

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

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

Staff: Jensen, Howe, Miller and Pilkinton

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the special meeting April 12, 2016 and the workshop April 19, 2016. M/Jeffko, S/Vugteveen. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

Public comment was started with the Mayor asking people if they lived in town. Councilmember Vugteveen stated that it was offensive to people that their comments were not being taken seriously just because they didn't live in the city limits. Attorney Howe stated that this is a public meeting and all were allowed to speak.

Justin Haug was present to talk about the plans for the Tonasket Junior Baseball Fields. Justin presented the Mayor and Council with a draft layout of the new baseball fields including restrooms, parking and a pathway. The Mayor and Council liked the look of the plans. Justin said that they were now looking for funding to start the project but had support from the Park & Recreation District, Kiwanis, Four Square Church and now the City. Mayor Plumb was concerned with ADA accessibility. Planner Danison stated that if they get funding that it will have to be ADA accessible. He also stated that compact gravel/white rock is a great way of making the walking trail wheel chair accessible. Justin also stated the restrooms were prefab and already ADA accessible. Planner Danison said there needs to be a public hearing to amend the park plan and that the baseball people need to speak with the soccer group and Hugh Jensen about their plans. Justin commented that RCO will reimburse them after the vendors are paid so they may need to get a small loan to cover the invoices. The Mayor thanked Justin for doing all of the work he has done when he wasn't busy with fires, and would like to continue to be updated on any fire and the Sinlahekin trail information in the future.

Danison Report: Discussed the annexation meeting that was held on April 19, 2016 and was looking for guidance from Council on how to proceed. There was only one person on the west side that wanted to annex. It was five yes votes to four no votes on the east side. The main issues were parking, traffic and enforcement. Even after receiving a letter from UTC supporting the new crossing, the Council decided that Danison should not spend any more time and money on the west side and just do a cost analysis benefit for the east side. Danison then discussed the ongoing meetings by Okanogan Council Of Governments (OCOG) about the north/south corridor. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2016.

Unfinished Business

Agreement for construction of Swimming Pool with Lease Provisions. Attorney Mick Howe shared and revised parts of the Pool Agreement. The revisions include: Section 2. Term: Two years instead of one and if not complete extension of month to month until complete. Section 5. Funding: Rewording of the sole responsibility of the water and sewer lines to include what is already available at the site. Section 6. Transfer to the City: Wording added that the city is to approve the final project before final transfer. There was discussion about what was to happen to the water when the pool needs to be drained at the end of the season. Comments were made between Norm Weddle and Mick Howe about the City not being involved at all during construction so that there was no chance of it becoming a public works project.

Motion for the City of Tonasket to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Tonasket Pool Association for construction of the swimming pool, as amended by Attorney Howe and to allow the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 5:0.

Interlocal Agreement between the City of Tonasket and the Tonasket Parks and Recreation District. Mick Howe has reviewed the proposed changes. Megan Kernan will take the proposed changes back to the Recreation District for their approval. Mick stated that they are very close but there are still a

few things that need attention. There will also be a change of the budget date from October 31 to closer to November 30. There was also discussion on a franchise agreement to access Locust for water lines.

Proposed Ordinance #765 for reducing recreational marijuana buffers within the City of Tonasket. The legislature has outlined the law clearly, and the law was passed to lower the buffers for public parks, recreation/community centers, libraries, child care centers, game arcades and public transit centers, and that has been presented to Council. In discussion regarding Council sending the ordinance to Planning Commission, it was decided that this ordinance was not a land use matter but more of a policy ordinance, and did not need to be presented to Planning Commission. The Mayor and Attorney Mick Howe discussed if it was necessary for Jeffko to recuse herself from the discussion because she has land that could be sold for a marijuana store and Mick stated that everyone could benefit from a store going in and that if there was nothing in writing that there was no reason that Jeffko had to recuse herself, although she did say she would if she needed to. Dave Stangland gave a statement about the cons of changing the buffers and Gina Garcia talked about the pros, especially with medical marijuana. Councilmember Vugteveen stated children are the primary concern, and the learning begins at home with values and morals.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance #765. M/ Jeffko, S/ Vugteveen. Carried 4:0. Brown abstained.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Vugteveen: Reported that she used the new water metering system at the Chamber RV Park. There is a hose provided and people can fill their water tanks and clean out their RV waste lines with it. The Chamber may want to address this issue right away. Hugh said that Dave Kester was supposed to have a sign there stating to use their own hose for sewer but he did notice that they had shortened the hose so that should help. There was a suggestion to have people supply their own hose before contamination happens.

Mayor: The Mayor stated Public Works has been flushing the water lines and people need to know to run their water until it's clear.

Brown: Reported that he and Jeffko purchased five trees and fertilizer for the Friday, April 29th Arbor Day Celebration at 1:00 pm. They will be planting four trees at the baseball fields at Chief Tonasket Park, and a tree at Little Learners Park. An award will be presented to the City from the State during the celebration.

Jeffko: None

Moreno: None

Sackman: None

New Business

Motion to allow bicyclists and recumbent trike riders to camp in the park in June. M/Brown, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Motion to allow Chamber of Commerce to close 3rd Street on June 3rd and 4th and to use Founders Day Park June 3rd and 4th. M/Brown, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

This information was distributed in the Council packets.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Deniece Miller, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer