reported that the OCOG meeting was very interesting and that he was still going over it all to get it memorized.

Sackman: None

Jeffko: None

Levine: Reported that spring is here and she has seen a lot of dogs running around town. She also announced that there was a new business in town across from her gym and that it will be interesting to see how it goes. She hopes they have success and no issues and she is positive. Jeffko said that they are IDing EVERYONE no matter who they are. Levine asked Johnson about the mural at the pool and he stated that it will be up soon.

Department Head Reports

West: Reported in the month of February there were forty-four calls for service and out of those there were ten arrests and ten civil/ municipal infractions.

There is a meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm at the high school with staff, he will attend, and he will be at the Walk-Out tomorrow at the school also. He would like to see a School Resource Officer in the future because they only have one officer on during the day and they don't always have the time to be as present at the school as he would like.

Sackman asked how Taz was doing and West stated that he is good and they were looking forward to the warmer weather because the dogs work better then.

Johnson: Reported that he hired Frank Holfeltz as the fourth position person. He doesn't have a CDL and the City will need to pay \$4375.00 for him to take the classes and training for it. It should take 1 to 1 ½ months to finish the training and he will also be working at that time. The Council wanted to know where the money was going to come from to pay for the CDL. Johnson said they have been one person short for almost three months and that should be enough to pay for it.

Motion to pay for the CDL for the new employee. M/Jeffko, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

Pilkinton: None.

New Business:

Motion to approve Resolution 2018-03 for the annual spring clean-up. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 3:0.

Motion to excuse Councilmembers Ritter and Moreno from the 3-13-2018 City Council meeting. M/Sackman, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

Motion to approve the financing proposal for two new police cars with a Rural Development Grant and Loan package and with Bank financing and authorizing the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 3:0.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the February Payroll and the March Bills. M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 3:0.

Motion to set the date for Arbor Day as April 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Chief Tonasket Park. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 3:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence: This information was distributed in the Council packets.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48pm.

Joël Pilkinton, Utility/ Court Clerk