

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting July 24, 2018

Present: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Jeffko, Levine, Moreno, Ritter and Sackman.

Staff: Attwood, Odegaard and Cruz.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

Mel Tibbets, Texas Family Diner, was in attendance. Mr. Tibbets voiced a complaint stating that he should be able to live in the Texas Family Diner business building when there are others in town being allowed to live in their businesses. There was a conversation with the Police Officers present and also members of the City Council. No action taken.

Mayor Brown introduced the new Police Chief Darin Odegaard. Chief Odegaard gave a description of the activities that he and Officer Cruz have been working on. Chief Odegaard stated they will need new tazers and will be trading in the old firearms and purchasing new firearms. He also stated he is working on the new police vehicles and evidence training for Police Clerk Diane Foreman.

Motion to allow Officer Cruz to receive city benefits. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Motion to proceed with Civil Service procedures for hiring Police Officers. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Motion failed, 5 opposed.

Unfinished Business

There was discussion on the Hospital dumpsters and the generators.

Motion to direct Mayor Brown to contact Building Official Christian Johnson about the hospital generators. M/Jeffko, S/Ritter. Motion carried 5:0.

The City Clerk updated the Mayor and City Council on the Parry's Acres Project. Bids will be opened on August 2nd at 2:00 pm in City Hall.

The City Clerk informed the Mayor and City Council the Engineers have started the design for the airport project.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Jeffko: Commented that the wages of Police Officers are a big deal and they should not be working for the wages they are being paid. When the City was without the Police there were break ins. The County officers did show up. Jeffko reported she has not planted bushes at Chief Tonasket Park yet.

Sackman: Reported she had been asked by a local person if the City could build a fence around the cemetery.

Levine: Asked if we have received any more estimates for removal of asbestos at the Police Department. Also asked about the budget meetings. The Clerk replied the meeting dates will be distributed at the next Council meeting. Levine reported the tents near the railroad are not there any longer. Okanogan Conservation District has funding for flood damaged lands. Some of the sand bags have been picked up from the City Shop area. The Tractor Pull was awesome.

Moreno: Reported the Finance Committee has met with the Chief and they are working on different things for the Police Department. The County is not an option. She is grateful for local

police. The feedback from the two officers is good to hear. They are engaging in the community, she feels safe and there is coverage. Also reported looking at salaries from different communities and wants to see job descriptions.

Ritter: Inquired if the RV is still parked at the airport. Mayor Brown replied it was gone. Ritter stated she is shocked at the condition of the Police Department building. Ritter welcomed the new police officers to Tonasket.

Mayor: Stated he appreciated the cards and good wishes for his wife, she is doing fine and she is back to work.

New Business

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-10, a resolution to surplus certain city items. M/Jeffko, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the signing of the Growth Management Act Update Grant. M/Jeffko, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Motion to pay Officer John Cruz \$20.40 per hour, as per the City's 2018 Budget designated for the patrolman #2 position. M/Jeffko, S/Moreno. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve the application for a Peddlers Permit for Pasquale Sofia contingent that he show documentation that his produce is certified organic. M/Ritter, S/Sackman. Carried 5:0.

Councilmember Levine stated she intends to follow through with the request from the Samaritan Riders to hold a Veterans Day Parade.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, City Clerk-Treasurer