

Tonasket City Council Agenda  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
7:00 pm

**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING ID # 822 1563 0768**  
**PHONE # 1-253-215-8782**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Approval of Agenda **Action Required**
- 5) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. **Action Required**
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Unfinished Business
  - a) Approval to pay off Lawn Mower/Tractor Loan. **Action item**
- 8) Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- 9) New Business
  - a) Approve demolishing old PD building **Action Item**
  - b) Approve union agreement **Action Item**
  - c) Set date for Arbor Day **Action Item**
  - d) Set date for auction **Action Item**
  - e) Resolution 2021-07 Annual Clean Up **Action item**
  - f) Request from Extended Care for Therapeutic pets **Possible Action item**
- 10) Miscellaneous and Correspondence
- 11) Adjournment

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Via Zoom**

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

**Staff:** Johnson, Hawley, Danison and Attwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

The roll call was taken and all were in attendance.

Mayor Kriner turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Weddle.

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

**Kurt Danison report.**

- Reported on an Email from Patty Murrays office.
- Working on the Shoreline Master Program and Zoning and accessory dwellings.

**Farmers Market Representatives were present to discuss different options for running the Market at Triangle Park.** There was discussion on how to limit vehicles on Hwy 97, should there be a temporary fence, would the City supply a porta potty. There were comments that the Farmers Market is important to the Community and that the area needs to be made safer. This matter was turned over to the Finance Committee and the Safety Committee.

**Justin Haug, Youth Baseball report:**

- Justin will be sending the City the most recent set of plans for the baseball fields.
- A cultural Resource Survey needs to be done for the field project and he stated the City may want to take part of this survey for the whole park.

**Public Comment**

- Alicia O'Dell introduced herself—she is the new area manager for North Central Regional Library.
- Rose Corso asked when the park going to open and concerns for parking near her residence. Chief Tonasket Park will open April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Debbie Panther, owner of the Old Creamery, asked about the status of parking on Third St. next to her business. She is concerned because work needs to be done on her building and if someone is parking in the way the work won't get done.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**Department Head Reports**

**Hawley**

- No monthly Sheriff's reports yet.
- Regarding parking issue—wants to ensure there is not unequal enforcement.

**Johnson**

- Removed trees in parks.
- Working on the sweeper.
- Replacing signs on streets.
- Working on the Cemetery roads.

**Attwood-None**

**Mayor/Council/Committee Report**

**Levine**

- Police Ad hoc Committee will have report at next meeting.
- Perfect Passage--not sure what kind of meeting is needed for an update.

**McMillan**

- Reported he has been working on the Farmers Market matter.

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- Reported he is also working on the TranGo bus stop. He stated TranGo and the City need to meet.

**Ritter**

- Levine covered the issues in her report.
- Stated she has information on the Perfect

**Weddle**

- Recommends the City pay off the lawn mower/tractor loan.

**Alexander**

- No report

**Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the previous meeting February 23, 2021, the minutes of the regular meeting February 9, 2021, the Special meetings February 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 workshop, the February payroll and the March Bills.**  
M/McMillan, S/Levine. Motion Carried 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Memo  
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Clerk-Treasurer

It was recommended at the last meeting to pay off the loan on the Lawn Mower/Tractor. I will have the pay off information at the meeting. The funds will come from the Current Expense Fund.

The old Police Department is now empty and the power has been turned off. The building is no longer useful to the city's needs. I believe it would be a good time to demolish the building. **Suggested Motion: I move to have the old Police Department Building demolished and to do so in the best interest of the city.**

The recently negotiated union agreement is on the agenda for approval. **Suggested Motion: I move to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Teamsters Local Union No. 760 and the City of Tonasket regarding Art. 21 Wages and premium pay and Art. 15 Health and Welfare & Appendix A.**

It is that time of year again to choose a date for the annual Arbor Day event. **Suggested Motion: I move to set April \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 as the City of Tonasket's Arbor Day.**

There are a few items to sell and probably the most efficient way to do it is to hold an auction/sale. I suggest a Friday afternoon in late April. That way we won't have to pay for overtime on a Saturday. **Suggested Motion: I move to set April \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 as the day to hold an auction/sale.**

It is time for the City's Annual Clean – up! **Suggested Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2021-07 setting the city's annual Clean Up Date.**

I have attached a letter from Teresa Davis, the Activity Director, from the North Valley Extended Care Facility. She would like approval for certain animals to be therapeutic pets at the facility. I am not sure if you are ready to make a motion of support for this matter so I will leave a suggested motion up to you.





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Dear Tonasket City Council,

My Name is Teresa Davis and I am the Activities Director for North Valley Extended Care. I am writing you today to propose my new project for the residents at Extended Care. I am constantly looking for new ideas and motivation for our residents to keep them happy, healthy and involved. After our COVID pandemic and the restrictions I have learned that our facility needs more in house activities to keep our residents entertained and active. I have added several new creative programs that actively engage our residents indoors and as the weather improves, I need to focus on outdoor planning.

I have done research on pet therapy and the positive effects that it has on elderly residents with dementia or other psychiatric illnesses. Having animals significantly improves the health and wellbeing of elderly people, plus it gives purpose in helping care for them. During my research I stumbled across a program from the UK called HENPOWER and the slogan is henergising older peoples lives. To my surprise chickens and rabbits are very therapeutic pets. So, I've made a few calls and the hospital foundation will fund this new program of having 2-3 chickens and 2 rabbits. We will order the proper mobile pens and create a care plan for the animal's daily needs and health. I spoke with Curt on not being in a residential area and having these animals, he advised me to contact city council to get permission for the project in the facility courtyard. The court yard is enclosed and I will take extra measures to make sure the animals are safe and secure. The addition of these animals will draw people outdoors plus it will work well with our gardening therapies. The animals will be adopted out for the winter months and the program will start again in the spring. It is my intension to get babies and raise them so I have a small window of time to get the project launched and running.

I hope that you will consider giving us the approval for these animals and I have attached a few articles for further education on the benefits of adding these animals for the extended care residents.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Teresa Davis

NVEC Activities Director

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