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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Staff: Jensen, Curtis, and Attwood

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Ritter from the meeting. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

Public Comment:

Marylou Kriner, Chamber of Commerce President, was in attendance to discuss the RV Park and needed improvements. The Chamber of Commerce would like to make improvements to the RV hookups at the site. Currently, the park has 8 spaces and the electrical is not sufficient. The spaces are too small for the newer RV's, and after improvements the number of spaces will go to 6.

Motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to proceed with the upgrades to the RV Park hookups, and to go ahead with full authority within the boundaries of the RV Park and with the approval of Superintendent Hugh Jensen and Building Official Christian Johnson. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing on the revenue sources for the 2018 Budget. Mayor Plumb opened the public hearing and City Clerk-Treasurer Attwood proceeded to explain the purpose of the hearing. The Clerk stated this hearing is one of the required hearings to inform the Council and public of the different sources of revenues that the city receives and also the possibility of a property tax increase. It was stated that one of the sources that should be added to the list is the Franchise fee received annually from the hospital. This will be added to the list. There being no further comments, Mayor Plumb closed the Public Hearing.

Unfinished Business:

Storm Water Utility: City Clerk-Treasurer Attwood explained she needed a little more direction regarding the proposed utility and would like to set up a meeting with the Water/Sewer Committee to meet with Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, to discuss the matter in more detail. The meeting will be organized and the rates worked on at that time.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports:

Jeffko: Thanked the Public Works crew for cleaning up the trail at Chief Tonasket Park. Jeffko reported they have been working on the berm at the skate park and discussed the possibility of placing a piece of art at the berm instead of the Splash Park. Jeffko thanked Chief Curtis for giving her a ride the other day.

Brown: Reported there are heavy trucks driving on Locust Ave. It was stated the area is an industrial area and the trucks are to be expected. The Mayor stated maybe it would be a good time to consider widening the street.

Moreno: Thanked Officer West for taking the time to get involved with the kids at the school by playing basketball with them. She stated she is very proud of him and there has been good feedback. Moreno mentioned the TVBRC building has been painted and the city wide clean-up is this weekend and she will be there to help. Moreno congratulated Officer Aguilar for being accepted by the Department of Corrections for being selected for the K-9 training that starts October 2nd.

Sackman: No report.

Chief Curtis: Reported a little more on the K-9 program and the different types of dogs used in the program, and also that Officer West is completing SWAT training and becoming a part of the Okanogan County Sheriff's SWAT Team.

Mayor: None

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-17 that declares certain city equipment surplus to the City's needs. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 which establishes a Fair Housing Policy to be compliant with CDBG. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Railroad Grade Crossing Fund Application. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Mayor Plumb made the suggestion that the City could possibly use the revenues from the Storm Water Project for the matching funds required for the CDBG Planning Only Grant since the CDBG project pertains to the downtown area and storm water. The Clerk will research this question.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer