

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2016

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

Staff: Jensen, Attwood and Danison

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

Public Comment

Bill and Tikka Walsh asked the Mayor and Council if they would designate their property as a land mark. The Walsh's property is located south of Tonasket on HWY 97. The Mayor stated they have no authority over property outside of the City Limits and that would be in the County's jurisdiction. The Mayor stated he thoroughly enjoys what they have done with their property. The Walsh's have constructed a western store front theme on their property. They stated the City could have their name on a building for \$350. This will be reviewed during budget time.

David Hanna, a local realtor and pilot, asked to be on the agenda. Mr. Hanna voiced his concern because a NOTAM (Notice to Airman) was not filed for the airport. City Superintendent, Airport Manager, Hugh Jensen and Mr. Hanna had a heated argument over the fact that the runway was being worked on and it was not closed, and Mr. Hanna wanted to land his airplane. The Public Works crew was on the runway and he could not safely land. There was discussion on this matter and Dave Hanna asked to be put on record saying a NOTAM needs to be filed any time there is equipment on the runway. There was discussion on the use of radios to contact pilots. Mr. Hanna stated he would purchase a radio for the city. No action taken.

Kurt Danison Report: He attended a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) meeting on a new program called Complete Streets. Entities can receive up to \$250,000 for projects focusing on pedestrian uses. The cities are nominated by state agencies or non-profits and then the TIB reviews the history of each community's record of promoting pedestrian activities. Kurt thinks Tonasket has a good chance of being awarded these funds. Kurt also attended another TIB meeting on LED lighting for cities. The LED application may be a joint application for cities in Okanogan County. Kurt also reported that he is working on the proposed annexation south of Tonasket cost benefit report, the Okanogan Council of Governments, and the need for a new Airport Layout Plan. The Mayor stated in reference to the proposed annexation, it is important the Rodeo Grounds is zoned appropriately so all of the activities that are held at the Rodeo Grounds can continue. Kurt stated that the Rodeo is important to the community and the zoning will allow the rodeo activities. There was also discussion on the Capital Facilities Plan and a Transportation Benefit Area.

Unfinished Business

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Moreno/Vugteveen: Reported they met with Police Chief Curtis to discuss Police wages. They stated the Police Officers need to be paid better wages and propose \$16.00 an hour for a beginning officer and \$19.50 for more experienced officers. This will be addressed during the upcoming Budget meetings. Moreno and Vugteveen stated there is a large turn-over of officers and we need to look at increases to be comparable with other towns.

Brown: Reported "no bicycles or skateboards" has been painted on the downtown sidewalks.

Jeffko: Reported there are no more ruts at the park and thanked Hugh Jensen. Jeffko also reported there were young people skateboarding at the Splash Park.

Sackman: Inquired if Lifeline has taken over the EMS District. The Mayor stated the EMS District still exists. Mayor Plumb stated he would like to have an agreement with the County Commissioners before the old firehall property is paid off that would give the City of Tonasket first right to purchase the property for the same amount that it was sold to them minus the interest. Sackman also asked about the TranGo buses and the probable bus stops and benches. The Mayor stated this will be going into the transportation plan.

Mayor: Reported he would be attending the next bus meeting on the 18th. He also reported there will be a bus mobile app soon. The Mayor reported the Community gathering at the TVBRC was a great success and that Work Source will be at the TVBRC the 2nd Tuesday of each month to make it easier for north county residents to take advantage of what Work Source offers.

Department Head Reports

Jensen: Reported there have been a few water issues going on---Well #6 pump going down, and the communication from one of the reservoirs to the pumps is not working. Jensen also reported they will continue to work on the crack sealing at the airport. The Airport Improvement Club has offered to pay for more material for crack sealing.

Attwood: Reported she has looked into temporary power for the Garlic Festival and it is fairly expensive. It was determined the temporary power for the Garlic Festival will not take place. Heather Kirkcaldy would like to use Founders Day Park on September 18th to give free haircuts to kids. It was the consensus this would be appropriate. Attwood also reported Dana Cowger with Varela and Associates would like to meet with the Water/Sewer Committee. The Committee decided to have the meeting on August 23rd at 5:00 pm.

New Business

Motion to authorize the application to TIB for grant funds and allow Mayor to sign the applicable documents. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14 authorizing refunds and agreements to pay past due water-sewer charges. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the July payroll (6832-6845 and direct deposit run 7/27/2018) \$58,564.81 and the August Bills (6846-6897 and 3 EFT payments dated 8/9/2016) \$131,039.99. M/Brown, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 10:15 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer