

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 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.

Public Comment

Exchange student, Anupam Mishra, from Noida, India, introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. Anupam is staying with the Robek family and attending Tonasket High School.

This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing to review the 2017 Preliminary Budget and for setting the Tax Levy for 2017. Mayor Plumb opened the Public Hearing. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the Preliminary Budget and the Tax Levy. Councilmember Jeffko asked why there is such a large difference in the amount of the City Street Fund between the 2016 amount and the projected 2017 budgeted amount. The City Clerk stated that the difference is due to the 2016 Street Project. After a brief discussion the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve the 2017 Preliminary Budget and have it filed with the City Clerk. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Unfinished Business--None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Brown: Reported the swimming pool and bathhouse construction is progressing.

Moreno: Reported she and Councilmember Jeffko met with Superintendent Jensen regarding projects for the airport. They discussed spraying a sealant on the runway and doing the project in three phases if the funding is available. Moreno also reported there will be a Halloween dog walk at Chief Tonasket Park.

Vugteveen: Reported several people have approached her and complained that it is difficult to access the RV trailer sewage dump at the RV Park. The Clerk will contact Mary Lou Kriner, Chamber President, and talk to her about finding a solution to this problem.

Jeffko: Reported she attended the Rodeo Queen coronation. It was a nice event and the place was packed! Jeffko stated she had no idea how much time and effort was part of being the Rodeo Queen. Jeffko also reported there is a travel trailer behind the RV Park that is being lived in.

There was a brief discussion on the homeless situation in Tonasket. Councilmembers Jeffko and Vugteveen will be meeting with Shane Barton next week to discuss the homeless in our area.

Jeffko also stated the new officer, Travis West is very visible around town and it is great to see the officers out, and she thanked Chief Curtis for doing a great job. Jeffko also stated she made a mistake and had previously stated Midway Building will be donating \$3500 for the roof at the Splash Park and that is not happening.

Sackman: No report

Mayor: Reported there is an AWC Regional meeting October 26th in Omak. The Mayor also reported he attended the recent OCTA meeting and he stated that the district is well served with the leadership. There was discussion at the meeting about possibly connecting the bus with Canada.

Department Head Reports

Jensen: Stated he thinks the airport should be privatized. Jensen also reported he has been working on the papi lights at the airport. There was also brief discussion regarding insurance coverage for the City Superintendent at the airport.

Curtis: No report

Attwood: No report

New Business

Motion to adopt Ordinance #772 setting the Tax Levy for 2017. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the Hardware Maintenance Agreement for Computers in City Hall for 2017. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve payment of \$126.00 to the Department of Ecology for a water right Ecology Certificate and processing fee. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the consent agenda which consists of the minutes of the previous meeting, the September Payroll (6964-6977 and Direct Deposit Run 9/28/2016) \$60,058.44 and the October Bills (6962, 6963, 6978-7025 and 3 EFT payments 10-11-2016) \$74,939.98. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer