

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

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

**Staff:** Attwood, D. Johnson and Miller and Howe

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. There was a moment of silence for the McMillan family for their loss.

Roll call was done and all members were in attendance.

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

**Appointment of Mayor.** Attorney Howe read the RCW's concerning the appointment of a Mayor and explained the process.

- Councilmember McMillan nominated Kriner.
- Councilmember Levine nominated herself.
- Councilmember Ritter nominated herself.
- Councilmember Weddle nominated Kriner.
- Councilmember Kriner nominated herself.

3 votes for Kriner, 1 for Levine and 1 for Ritter. Congratulations were given to Kriner and the Oath of Office was given to Mayor Kriner.

**Kurt Danison – Six Year Transportation Plan discussion**

- Met with Councilmember Weddle and PW Superintendent Johnson and got their input.
- After discussion with Council the following changes will be made to the plan:
- Remove Fourth Street Sidewalk- construct sidewalk from Tonasket Ave east to Workosky Ave, 11- Riverwalk, 15- Tonasket Avenue – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Division, 19- Tonasket Avenue Widening, 25- History Park Entrance
- Move 16- Havillah Road/Jonathon Sidewalk Extension to #6
- The Public Hearing will be in 2 weeks, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion to accept the low bid from Central Washington Asphalt for \$165,000 as recommended by Varela & Associates for the Tonasket Avenue and Division Street Rehab project.** M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Public Comment –**

Attorney Howe spoke about an email received from Jennifer Ward addressing cyber bullying. He stated that the Council doesn't have authority and cannot impose penalties. He suggested that Jennifer may need legal counsel or contact the Sheriff's Dept.

Patty Hill asked why she hasn't been contacted by TranGo or the City concerning the placement of the bus shelters. Councilmember Weddle stated that it is a new proposal to council and it is still being discussed.

Jennifer Ward thanked Mick Howe and wanted everyone to know that cyber bullying is a serious matter and has affected her and her family.

Miranda M. stated she personally knows Jennifer and that it is not okay to be called a terrorist. Councilmember Levine said we are not a policing authority and to please contact the Sheriff's office if you feel threatened.

**Unfinished Business**

**TranGo.** Information from TranGo has been included in the Council packets. Clerk Attwood asked if the Council was ready to go forward or to keep reviewing at this time.

**Motion to table the TranGo approval until the next meeting on June 23, 2020.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 4:0.

**Motion to approve the purchase of the 3 Elan City Radar Speed Signs.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 4:0.

**Street Committee report on stop signs.** Councilmembers Weddle and Levine reported it is their recommendation to move forward with putting the stop sign on Joseph and Second but to possible just put up a Children At Play sign instead of a yield sign by Little Learners Park. Clerk Attwood spoke with the City's insurance and the stated it makes a higher level of liability with a Children At Play sign. It was the decision of Council to direct staff to amend the ordinance for the stop signs on Joseph and Second.

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

#### **Mayor**

- Received the 5 slabs of wood from the trees removed at History Park and is very excited about using the wood as a place to showcase the plaques that were under the trees.
- Talked with Councilmember Ritter concerning the parks.

#### **Levine**

- The Graduation parade was very emotional.
- Was asked if the Chamber RV Park is now open. It is only open to first responders at this time.
- Attended OCOG meeting and the City needs someone to represent the City to be able to vote.

**Motion to direct staff to write a letter placing Councilmember Levine as an alternative for OCOG.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

#### **McMillan**

- Public Safety Committee met. Deputy Covarrubis looked through the items left at the Police Department and took a few of the items to use if needed for the demonstrations. McMillan will give the list to Clerk Attwood.

#### **Ritter**

- Public Safety Committee met at the Police Department on May 30, 2020 to continue to organize and inventory the remaining items and hope to meet with the Sheriff at a later date for them to go through the items. The refrigerator will remain locked until someone from the Sheriff's office can go through the remaining items.
- Asked Clerk Attwood to cancel the scheduled quarterly meeting with the Sheriff's office until a later date.

#### **Weddle:**

- Public Works Committee met and the shop roof project bid fell through.
- Is sorry cyber bullying is going on and apologizes for all that have been affected.
- Reported Economic Alliance has given three grants in the Tonasket area and there will be another round of grants to award.

### **New Business**

**Request from Census Committee to hang a banner.** Council Member Weddle has been contacted by the Census committee about placing a banner across Western and Fourth. It is important for the community to fill out the Census so that we can receive funds. Clerk Attwood suggested that it be contingent on approval of Superintendent Johnson and the PUD.

**Motion to allow the local Census Committee to hang the census banner at the corner of Fourth and Western Ave contingent on the approval of Superintendent Johnson and the PUD.** M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

### **Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

- Clerk Attwood has had complaints about the noise of the garbage dumpsters in the residential area being emptied early in the morning. Mayor Kriner would like the safety committee to look into this.
- Timberline backed out of the bid for the shop roof. Attwood will go out for bids again but not just use the small works roster and will advertise further out.
- Attwood has been in contact with Attorney Howe concerning a water/sewer bill that has gotten very high and the possibility of legal proceedings.
- Asked Council if they would like to advertise for the vacated council position. Councilmembers Levine and Weddle both suggested it be due by the beginning of July and be put on the website.
- Councilmember Weddle reminded everyone that there will still be the AWC Conference, but it will be online, and it is still open for enrollment. Mayor Kriner said that she will join.
- Councilmember Ritter spoke with Fire Chief Andy Gasho about the 2 storage containers. Mayor Kriner stated they were allowed 1 and then put 2 containers and a bus. Councilmember Ritter suggested that Superintendent Johnson contact the Fire Chief.
- Clerk Attwood let Council know that there were Revenue and Expenditure comparison reports in their packets and if they had any concerns to please contact her.
- It was also reported the AWC conference will be held virtually this year.
- It was state there are 2 storage containers on Western Ave south of the Firehall and that Superintendent Johnson may want to contact Fire Chief Gasho to ask about them.

**Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.** Mayor Kriner asked if the Council wanted to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem or wait until later. It was decided to go forward tonight.

- Levine nominated herself.
- McMillan nominated Ritter.
- Weddle nominated herself.

Levine voted for Levine. McMillan voted for Ritter. Ritter voted for Ritter. Weddle voted for Weddle. Ritter received 2 votes and is elected as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, the May Payroll (10001-10017 and Direct Deposit Run 5/27/20) \$39,821.10 and the June Bills (10018-10059 and 4 EFT's 6/9/2020) \$113,005.89.** M/ McMillan, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer