

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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

Staff: Jensen, Curtis, Miller and Attwood

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

Public Comment: None

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing to inform the public that the City is seeking funds from the USDA Rural Development for the purchase of a police car. Mayor Plumb opened the public hearing and turned it over to Clerk/Treasurer Attwood. Attwood stated that this hearing is to inform the public that the City would be pursuing a grant/loan to be able to purchase a new police car. There were no comments from the public and no comments from the Council. Mayor Plumb closed the public hearing.

Kurt Danison Report: Kurt updated the Mayor and Council on the LED Street Lighting project. The paperwork will be ready for the Council at either the next meeting or the first meeting in June. Mayor Plumb would like to send a letter of thanks to the PUD for their participation in this project.

Kurt reported the Planning Commission will be meeting on May 16, 2017 at 3:00 pm to discuss residents that have an overabundance of dogs after they have gotten a kennel permit. Chief Curtis stated he had spoken with Building Official Christian Johnson about the need in the ordinance to have a veterinarian attest to the fact there is a healthy environment for the animals. The Planning Commission will have a recommendation for the Council.

Kurt also reported there was a good turnout for the annexation meeting on Apr. 19, 2017. He will be working on a petition to acquire signatures.

The City has sent in the application for an Airport Grant and Kurt is working with Varela's on a Planning Only Grant for the "Magnificent Mile". Kurt also wanted to remind the Council to go over last year's Six Year Street Plan to see if they want any changes or additions and give them to Clerk/Treasurer Attwood for the meeting next month.

Unfinished Business

Motion to approve the Addendum to the Inter-local Agreement between the City of Tonasket and the Tonasket Parks and Recreation District and amend the presented agreement by adding on page 2 , under hereby amended to read as follows, paragraph b, to add "and park facilities" after "pool facilities" and allow the Mayor to sign applicable documents. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Moreno: None

Brown: Reported he met with Ritter and Attwood to discuss the request from Headstart to lease the Youth Center for 5 years. Ritter and Brown recommended that the Council not go into a lease at this time. Ritter commented that it wouldn't be fair to all youth groups that would then be displaced. Mayor Plumb suggested talking with Headstart and recommending they purchase a modular unit and put it either in the parking lot or on the grass area. He will meet with them and inform them of the council's decision and suggest there might be other options. Brown further reported on the water bottle problem on the soccer fields at Chief Tonasket Park.

Jeffko: Reported the Tree Board members have been working hard planting trees at the park.

Ritter: Inquired if there was any downtown flooding after the storm on May 4, 2017. Superintendent Jensen had not heard that anyone had any flooding. Mayor Plumb has received positive feedback on how fast the City crew responded. Ritter asked what the homeowners on the hill can do to prevent runoff from damaging their driveways and flooding basements. Jensen suggested they raise the level of the driveway where it comes off the street.

Sackman: No report.

Mayor: Reported he attended the Okanogan Board of Health meeting and there was discussion on opioid abuse. The Mayor stated it is important the City has a seat at the table and he will continue to be involved. He would also like the Police Department to be involved in the conversation regarding opioid abuse.

Department Head Reports

Curtis: Reported Civil Service will be doing interviews on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 for a police clerk. He also reported he is working on getting bids from different Ford dealers for a new car. Officer Aguilar is going to be trying to raise money to train his police dog. The cost of the training is \$1,500.00 and takes 6 weeks.

Jensen: Reported they have gotten the new mower and it is working great.

Attwood: Superintendent Jensen and her ordered new street signs. Brad Wood has been contacted to make signs for the parks with the park ordinance rules on them and will be bringing an estimate. Attwood asked the Council if they would like the bathrooms at the TVBRC closed at night and they requested they be left open. She also reminded the Council that the May 23rd meeting will be a public hearing for the Planning Only Grant.

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-11 declaring certain property surplus to the City's needs.
M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Motion to set the Public Hearing for the Six Year Street Plan during the regular Council meeting, June 13, 2017. M/Sackman, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence: The Clerk presented a letter from Okanogan Public Works concerning their road construction on Highway 7 from M.P. 3.43 to M.P. 5.31. The Clerk also reported a AWC/RMSA representative did a tour of the City facilities and sent recommendations on items the City needs to work on for insurance purposes.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting, the April Payroll \$54,388.99 (7410-7423 and direct deposit run 4/28/2017) and the May Bills \$73,750.24 (7407, 7409, 7424-7474 and 3 EFT payments 5-9-2017). M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer