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Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Via Zoom

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

Staff: Johnson, Danison and Attwood

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

The roll call was given and all were in attendance except Councilmember Ritter.

Motion to approve the agenda. M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0.

Public Comment

Chris Coombes

- Commented that City Parks should be open and residents are being denied, it is invalid and unlawful, people should be engaged in health activities.

Rick Massey

- Voiced his concern regarding condition of property on N. Western Ave.

Mayor turned matter over to committee.

Jennifer Ward

- Stated Okanogan County Commissioners adopted a Proclamation regarding bullying and she appreciates them taking that action.

Karen Frisbie

- Oroville Chamber of Commerce has masks and gowns available for those who need them.

Kurt Danison Report

- Reported he had a discussion with Superintendent Johnson regarding the STIP.
- He will be working on Growth Management issue of critical areas.
- There may be a third round of business grants from Economic Alliance.
- There will be a Park zoom meeting on Tuesday, July 21st regarding the park plan.

Councilmember Applications: There was discussion on whether the Council should proceed with the interviews due to the fact Councilmember Ritter was absent from the meeting. It was decided the interviews would proceed.

Matt Alexander was interviewed first.

- Stated he would like to build trust in town, he has free time and is willing to learn.
- He has a flexible schedule and concerned about infrastructure.

Cindy Benitez was interviewed next.

- Has attended prior Council meetings and noticed things can be improved and has served on other boards.
- Is interested in the Parks and it is important to plan and have contingencies.

Roger Tesch was interviewed.

- Stated he is passionate about Okanogan County and Tonasket and would like to contribute to Tonasket.
- He would like to see more businesses in town, more pride and more tourists.

Thomas Barnett interviewed.

- Spent 2 years working in Americorp and enjoyed it and the good work they did, and loves Tonasket.
- Is concerned that there isn't more for the kids to do. Little Learners Park is great and he would like to help anyway possible.

Each candidate submitted an application and Councilmembers asked each a question or two.

The mayor thanked everyone and invited the candidates back. A candidate will be chosen at a future meeting.

Unfinished Business—None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Mayor:

- Reported she had attended the virtual OCOG meeting. The COVID-19 count is rising in the county.
- WSDOT is cutting back funding.
- There is a back road study going on that needs to be worked on.

Levine:

- Reported the County burn ban is now in effect.
- She attended the WIRA 49 meeting—they have been working on this for 2 years.
- Also mentioned the OCOG back road study.
- There is a new website for COVID information—will be coming out soon.
- And briefly touched on the CARES act.

McMillan:

- Reported the Public Safety Committee inventoried the old Police Department items.

Weddle:

- Reported the Public Works Committee has a document that has been put on the city's website outlining current projects.
- Reported for Councilmember Ritter that the Pool Committee, and the Park and Rec District, the Mayor and City Superintendent met and decided the pool will not open this year.
- Reported on two grants coming up—the Safe Routes to School and the Bike and Pedestrian Safety grants.
- Inquired about the City's liability when it comes to code violations since we don't have Code Enforcement.

New Business

Trey Dail, T-O Engineers, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the upcoming Airport Project. The project will probably start in late August, early September and take 3 – 4 weeks to complete.

Motion to award the bid for the Tonasket Airport Runway Rehabilitation Project to Central Washington Asphalt in the amount of \$463,987.52 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award and applicable documents (such as the contract when returned), authorize the contract be sent to CWA for signature and submittal of proper paperwork. M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-16 declaring the items on Exhibit A as surplus to the city needs. M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0.

Motion to excuse Councilmember Ritter from this Council meeting. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0.

Motion to authorize Varela and Associates to submit a grant application for a Safe Route to School project for East Jonothan Street. M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

Motion to authorize Varela and Associates to submit a grant application for a Pedestrian/Bicycle grant for east Fourth St.--- the east 800 ft. M/Weddle, S/Levine. Carried 3:0.

The Mayor reminded Councilmembers to come in and review the City bills and payroll before Council meetings.

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Motion to approve the consent Agenda—the minutes of the previous meeting, the June Payroll \$41,628.48 (10061-10075 and direct deposit run 6/24/2020) and the July bills \$89,350.97 (10076-10116 and 4 EFT payments 7/14/2020). M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer