

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 Tonasket City Council Meeting

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

Staff: Johnson, Booher, Hawley

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

Mayor Pro Tem Kriner took a few minutes and informed the Council that Dennis Brown has resigned as Mayor effective today, May 26th, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and all Councilmembers were in attendance.

Motion to approve the agenda as written. M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Motion carried 5:0.

Lauri Jones, Community Health Director was in attendance to discuss COVID 19. Lauri has reported the County has applied for partial Phase 2 variance. Long Term Care facilities are doing a great job and there are no COVID cases at those facilities. There were a few questions regarding contact tracing, which the County does in most types of diseases anyway, however, during the COVID 19 health crises it won't be at the detail as rumored. People were concerned they would have to write down their names when entering a business/restaurant. Also, there was discussion regarding Farmers Markets and what should be required at these sites. Lauri suggested contacting Patrick Dunn with the Health District to find out the requirements.

Kurt Danison Report:

- Kurt stated it is time for the Six Year Transportation Plan. The Plan has been included in the Council Packet for this meeting and he asks the Council to review for the first meeting in June.
- Kurt reported that SPVV Landscape is working on the conceptual drawings for Chief Tonasket Park. The drawings will be coming to Council for review. However, the project cannot be completed until we hold an actual public meeting.
- Still working on the Chief Tonasket park access south of town.
- There is a small grant program for businesses through the Economic Alliance.
- Discussion of broadband with Okanogan PUD and potential retail service.

Public Comment:

- **Jen Ward**
Inquired if the Six Year Transportation Plan spreadsheet will be available on line.

Unfinished Business

There was discussion on the status of the Old Police Department Building. The Public Safety Committee will be handling it as time allows. They will be contacting the Sheriff's Office to see if there are any items the Sheriff's Department could be using.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Relating to Salary, Benefits, Training and Travel costs Associated with Building Official/Permit Administration Services. M/Kriner, S/Levine. Motion carried. 5:0.

TranGo Update

- Brent Timm was on the phone and stated a proposal for potential new bus stops has been sent to the City. The Clerk will forward those to the Council for review.

There was a discussion on the possible placement of stop signs on Joseph Avenue and Second St. and also on Second St. near Little Learners Park. The Street Committee will review and possibly have a recommendation for the next meeting.

The purchase of the radar signs will be scheduled for the next Council meeting. There was a question about on going subscription costs.

Councilmember Weddle updated the Council on the Food Bank. The volunteers have been working very hard at least 4-5 days per week. Weddle thanked all of the volunteers.

Motion to approve final payment to Mallett Sheet Mallett in the amount of \$2,388.71. M/Levine, S/Weddle. Motion Carried. 4:1. Ritter voted no.

Motion to approve the addition of \$78.00 to the contract with Timberline Construction for the City Shop Roofing Project due to the change in the sales tax rate. M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Motion carried. 5:0.

Department Head Reports

Attwood

- The City Clerk asked the Council if they wished to extend Resolution 2020-06, pertaining to late fees etc. on water/sewer accounts.

- **Motion to extend the provisions of Resolution 2020-06 until June 26, 2020.** M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Motion carried 5:0.
- Reported the Assembly of God Church was very happy about their out door service and continued it to the next Sunday—no complaints!

Johnson—No report

Sheriff Hawley

- Reported things are remaining steady.
- June 6th, the Tonasket High School will be having a drive through town event for the High School Seniors.
- Sheriff Hawley stated if the City has concerns about certain areas to contact the Department, Deputies Malone and Covarrubias are more effective than stop signs.

Booher

- Working on the two concerning buildings in town.
- Sheriff Hawley informed the Building Official, don't hesitate to contact him if he needs assistance.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Weddle

- Apologize to Jen Ward—left her off the Food Bank thank you list!
- Committee's haven't met.
- Economic Alliance Grant—100% of the grant will go to a Tonasket business if requested. Next round is June 10th.

McMillan

- Great gathering on Memorial Day organized by Bob Penney, very patriotic.
- Is Concerned with the revenue crunch
- The citizens are restless—would like to see the parks open.

Levine

- Memorial Day was awesome, Legion held the graveside ceremony.
- 30 people on the corners of downtown organized by Bob Penney for Memorial Day.
- Are the Parks going to open?
- 3 on 3 Basketball tournament coming up.
- Father's Day Fly in Cancelled.

Ritter

- Have already touched on the Park Plan.
- Parks and Pool Under Governors Guideline—City does not have the staff or means to keep up with many items this may require.
- The Pool may not open at all.
- Will be going to the old PD building at 10 on Saturday and will make an effort to catalog items.

Kriner

- Continue to review revenues

New Business

Motion to set the Public Hearing on the 2021-2027 Six Year Transportation Plan during the regular City council meeting on June 23, 2020. M/Ritter, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #813, budget amendment increasing the wages for the City Superintendent and the City Clerk-Treasurer. M/Ritter, S/Kriner. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion to table Resolution 2020-12. M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 5:0.

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

Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer

