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Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

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

Staff: Attwood, Curtis and Danison

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

Public Comment:

Marylou Kriner, Chamber of Commerce President, was in attendance and informed the Mayor and Council the Chamber hopes to have all businesses be involved in the downtown Halloween Trick or Treat event.

Kurt Danison Report: Kurt reported it is that time of year again for the County Wide Economic Development Prioritization Application Process. This process is a means to access .09 funds, of which there are none at this time. It is important to submit priorities even though funds are not available. Kurt suggests the City keep the same projects as last year, 1) a multi-phased project with the goal being a “complete streets” reconstruction of US 97 through Tonasket, and 2) Phase One of a project to extend City utilities and upgrade transportation facilities in an area proposed for annexation south of town.

There was additional discussion regarding the storm water issues downtown and it is important to pursue opportunities with the Economic Development District and every avenue we can to find a solution for the storm water problem.

Kurt also reported that he and Roni Diefenbach had met with a representative from the Senate and had a productive meeting regarding Trade and Transportation. Kurt also reported the OCOG meeting has been canceled and the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on Title 19.

The City needs a representative to attend the OCOG meetings which are the 2nd Monday of the month every other month---not in November and are held in the Tran Go office. The Clerk will notify Councilmembers Ritter and Jeffko.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing to review the 2018 Preliminary Budget and setting the tax levy for 2018. Mayor Plumb opened the Public Hearing. City Clerk-Treasurer Attwood explained the process of the Preliminary Budget and setting the tax levy for 2018. Councilmember Jeffko asked what PILT, VIC and RC & D, stood for. PILT, is payment in Lieu of taxes, VIC is Visitor Information Center and RC & D is, Resource Conservation and Development. Mayor Plumb suggests the Council consider adopting Ordinance #783, the Ad Valorem tax ordinance. Councilmember Ritter stated she is concerned about raising citizens taxes since water and sewer have been raised in the past. This ordinance will be on the next meeting agenda. Mayor Plumb closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve the 2018 Preliminary Budget and have it filed with the City Clerk.

M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Brown: Stated he heard that the painting of the TVBRC was paid for by the City. The Clerk stated it was paid for by a grant. Brown also stated there is talk someone on the Council does not live in town.

Ritter: No report

Mayor Plumb stated he appreciates the work the firefighters have been doing and some of our local DNR Firefighters are actually headed to California to help fight fires there.

Jeffko: Reported the garbage pick-up went great and she appreciates Upper Valley Disposal for providing the service.

Sackman: Also commented free garbage day was great.

Department Head Reports:

Curtis: Reported Officer Aguilar will not be going to the K-9 Class until November due to the fact that the dogs are on antibiotics because of kennel cough. Chief Curtis also reported the group that holds the snowmobile drags are looking for an alternate site to hold their event and they are considering the Rodeo grounds.

Mayor Plumb thanked Chief Curtis for the work he does and Councilmember Ritter stated she has heard lots of compliments regarding Officer Aguilar.

Attwood: Reminded the Council of the Budget workshop on October 17th, and that the October 24th City Council meeting has been cancelled. The Clerk reported she has sent out a request for Statements of Qualification for Engineers, which will be due November 3rd.

Mayor: Stated it is time the Police know more specifics about the buildings in town in case of emergencies. It might be beneficial to have community meetings to discuss potential problems so the Police Department and others can be prepared.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #783. Motion made by Jeffko, motion died due to lack of a second. Ordinance #783 will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

Motion to approve the Scope of Work for the CDBG Planning Only Grant project. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

Motion to authorize payment of the registration fee and hotel room for Leroy Orr to attend the Washington State Community Airport Association Conference as an ad hoc committee member. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve the consent agenda; the minutes of the previous meeting, the September Payroll and the October Bills. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 4:0.

Motion to excuse Councilmember Moreno from the meeting. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer