

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 22, 2016

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

Staff: Attwood, Curtis and Jensen

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/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop October 12, 2016. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business

The 2017 Budget was discussed. Items of discussion are as follows:

- The Clerk stated she had been in contact with Jennifer Fizthum at Okanogan County Transportation and the \$500 the city send to them each year is used for food and supplies at the Tonasket Senior Center
- The swim pool fund was briefly discussed—it will be part of the 2017 Budget
- The Clerk reported she is waiting for figures from the Rodeo Club for their Hotel/Motel Funds request
- The Clerk went through the items requested by department heads
- Wages for employees were discussed. The City Clerk suggested that those employees that did not receive an increase as advised by the Finance Committee receive \$1 per hour increase. The Mayor brought up the fact that the minimum wage will be increasing and that will change the ratio between the different pay rates. The Clerk suggested that the Department Heads receive a 75 cent per hour increase and all others a \$1 per hour increase. It was determined that the Police Clerk and the Utility Clerk will receive \$1 per hour increase and all others a 75 cent an hour increase all depending on their annual evaluations, meeting or exceeding their job descriptions by the end of the year.
- There was discussion on a loan for a public works pick up, and discussion on storm water.
- Also discussed was proceeding with a grant application for another Police car.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Sackman: Reported she and Councilmember Jeffko met and worked on the fee schedule for the swimming pool next year. They would like to have the first day of swimming and the last day of swimming offered free of charge. They also suggest to increase the pool rental \$50. (The complete fee schedule will be approved at a later date.)

Jeffko: Reported she and Councilmember Sackman tried hard to be fair with the fees and not arbitrarily choose rates. Jeffko also reported she had received a letter from Linda Parker about the dog license fees. Jeffko also reported she is continuing work at Chief Tonasket Park. Jeffko reported she and her friends plan on cleaning up the berm around the BMX track.

Brown: No report

Moreno: No report

Jill: No report

Aaron Kester was in attendance to request approval from the Council to allow the Chamber of Commerce to have a “Beer Garden” at the Winterfest Activities.

Motion to allow the Winterfest Activities at the TVBRC and Founders Day Park along with a “Beer Garden” behind the TVBRC, the purchase of candy canes from the Gerhard Funds and the Book Sale in the Council Chambers. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Mayor: Reported that TranGo is now in their new building in Okanogan. He also reported there is increased bus runs from Oroville to Tonasket. There was further discussion on where to install a bus stop in Tonasket. Aaron Kester suggested a place on Western Ave possibly in the Lee Franks parking lot area. The Mayor suggested TranGo Manager Kelly Scalf and Aaron Kester should meet to discuss this possibility.

Motion to change the city's insurance coverage from Cities Insurance Association of Washington to Risk Management Service Agency. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0. The Clerk stated the fee for coverage in 2017 will be \$59,435.00.

The draft fee Resolution 2016-20 was briefly discussed. There was discussion on the amount of the water/sewer rate increases for 2017. The Clerk will verify these numbers and bring an updated resolution to the next meeting.

Motion to approve December 23rd, 2016 as the floating holiday for city employees. M/Jeffko, S/Vugteveen. Carried 5:0.

The City Clerk presented Ordinances #774 and #775, both budget amendments, for the first reading.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-21 authorizing two inter-fund loans. M/Jeffko, S/Jensen. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

The Clerk reported the School District would like to hold a joint Town Hall meeting with the City Council on January 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Elementary Library for the purpose of giving information on the upcoming School Bond vote.

The Clerk presented the Public Notice for Request for Qualifications for engineering firms for planning, engineering, permitting and management of a project to reconstruct/rehabilitate the runway at the airport.

The Clerk also presented information regarding a state Aviation License plate and an update on the annexation Cost Benefit Analysis from Kurt Danison.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer