

Present: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Kriner, Levine, Ritter, McMillan and Weddle

Staff: Attwood, D. Johnson, Miller and Deputy Covarrubias.

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

Roll call was done and all members were in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk-Treasurer Attwood to newly elected Councilmembers Alisa Weddle and Jeff McMillan and reelected Councilmember Marylou Kriner.

Public Comment

Joann Dagnon- lives outside the City

- Was concerned that the clock was off and that the meeting started early and some people that wanted to attend may not be there yet. The clock was reset and the meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing to review the final project performance on the Parry's Acres Sewer System Rehabilitation Project and the SR 97 Perfect Passage Street Project. Mayor Brown opened the public hearing. Clerk Attwood asked if there were any questions and community member Al Seccomb stated he was glad the parking had been changed. Roger Castelda and Dave Kester questioned how much the City owes in debt and stated that taking care of the infrastructure first before doing any other projects. George Hill suggested that it would be cheaper to fix the grates for the storm-water. After further comments, Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Ed Koonce – Neighborhood Watch Program. Mr. Koonce was present to invite the Mayor, Council and the community to attend a Public Meeting for the Neighborhood Watch Program on Friday, January 24 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He is trying to get the word out about an app called Next Door that is for the community to connect with their needs and to stay informed on what is happening in the community. He hopes it will bring the community back together.

Kurt Danison Report

- The Perfect Passage is moving forward.
- There will be a Park meeting on Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm.
- Met with Ken Vorhees and Justin Haug and they flew a drone over the park and discussed the park plan.
- Attended the Economic Development meeting and they discussed trends in the valley.
- Planning Commission will meet on January 21 at 3:00 pm and will elect new officers.
- Councilmember Kriner asked if he would be talking about the zoning code update and he replied that he had sent it to all the Council so they could see what was allowed or not allowed.

Unfinished Business

Parry's Acres Status Report and Resolve Generator Issue. Councilmembers Levine and Ritter met with Jeff Moran, Varela and Associates, on a conference call, and discussed the payment to resolve the generator issue. It was decided that it would cost more in attorney fees to not make the full payment to resolve the issue than to agree with their final offer of paying for half of the cost. Ritter and Levine recommend that the City accept the final offer.

Motion to accept Change Order No. 4 and the Pay Estimate No. 6 for the Parry's Acres Sewer System Rehabilitation Project for \$4102.40 including tax and retainage. M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Perfect Passage Master Plan. Councilmember Ritter has spoken with the Council and all concerns have been heard. Councilmember Levine stated the City has a legal obligation to finalize the plan. Councilmember McMillan agreed that they were just approving the plan but still feels it isn't good. Councilmember Weddle went over the plan and thinks we need to go forward with the plan.

Motion to adopt the Perfect Passage Master Plan as presented. M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Tree Removal company to remove/prune trees in History Park. Three quotes were presented to the Council in their packet. Councilmember Kriner was concerned that two local bidders that were rejected earlier were not included. Clerk Attwood stated that she went from the Small Works roster. It was decided after discussion that a new Scope of Work would be done by Councilmember Kriner and she would get it to Clerk Attwood. The discussion was moved to the next meeting.

Motion to approve the Addendum to Professional Services Agreement with SDB Consulting. M/McMillan, S/Kriner. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the Addendum to Professional Services Agreement with SDB Consulting to be completed in 6 weeks effective Jan. 15, 2020. M/McMillan, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the inter-local agreement for Building Official Services with Okanogan County. M/Kriner, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Department Head Reports

Covarrubias:

- Presented the Sheriff's last 30 days report to the Council
- Is getting to know the area and the local citizens.
- Deputy Malone is now in FTO training until mid-March.

Clerk Attwood reminded the Council that according to the Council Rules that no meeting would go past 9:00 pm without a consensus of the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to extend the meeting to 9:45 pm.

Johnson: There was a downed tree in the road on Sunday night that took out power. The Public Works crew have been sanding and plowing and trying to get caught up.

Attwood: Reminded Council to return any Perfect Passage binders they have. Asked the Council if they would like to have binders to keep their council packets in and most said yes. Reported things have been busy in the office and the new website is easy to update.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Levine

- Will be attending the WIRA meeting.
- Attended an emergency management meeting with the Mayor and Councilmember Ritter.

Ritter

- Met with Councilmember Levine and Jeff Moran of Varela & Associate's to discuss the Perfect Passage.
- Street committee met and discussed TranGo.

Kriner

- Had a nice holiday.

Weddle: None

- Thanked Clerk Attwood for spending time explaining things.
- Met with Superintendent Johnson
- Is looking forward to being on a committee

McMillan

- Has been going over the Council handbook and rules

Mayor

- Handed out his committee appointments

New Business

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-01, the renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Highlands Associates. M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 applying for application for USDA-RD funds for the City Shop roof. M/Ritter, S/Kriner. Carried 5:0.

Motion to adopt Ord. 811, a budget amendment to add a fifth position to the Public Works Department. M/Kriner, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Clerk Attwood asked for nominations for the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Kriner and Levine nominated themselves and Councilmember Weddle nominated Ritter. Kriner received 3 votes, Levine received 1 vote and Ritter received 1 vote. Councilmember Kriner will be the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

- Clerk Attwood reminded the newly elected Councilmembers that they need take the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings training.
- Let everyone know that AWC and MRSC has a lot of information for Councilmembers.
- Councilmember Ritter encouraged the newly elected to attend the AWC Conference in June.
- Handed out an email about the Park Committee meeting on Jan. 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, the December Payroll (9661-9676 and Direct Deposit Run 12/31/19) \$39,296.57 and the December Open Period Bills (9660, 9677-9717 and 3 EFT's 1/14/2020) \$87,334.13. M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer