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Minutes of the February 9, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

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

Staff: Attwood, Jensen and Danison

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm and the flag salute was given by all.

Public Comment: None

Kurt Danison was in attendance to update the Mayor and Council on several issues. Kurt reported he attended the meeting with the railroad and UTC representatives and they are willing to work with the City to install a public railroad crossing at the south end of Chief Tonasket Park, when the City is ready to proceed. A draft letter/agreement will be written to remind subsequent staff of the agreement.

Kurt reported that a meeting should be held with the property owners south of Tonasket that would be in the proposed annexed area to introduce to them what it means to be annexed into the city limits.

Kurt also reported on his attendance at the Economic Development District meeting and possible federal funds available.

Kurt stated the Recreation and Conservation Funds are available for pool construction this year and the applications are due May 2nd. The Mayor and Council would like Kurt to move forward with the possibility of applying for these funds for the pool.

The Economic Development District previously asked for a contribution from the City for an Economic Recovery Plan and would like to know if the city will be contributing and what amount will be contributed. This decision will be made in the near future.

Unfinished Business: None

Department Head Reports:

Jensen: Reported Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, came to town and met with him. They discussed a proposed bulk water dispensing machine and where to locate it. Jeff will be giving Hugh more information on different types of machines. There was also discussion on the fire hydrants in town and if there is a need for replacement of some of the hydrants. Jensen replied there a few that need to be replaced.

Attwood: She has been in contact with Michael Guss, EDD, and he is working on a grant application to cover the costs of the installation of the electric car facility at the TVBRC and for others in the County. Attwood reported Med Star is offering a program with discounts for groups of 10 or more employees and asked the Council if anyone is interested in joining.

New Business:

Councilmember Brown stated he is not ready to set the official date of the City's Arbor Day celebration. He will be working on the details of Arbor Day. The City Clerk will be contacting the school to ask for youth participation.

Motion to approve Councilmember Moreno's absence from this Council meeting. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 4:0.

There was a brief discussion on the need to find a new person for the Tree Board.

Motion to approve the 2016 Mayor's Committee Appointments and the 2016 Mayor's Other Appointments as amended. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 4:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence:

Motion to allow the MS Bicycle group to spend the night in History Park July 30th, 2016. M/Jeffko, S/Brown. Carried 4:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports:

Brown: Reported he attended the meeting regarding the railroad crossing and it turned out well.

Jeffko: Reported she had been contacted by Linda Black regarding the painting of a mural on the restroom building at Chief Tonasket Park. Jeffko also reported that she is impressed with the Legacy Park facility and the group does so much for the Veterans in our area. She also stated they were very kind and she left the facility as a fan. Jeffko also asked if the City Attorney was ever going to attend the City Council meetings. The City Clerk stated that is up to the Mayor and the Mayor said her concern is noted.

Sackman: No report

Vugteveen: Reported she attended the Kiwanis Annual Groundhog Dinner and it was a fund raising success.

Mayor: Reported he attended the last OCTA meeting by phone. He stated that once more buses are purchased there will be more bus runs in the Tonasket area. The Mayor also reported he attended the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Mary Lou Kriner was sworn in as the new Chamber of Commerce President.

Motion to approve the consent agenda which consists of the minutes of the previous meeting, the January Payroll (6410-6424 and direct deposit run 1/27/2016) \$56,738.94 and the February bills (6425-6480 and 3 EFT Payments 2/9/2016) \$115,511.83). M/Vugteveen, S/Sackman. Carried 4:0.

Jeffko: Reported that Okanogan Highlands Alliance sponsors local wildlife presentations and the yearly talent show at the CCC and they are great events.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer