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

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

Staff: Danison, West, Aguilar, Johnson and Attwood

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

Public Comment—None

Tonasket Youth Baseball Association representatives, Becca Attwood, Justin Haug and Andy Townsend were in attendance to talk about the RCO grant the group has been awarded to do improvements at Chief Tonasket Park. The group stated they would like to break ground this summer. The Mayor and Council voiced their support for this project.

Kurt Danison reported on several subject matters. Kurt presented the county wide transportation plan to the Council that was put together by the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) and adopted by them. The plan is the adopted regional transportation plan.

The Okanogan County Transportation Committee (OCTC) which is comprised of public work's directors and several planners from Okanogan County cities and towns, have been reviewing and allocating the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) dollars. Kurt stated in the past the STP funds allocated to counties and not spent within a certain time frame would be given to other counties, and counties who overspent funds could be given the extra funds. That apparently is changing and becoming more rigid. Okanogan County is \$50,000 under in planning to spend money and those funds need to be allocated by August of 2018. The projects approved for funding for the current allocation must be obligated and ready to go to bid, so all are working to allocate the funds by August 1 so they won't be lost. The eligible projects have been expanded to include sidewalks and other pedestrian projects and next allocation further expanding to include trails.

An issue with the members of the OCTC is that for the County and all communities the number one priority is maintenance, to take care of the roads we have. There is a concern if money should be spent on the maintenance of roads or pedestrian projects. Tonasket does not have many eligible roads for funding. Now that there is the regional transportation plan that defines the regional system and sets broad priorities there is guidance for the OCTC.

Kurt reported he will be attending the NCWEDD in Chelan and their discussion will be on "block chains".

He also reported there is an upcoming tourist conference being sponsored by the NCWEDD to promote the efforts of the TOTA, the Thompson-Okanogan Tourism Association.

Planning Commission will be reviewing the final Shoreline Master Program. They will also be looking at a wireless communication facilities ordinance.

Unfinished Business--None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Moreno: No report.

Levine: Reported she attended the City Legislative Action Days in Olympia that is put on by the association of Washington Cities and it was great and she came home with a lot of information. Levine also reported she attended the Groundhog Day dinner and the place was packed.

Sackman: Stated the rumor about her not living in town is still going around and she wants to crush the rumor and let everyone know her address is 123 N. Tonasket Ave, inside the city limits. Sackman stated that if anyone wants to talk about this further please come to her.

Jeffko: Reported that one person has decided to no longer be on the Tree Board and she will be searching for a new member.

Ritter: Asked who maintains the website for the City and the City Clerk replied her office does.

Mayor: No report

Department Head Reports

West: Reported things have been going well and the transition after Chief Curtis left has been fairly easy. Officer West gave Officer Aguilar the floor and he introduced his new K9 to the Council and explained the process to acquire and train a K9 for a police department.

Johnson: No report.

Attwood: No report.

New Business

The Okanogan Council of Governments Interlocal Agreement is not ready for approval at this time.

Councilmember Ritter stated the Finance Committee recommends to Council the hourly wage for the Tonasket Police Chief position should be \$23.00 - \$26.00 per hour.

Motion to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee set the wage range for the Tonasket Police Chief as \$23.00 - \$26.00 per hour. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

A proposal to donate a tiled mosaic to the City from Linda Augier was received. Linda would like the piece of art to be hung in the Tonasket Community Pool bath house.

Councilmember Jeffko made a motion to accept the gift of the Tiled Mosaic from Linda Augier. Councilmember Ritter suggested that Superintendent Johnson research how to hang the piece of art and the logistics before approval is given. Jeffko withdrew her motion. Johnson will look into the matter before it is accepted.

Jeannie Ramsey inquired if the City Council had gotten any further with the grind on Main Street? It was replied that we are moving forward with plans for the highway.

Andy Townsend, Tonasket Youth Baseball Association, inquired about the secondary ingress/egress at Chief Tonasket Park. City Clerk Attwood responded the status of that ingress/egress is on hold. Kurt Danison will be contacted regarding the possibility of pursuing this matter.

Becca Attwood, Tonasket Youth Baseball Association, inquired if they could sell concessions at the swim pool during the summer.

Motion to allow the Tonasket Youth Baseball Association to sell concessions at the Swim Pool this summer, pending a list of the items to be sold given to Council. M/Ritter, S/Jeffko, Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

A letter was received from Linda Augier resigning from the Tree Board.

City Clerk Attwood stated a letter of support was written for the Tonasket Youth Baseball Association in support of their grant request to the Park and Recreation District.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the January Payroll (8019-8031 and direct deposit run 1-2-2018) \$70,218.36 and the February Bills (8014-8016, 8018, 8032-8088 and 4 EFT Payments 2/13/2018) \$114,114.55. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer