

Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 28th, 2020
This meeting was held virtually.

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Present: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Kriner, Levine, McMillan, Ritter and Weddle
Staff: Johnson, Attwood, Hawley, Danison and Booher

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

Roll call was done and all members were present.

Motion to approve the agenda. M/Weddle, S/Ritter. Motion carried 5:0.

Public Comment—None

Kurt Danison was in attendance to update the Mayor and Council on several subjects:

- Continuing work on the Master Plan for Chief Tonasket Park. Has asked for input from the Park Committee. Public meetings will be needed.
- Businesses are taking advantaged of the stimulus money through Economic Alliance.
- Possibly funds coming from the state.
- It has been pretty quiet, Commissioners met and builders can proceed with work if they follow 26 rules.

Unfinished Business

Motion to extend Resolution 2020-06 regarding late fees etc. on water/sewer bills until May 26th. M/Kriner, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

Reschedule Arbor Day. There was discussion and it was the consensus of the Council that the City encourage citizens to plant trees in their own yards this year and the City will celebrate Arbor day next year.

TranGo update. Brent Timm, TranGo representative, reported they are working on submitting a proposal to the City. The proposal is to move the bus stop to First Street near the North Valley Extended Care building. There will need to be some construction. They are grateful to the hospital for working with them on this matter.

Brent also reported that during this time of social distancing they are only allowing 3 people on a bus at a time and they are cleaning the buses after every rider.

Department Head Reports

Introduction of new Building Official.

- Ron Booher introduced himself to the group. He will be starting work soon. He has been quarantined for almost two weeks.

Sheriff Tony Hawley

- Reported Deputy Malone is back to work after being on administrative leave due to a shooting incident in Riverside. He has been signed off and ready for work.
- Traffic stops are down due to COVID -19
- The homicide that happened in town was solved quickly in 4 hours. Deputy Covarrubias had the suspect in custody within 4 hours.

Johnson

- Reported employee Tim Freeman is retiring the end of April.
- The seasonal person has been hired
- The generator at the sewer plant needs to be replaced. The cost is high however the city has to have it to run the plant. Johnson was instructed to do what he needs to.

Attwood

- Reported she is going to be getting quotes for a sneeze barrier for the counter at City Hall.
- Reported Deniece Miller, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer, was tested for the Coronavirus and thankfully the test came back negative.

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- Stated she would like to put it on record that she does not agree with the Mayor and 3 Councilmembers meeting in the Council room tonight. It is against Governor Inslee's Proclamation and a violation of the law.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Weddle

- Reported the City is waiting to hear from WSDOT regarding the grant application for the Airport Project.
- Reported verifying if Transportation Improvement Funds for Street Project are still a go.
- She is working with TranGo on the new bus stop
- Welcomed new seasonal employee Shawn McCravery

McMillan

- Reported he is staying home

Levine

- Street project---verifying if Transportation Improvement funds still a go.
- Commented on the Stay at Home/Stay Healthy powers of the Governor..

Ritter

- Welcomed Ron Booher, the new building official, and hoped he would be apprised of the condition and status of the Texas Family diner and the Round Up building.
- Thanked Tim Freeman for his years of service to the City and that he will be missed.
- Reported the closure of the old Police Department Building has been put on hold.
- Inquired about the black Police Car---Clerk stated it is not sold yet.

Kriner

- Read some COVID – 19 statistics
- Should probably keep parks in town closed

Mayor

- It would be nice if we could open the swimming pool.

Motion to approve the quote from Timberline Construction for the City Shop Roof Repair with the condition of a 15 year Warranty on the metal roofing, a 1 year warranty on the work and if additional work needs to be done it will be charged at time and material.

M/Kriner, S/Weddle. Motion carried. 5:0. The quote for the work was \$42,237.00.

The City has received a request from Trisha Roach, High School Principal, to allow the school to hang banners with the graduating Seniors pictures on them, in the downtown area. Kari Alexander was in attendance to answer any questions the Council may have. There will be 2 Seniors depicted on each banner.

Motion to allow the School to hang the Senior Banners in town. M/Ritter, S/Levine. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion to allow Weddle and Attwood to work on the application the application for grant funds through NCACH Community support funds. M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Motion carried. 5:0. There was discussion on the vetting process for person to receive the funds. Weddle commented other entities have done this and a process can be worked on.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #812, a budget amendment. M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 an Airport Land Lease Agreement with William Phillips. M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Carried 5:0.

Miscellaneous and Correspondence

Motion to approve the consent agenda: the minutes of the March 24th, 2020 Regular meeting, minutes of the March 25th, 2020 Special meeting, the minutes of the April 17th, 2020 Special meeting, the March payroll \$45,697.23 (9859-9875 & Direct Deposit run 3/26/2020 and the April Bills 9857-58, 9876-9924 & 4 EFT's 4-24-2020. M/Kriner, S/Levine. Carried 5:0.

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Councilmember Weddle voiced her concern regarding the Mayor and 3 Councilmembers attending the meeting together in the Council room. Levine stated there was an RCW to allow this and she will research this and send it.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer