

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting

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

Staff: Johnson, Attwood, Covarrubias

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

Mayor Brown took roll call and all were present.

Motion to approve the agenda. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Public Comment

- Rob Thompson, local resident, voiced his concern regarding snow removal in front of the Community Cultural Center. This matter will go to Committee for recommendation.

Daniel Klayton, Branch Group Manager, was present to talk about the Tonasket Library. Daniel reported the circulation at the Tonasket Library in 2019 was great---68,313 checkouts which is the 4th highest in 30 branches and there were 43,887 visits. Daniel also reported on the many events the Library holds during the year.

Kurt Danison Report

- Briefly discussed that the City is part of the federal insurance program.
- PC met, nothing pressing on agenda.
- Brief discussion on meeting with Varela and Associates, Councilmembers Levine and Ritter regarding funding scenarios and the south access.
- Park Plan group met and the conceptual plan put together.
- Briefly discussed a proposed bill in the legislature that would ban single-family zoning in Washington State.

Unfinished Business

Modifying Rule 23 of the City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Handbook was discussed. Councilmember Weddle suggested the Council review the Rules at the retreat in March. Councilmember McMillan stated the suggested changes for Rule 23 are ok but does not like the part that says "all such appointments shall require confirmation by the Council". Weddle stated there are several other contradictions that should be addressed. Ritter stated it needs to be talked about.

Motion to modify Rule 23 as suggested by Attorney Howe a, b, c and d. M/Kriner, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Mayor's Appointments: The Mayor stated he is working on the list for the Board of Appeals. Councilmember Ritter respectfully asked the Mayor if she could continue on the ad hoc committee for the Perfect Passage. Mayor Brown replied affirmatively. Councilmember Levine will also continue on the Perfect Passage Committee.

Department Head Reports

Deputy Covarrubias

- Reported on the statistics in the recent reports from the Sheriff's Office.
- Reported there may be a potential problem on west Third Street where the bus stop is. Cars are parking where the bus stops.

Johnson

- Working on the trucks and the sweeper.

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Attwood

- Reminded Councilmembers who are part of the City group that their Life Flight payments are due before March 10th and the amount is now \$59.00.
- On February 24th the Park Committee will meet with the Park and Recreation District at 4:30 pm.
- HD Fowler meters---The meter reading software the city uses needs to be updated: Cost \$10,112.50, \$4,375.00 for the software and \$5,737.50 for the training. The Council asked the Clerk to look into the cost of the training before they even consider approving it.

Motion to approve the software update in the amount of \$4375.00. M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Kriner

- Reported the repair on the Youth Center needs to start soon.
- Reported the tree removal/pruning project will start on February 18th.
- Stated the swim pool repair works also needs to take place.
- There was discussion on who should open and close the gates at the Park during the summer.
- The part time seasonal person should be from spring through Sept.
- Working on a grant for playground equipment and for seniors.

Ritter

- Reported the storage container was purchased.
- Reported she has been cleaning out the old police department with Councilmember McMillan.
- Reported on attending the AWC Action Days in Olympia.
- Met newest Deputy Justin Malone.
- Stated the Council should consider looking at a Code Enforcement position again.

Levine

- Great time in Olympia AWC Action Days.
- Reported on the Transportation Budget.
- Reported the Capital Budget Request has been delivered.
- Has attended 2 WIRA meetings.
- Also attended the Trango and OCOG meetings.

The Clerk was reminded to advertise for the seasonal position.

McMillan

- Reported he has spent a lot of time cleaning and going through items in the old police department.
- Nothing going on in Finance.

Weddle

- Thanked everyone for their patience.
- Reported she is researching Radar signs.
- Stated they should look at Code Enforcement again.
- Nothing yet on committees.
- Reported she is trying to support businesses.

Motion to continue the meeting to 9:10 pm. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 surplus items. M/McMillan, S/Ritter. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

- Clerk stated that correspondence has been distributed.

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Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting 1-28-2020, the minutes of the special meeting 2-4-2020, the January Payroll (9723 – 9737 and Direct Deposit Run 1/29/2020) \$43,451.22 and the February Bills (9718-9722, 9738 – 9794 and EFT 1-4) \$252,848.61. M/Kriner, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer