

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 26, 2016

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

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 excuse Councilmember Vugteveen from the Council meeting. M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 4:0.

Public Comment: None

Joseph Enzensperger and Dan Isaac were in attendance to give a presentation on Enloe Dam. Information on their research was included in the Council packets. There was discussion on why the PUD would like to make Enloe Dam a working dam again. They cannot see the justification for spending a very large amount of money on the project when the result would be an insignificant amount of power produced. The Mayor voiced his concern about the ramifications to the City of Tonasket if the dam was removed which would result in a large amount of arsenic to come downstream in the Okanogan. It was stated more research needs to be done on the arsenic levels behind Enloe Dam.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing on a request for vacation of a portion of 1st Street Right-of-Way between the alley and Tonasket Ave. South, submitted by Bob and Margaret Hirst. Mayor Plumb opened the public hearing and proceeded with the Hearing Protocol. There were no challenges to the members of the Council, disclosures of conflicts of interest or ex parte communications. The Mayor opened the testimony portion of the hearing. Dale Crandall, attorney for the Hirst's, was present and gave brief testimony as to the purpose of the request. Margaret Hirst was also in attendance. There was no additional testimony. Mayor Plumb closed the public hearing and the regular meeting was back in session.

Motion to adopt by reference the Staff's Finding of Facts and Conclusions and pass Ordinance #769 vacating the subject portion of 1st Street with the recommended conditions of approval. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve payment to Moreno and Nelson, Pedestrian Project in the amount of \$71,654.70. M/Sackman, S/Jeffko. Carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Moreno: No report

Brown: Reported he attended the Bridge dedication and it was nicely attended. He also reported the Splash Park is being enjoyed by many children.

Jeffko: Reported her dogs are bitter for not being allowed in the Splash Park! Jeffko reported on her trip to Texas, that there is garbage in the alley between 4th St and 5th St., and she would like to see the golf area back in the park.

The City Clerk will have the Park Plan for the Mayor and Council at the next meeting then a Park meeting with all of the Park users will be set up to go over and share ideas for the Park.

Sackman: Reported there is a concern with the buses parking along Third St. by the PUD. The concern is with the visibility entering Third St. from the alley.

Mayor: The Mayor thanked the Public Works crew for painting the curbs at the corners and parking lines at city hall. He stated there are several businesses in town that have painted their buildings and it is noticed and appreciated. The Mayor reported he and Chief Curtis met with Steve McGloughlin, the new School Superintendent, to catch up on what is happening in the School District. There is also a new High School Principal and a new Middle School Principal. The Mayor put forth a personal challenge to the High School Senior class this coming year to be good role models for the youth that are looking up to them.

Jensen: Reported he has been filling the cracks in the airport runway.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Curtis: Reported he met with Councilmembers Moreno and Vugteveen to talk about the Police budget. He also reported he has offered a fulltime job to Javier Aguilar who has been working on a temporary basis.

Attwood: Reported the Expenditure and Revenue reports have been presented. The Clerk reported there will be a meeting at the Okanogan City Hall on Friday August 5th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am to discuss the new Complete Streets Award program. The Clerk will be attending and possibly Superintendent Jensen.

Councilmember Sackman reported she and Councilmember Vugteveen discussed burn bans with Fire Chief Andy Gasho and if he advises to institute a burn ban inside the City limits he will contact them for further action.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Alice Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer