

Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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

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:

Jim Rice was in attendance and presented to the Mayor and Council a proposed Airport Lease Agreement for his Mobile Home. The Mayor accepted receipt of the proposed agreement and stated it will go to committee for review. Pilots in the audience wanted to be recognized that they support Jim Rice living and helping at the airport. There was also a discussion on the water and wells at the airport.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Plumb opened the public hearing. Kurt Danison proceeded to inform the Mayor and Council the plan is pretty much the same as last year. The dates have been bumped a year forward. He included a 2% increase in the costs for inflation. Councilmember Brown inquired about the LED Lighting program. Kurt stated it is still on the Plan and it is scheduled to be completed this year. There was a question from the audience regarding lighting near bus stops. Kurt commented the RTPO is looking at a bus stop plan and Kurt suggested adding that to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Kurt recommended the hearing be continued to the next City Council meeting on June 27th to make adjustments.

Motion to continue the public hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at the next regular City Council meeting, June 27th. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Mayor Plumb closed the hearing.

Kurt reported he attended the Economic Alliance Housing Summit. There was a panel of agencies that discussed governmental regulations, financing and development of housing in Okanogan County. They determined there is a need for middle income housing. Kurt then discussed the proposed annexation of property south of town. The steps needed to proceed with the annexation were discussed and it is important to note that the Council cannot be part of that discussion and disassociate themselves from the matter.

Unfinished Business—None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Mayor Plumb reported he is very pleased with the number of Canadians that attended the Rodeo on Founders Day.

Brown: Reported he was proud of the parade this year, it was really nice. Stated he wants everyone to remember to go to the Annual Father's Day Fly In.

Moreno: Reported she also liked the parade and she was very pleased with the community involvement.

Jeffko: Reported she has had a lot of complaints about mosquitoes. The Tree Board has changed to a new organization, they have meetings and take minutes. Jeffko thanked Hugh Jensen for his assistance. They have had many donations this year. They are also planting various types of plants that don't require very much water.

Ritter: Inquired when the pool would be open. The City Clerk replied that there is not a definite date at this time.

Sackman: Also inquired about the swim pool.

Mayor: Mayor Plumb asked staff to write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce and the Comancheros thanking them for all of the hard work they put into the Founders Day activities this year. The Mayor also suggested a letter should be written to the PUD thanking them for their part in the LED project.

Department Head Reports

Attwood: Reported that she and Superintendent Jensen attended the Transportation Improvement Board Workshop in Omak. There are funds available for projects the City may want to consider.

Curtis: Reported he has made a conditional offer of employment for a Police Clerk to one of the persons that was interviewed by the Civil Service Commission. The person will need to have a background check and a polygraph prior to employment. Curtis also reported he is looking into the Stonegarten funding for Police equipment and overtime for officers working with the Border Patrol.

Jensen: Reported Well #6 is up and running. He also reported the Splash Park is open and ready for use.

Motion to approve payment to Varela and Associates in the amount of \$2,429.64. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting and the May Payroll (7475-7488 and direct deposit run 5/26/2017) \$64,911.38 and the June Bills (7489-7534 and 4 EFT payments 6/13/2017) \$36,376.31. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Councilmember Moreno invited everyone to the fund raiser for the Police Department for a new K-9 on June 24th at the Rodeo Grounds. There will be many activities and they will also be selling T-shirts to support a new K-9 dog.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer