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## **Minutes of the Regular city Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

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

**Staff:** Attwood, Curtis, Jensen and Danison

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the flag salute was given by all.

### **Public Comment:**

**Jocelyn Griner and Alisa Weddle were present to discuss improvements to Little Learners Park on State St.** They stated they are involved with a group that would like to start making improvements to the park. The City Council was very supportive and the Mayor thanked them for organizing to do such a worthwhile project. It was stated the group should meet with Councilmember Ritter to discuss possible improvements. Councilmember Ritter gave a brief history of the park and suggested the Lyons Club and the Kiwanis Club may be able to assist them with their project. The group will be in touch with the City about further developments.

**Kurt Danison Report:** Kurt reported the .09 projects have been turned into the County and also gave a brief report on the Economic Development District and a few other items.

The award received at the IACC Conference for the Pedestrian Project was discussed and the Mayor stated the award should be given to the Legacy Project members due to all of their hard work and the cash donation that was made by them to help fund the project. The Legacy Members will be contacted to accept this award.

**This meeting has been advertised as the final hearing on the 2018 Budget.** Mayor Plumb opened the Public Hearing. The Finance Committee, Councilmembers Ritter and Moreno met and discussed the potential wage increases for 2018. The City Clerk stated the wage for the Superintendent position needs to be approved tonight due to the fact the City is advertising for the position now. Ritter stated the Finance Committee determined the range for the Public Works Superintendent position should be \$23.00 - \$26.00 per hour, DOE. Ritter also stated the Police Chief and City Clerk-Treasurer should also receive the \$26.00 per hour and the other employees a 1.5% increase. The City Clerk asked if the Committee would consider a 2% for the employees due to the COLA and the continuing increase of the minimum wage. The Committee stood by their decision of 1.5%. After further discussion the Mayor closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

**Mayor Plumb reported he has received a letter of resignation from City Superintendent Jensen.** The Mayor stated he has had the honor of supervising Hugh Jensen. Hugh stepped up to the job when we all lost a good friend, former Superintendent Bill Pilkinton. The Mayor stated he regrettably accepts the letter of resignation from Hugh Jensen.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance #783, the 2018 Ad Valorem Ordinance.** M/Ritter, S/Jeffko.  
Carried 4:1. Brown voted no.

**Motion to set the Public Works Superintendent wages for 2018 at \$23.00 - \$26.00 per hour.**  
M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0

### **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Moreno:** Thanked the Council for excusing her from Council. She also thanked Officer Aguilar—she has been hearing good compliments about him. Moreno also thanked Superintendent Jensen and his crew for the work they have done. Moreno thanked Officer West for his involvement in the community and schools.

**Brown:** Reported on the interesting classes he attended at the IACC conference and the award received by the City for the Pedestrian Project. Brown briefly reported on the storm water meeting with Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, and Councilmember Ritter.

**Ritter:** Reported that she and Councilmember Brown, Hugh Jensen and Alice Attwood met with Jeff Moran to discuss how to approach the storm water project. At this moment the funds are frozen by the state legislature but when they are released the City will be receiving funding to go ahead with the plan. The City will need to make decisions on how to implement the project.

Ritter asked the status of the hospital sidewalk and the encroachment by the hospital with equipment and the dumpsters. Building Official Johnson will be contacted.

Ritter then thanked Hugh Jensen for 35 years of service to the City and for filling in her driveway.

**Jeffko:** Also briefly discussed the dumpster on the sidewalk by the hospital.

**Sackman:** No report.

**Mayor Plumb:** Reported he attended the IACC Conference to receive the award for the Pedestrian Project. Plumb then stated it has been a real honor to sit in the seat of the Mayor for the past years and an honor to see each one of the Councilmembers serve and for listening to him. He stated he will miss everyone. Plumb stated as of November 17, 2017, at high noon he hereby resigns as Mayor of the City of Tonasket and you will be well served by Jill Ritter, Mayor Pro Tem.

**Motion to approve the Park and Recreation Swimming Pool budget for 2018.** M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to set a Public Hearing for considering the Planning Commission's Recommendation Amendments to titles 16 Subdivision and 17 Zoning and adopting of new Title 19 Administrative Procedures during the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular City Council meeting.** M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

**Chief Curtis reported Officer Aguilar hit a deer and the vehicle he was driving may be totaled but he does not know yet. Curtis stated he did ask for a new vehicle in his budget.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda the minutes of the previous meeting, the October Payroll (7814-7826 and direct deposit run 10/27/2017) \$63,669.08 and the November Bills (7813, 7827-7886 and 4 EFT payments 11/14/2017) \$214,028.08.** M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer