

Minutes of the Regular Tonasket City Council Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
This meeting was held virtually.

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

Staff: Johnson and Attwood

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/McMillan, S/Weddle. Motion carried 5:0.

**Public Comment**

- A person who identified himself as Alex inquired if there will be any forums in this area regarding COVID-19. He stated there is a lot of unrest in the community. The Council sympathized with his concerns.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion to authorize entering into and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Timberline construction for the Repair of the City Shop Roof in the amount of \$42,237.00 which includes tax, and with the following conditions: 15 year warranty on the metal roofing, 1 year warranty on the workmanship and allowing payment for the upfront materials.** M/McMillan, S/Kriner. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to authorize final payment to Mallett Sheet Metal in the amount of \$2,388.71.** M/Weddle, S/Levine. Motion failed. McMillan, Kriner and Ritter voted no.

**Motion to authorize final payment to Award Construction for the Parry's Acres Project in the amount of \$41,677.96.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

**Kriner**

- Reported the repairs will be starting soon on the swim pool.
- Will determine in about a month if the pool is to open.
- Parks will not be open until Phase 3 of the Governors orders.
- Continue to review finances.

**Ritter**

- Concerned who will be monitoring the parks and making sure everyone is following guidance when the parks do open. The city does not have extra staff for that purpose.

**Levine**

- Have other parks opened?
- Many businesses are hurting—what happens if the County doesn't reach phase 4?
- Safety plans will be part of the process for opening up businesses.
- Suggest we invite Lauri Jones, Health Department, to our next meeting.

**McMillan**

- Asked City Clerk to research status of a certain firearm from the PD.
- Commented on the email received regarding some of the City Council members meeting in the Council room at the April 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**Weddle**

- Would like the Council to consider a Stop Sign at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Joseph Ave. north and south, and also on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Antwine Ave. going west. These two areas are major safety hazards.
- Would like to know what is happening with the Round Up and the Texas Family diner.
- Believes this is the time to work together whether we believe in what the Governor says or not.
- Would like to thank the Nurses --- it is nurses week
- How can we help the businesses that are closed and encourage people to shop locally.

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**Mayor**

- Not in support of North Cascades pass opening.
- Lots of rumors.
- Everyone keep 6 ft apart and wear masks.

**Department Head Reports**

**City Clerk-Treasurer**

- None

**City Superintendent**

- Waiting for the swim pool repair

**New Business**

Councilmember Kriner stated all employees should be treated the same even if they are not covered by the Union contract.

**Motion to approve the following: add 1 new holiday, the day after Christmas, \$25.00 per day for the Weekend/Holiday duty pay, \$25.00 per month into a VEBA account, Longevity, vacation rate and sick leave for Department heads to mirror the Labor agreement with a beginning date of 5-1-2020.** M/Kriner, S/McMillan. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to approve the wage increases as follows: City Superintendent \$2.04 per hour, the City Clerk-Treasurer 50 cents per hour effective May 1, 2020.** M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to approve using the Cumulative Building Funds to pay for the City Shop Roof.** M/Kriner, S/McMillan. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to authorize the purchase of the Master Meter Software in the amount of \$9,123.29.** M/Weddle, S/Ritter. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2020-11 authorizing application for a loan/grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.** M/Kriner, S/Ritter. Motion carried. 5:0. These funds will be utilized for the City Shop Building roof.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence**

Raul Martinez, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church, asked the Mayor and Council if he could close the alley behind his church on Sunday for a service. There were no objections to this request.

**Motion to allow Raul Martinez to block off the alley behind the Assembly of God Church on Sunday May 17th from 2 – 4 pm.** M/Ritter, S/Levine. Motion carried. 5:0.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting, the April Payroll and the May Bills.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Motion carried. 5:0.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer