

## Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**Present:** Mayor Plumb and Councilmembers Brown, Jeffko, Jensen, Moreno and Vugteveen

**Staff:** Curtis, Jensen and Attwood

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

### Public Comment

Michael Guss, Executive Director of the NCWEDD, was in attendance and reported he had been in Washington DC and met with congressman and staff and brought up the need for SR 97 in Tonasket to be rebuilt. He stated the meeting was productive and positive.

Carlene Denison and Barb Warfield were present to voice their concerns regarding the possibility of marijuana being sold inside the City Limits. There were concerns about a cannabis store being near school bus stops and parks. Barb Warfield stated she wanted to be on record that even though she lives outside the City she owns a house in town and asked the Mayor and Council to think of children when they make this decision.

The Mayor explained the procedure for adopting an ordinance.

Carlene Denison read a prepared statement saying how she felt about the selling of marijuana in the city.

**Kurt Danison was present to up-date the Mayor and Council on several subjects.** Kurt reported he has prepared the application to WSDOT, Aeronautics Division, for the repairing of the cracks and a slurry seal for the runway at the airport. Kurt suggests that the Council review the Airport Layout Plan and start putting funds away for more projects.

Kurt reported he has been hired by the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) to write the Regional Transportation Plan which is due at the end of June.

Kurt reported there are TIB funds available for LED street lights. A cost savings would need to be shown to receive the funds. He suggested a group of cities get together and talk to the PUD about the possibility of this type of project.

Kurt reported there will be a public hearing on the up-dated zoning soon.

Kurt reported the meeting inviting residents south of town to talk about annexation is next Tuesday. The City is interested in the area west of SR 97 to be annexed to be able to qualify for funding for the railroad crossing at the south end of Chief Tonasket Park. The residents and businesses on the east side of the highway have also been invited.

There was discussion on County Planning and the Tonasket Airport.

### Unfinished Business

**Michael Guss, NCWEDD Executive Director, was present to share more information about the Okanogan County Fire Economic Recovery Strategic Plan.**

**Motion to contribute \$1500 to the NCWEDD Fire Recovery Plan.** M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 4:1. Brown voted no.

### Department Head Reports

**Curtis:** Reported Travis West, newly hired police officer, has been accepted to the Police Academy which starts in May.

**Jensen:** Reported public works just completed flushing the water lines, the RV Park coin operated water dispenser has been installed and the Pedestrian Sidewalk Project is progressing nicely and the bridge for the project is currently under construction in Georgia.

**Attwood:** No report.

## **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Jeffko:** Reported she and Councilmember Moreno went to the airport and made a list of things that need to be done at the airport.

**Moreno:** Stated she took pictures at the airport and those are available to anyone that would like to see them.

**Brown:** Reported the gazebo at the Splash Park is being built and the new sidewalk project is very nice.

**Vugteveen:** Stated it would be helpful for people flying into the Airport to have information about what is available in town, some sort of visitor guide. She also would like to give kudos to the new Chamber of Commerce President Mary Lou Kriner. Vugteveen spoke to Chronicle reporter, Brock Hires, that the opinions she expresses as a Councilmember are her opinions and not those of her employer the US Forest Service. In a previous article in the Chronicle, Councilmember Vugteveen made a statement and the reporter stated Vugteveen worked for the US Forest Service, it was misconstrued by some that it was the opinion of the Forest Service. Brock Hires, reporter for the Chronicle, apologized and Vugteveen stated she understands there was no malice intended.

**Sackman:** Reported she has received compliments on the new sidewalk.

**Mayor:** Reported he attended the Okanogan County Transportation meeting and it is possible in the near future there may be a bus run on County 7—maybe access on both sides of the river. The Mayor reported they also discussed the possibility of providing a van pool service. The Mayor also reported he and Councilmember Jeffko attended the Incident Command System (ICS) overview for Executives and Senior Officials in Okanogan.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-07 approving the application for WSDOT Aeronautics funds.** M/Jeffko, S/Vugteveen. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve the lease agreement with the Tonasket Airport Improvement Club for Fuel Storage.** M/Jeffko, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

**Discussion on the Tonasket Airport Improvement Club Lease Agreement for the Pavilion.** There was a question regarding the required insurance and this matter will be researched by the Clerk and will be on the next agenda.

**Motion to approve the Sub Lease Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the RV Park, and that the term will be 10 years and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.** M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

**Discussion on a proposed ordinance creating a municipal code titled Marijuana regulations.** The City Clerk had distributed a copy of a draft ordinance from Electric City. There was discussion on the possibility of allowing a retail marijuana store in the city limits. There was also discussion of reducing the buffer zone from certain sites from 1000 ft. to 100 ft. as per state law. Staff will work on an ordinance addressing the reduced buffer zones.

**Motion to approve and authorize signature of the NCW Narcotics Task Force Agreement.** M/Vugteveen, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve Pedestrian Project Change Order #3 and authorize the Mayor to sign the document.** M/Jeffko, S/Vugteveen. Carried 5:0.

**Motion to approve payment to Moreno and Nelson for the Pedestrian Project in the amount of \$54,117.70 payment contingent on the appropriate paperwork being submitted.** M/Brown, S/Jeffko. Carried 5:0.

## **Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

A 2016 Central Washington Fire Pre-Season Meeting to be held at the Okanogan county Fair Grounds May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Save the Dates of October 18 – 20, 2016 for the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council Conference (IACC).

**Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting, the March Payroll (6553-6566 and direct deposit run 3/28/2016) \$61,508.58 and the April Bills (6552-6624 and 3 EFT Payments 4/12/2016) \$101,654.57.** M/Jeffko, S/Vugteveen. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.

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**Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer**