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**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2020 \*\*DRAFT\*\***

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm and the pledge of allegiance was given by all.

Roll call was done and all members were in attendance except McMillan who arrived late.

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

**Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting June 9, 2020 and the special meeting May 27, 2020.** M/Ritter, S/Weddle. Carried 3:0.

**Yuribia Obeso – promoting the Census.** Yuribia was present to inform the Council about the importance of everyone filling out their Census forms. She has been putting up flyers and joined with Montie Smith to help spread the word. It was suggested that the City could put a note on the water/sewer bills as a reminder. Councilmember Weddle said that a banner would be put up on the Food Bank roof in the next few days. The deadline for completing the Census has been extended until Oct. 31, 2020 and can be done online or by mail.

**Public Comment**

- **Patti Hill** – asked if there was any follow-up to her question last meeting concerning TranGo and Councilmember Weddle stated it was still in discussion. She also asked if opening the pool has been discussed and was informed only in committee.

**This meeting has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.** The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and read the hearing protocol. Kurt Danison explained the changes in the revised draft. Councilmember Ritter was very vocal that changes were made to the plan that had not been shared with City Council. She also voiced her frustration that a meeting regarding the STIP had been held that was last minute and that Councilmember Levine was unable to attend, although Councilmember Weddle was in attendance. Councilmembers Levine and Weddle are Committee members of the Street Committee and commented on the changes made to the document. There was much discussion on the short notice of the Street Committee meeting that discussed possible changes to the draft plan. After all comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

**Unfinished Business**

**Old Creamery proposal to install loading/unloading zone.** Debbie and Gary Panther were present to discuss the problems they have had with the stores back entrance being blocked. She has asked the Council to put a loading/unloading zone in that area. Mayor Kriner asked the Street Committee to look into it and report back at the next Council meeting.

**Resolution 2020-06 regarding water/sewer late fees possible extension.** Clerk Attwood reported that Governor Inslee has extended his proclamation until the end of July and it does not allow late fees to be charged.

**Motion to approve extending Resolution 2020-06 to align with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-20 until the end of July.** M/Levine, S/McMillan. Carried 4:0.

**Department Head Reports**

**Johnson**

- Public Works have been busy with normal summer work.

**Hawley**

- Went over the monthly report given to the Council.
- One of the vehicles had an incident with a deer.
- Met with the Public Safety committee and it was very productive.

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#### Attwood

- None

#### Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

##### Mayor

- Asked if Councilmembers would be interested in assigning a committee chair. Council prefers to not have a committee chair.
- The Council vacancy has been advertised.
- Discussed the burn ban and fireworks in the City.

##### Levine

- Heart goes out to businesses that are struggling during COVID.
- Asked when the parks and pool might be open. People would like to have the parks open.

##### McMillan

- Has been talking with people concerned about the noise of the dumpsters being emptied on Seventh St. and wondered if Upper Valley Disposal could change their pick-up times.
- The quarterly safety meeting was productive and some of the surplus Police Department items will be going to the Sheriff's.

##### Ritter

- Reported the Quarterly meeting with Sheriff Hawley went well.
- Met with Park & Rec and discussed opening the pool. There was much discussion on what will be required of the pool staff to open.

##### Weddle:

- Talked with Family Health operation manager about the possibility of TranGo having a bus stop. They hope to have a meeting with all parties.
- Will be attending the AWC online conference tomorrow.
- The person that wants to paint the City Hall/Library sign is ready. They would like to remove the sign to paint it. Clerk Attwood stated to please ask them to let City Hall know when they are ready.

**Motion to continue the Council meeting past 9:00 pm.** M/Levine, S/Ritter. Carried 4:0.

#### New Business

**Motion to approve Ordinance #814 regarding stop signs on Joseph Avenue.** M/McMillan, S/Weddle. Carried 4:0.

**Resolution 2020-13 regarding Cares Act Funds.** Clerk Attwood informed the Council that the City could receive \$33,300 to help with costs associated with COVID. She would like to make the City Hall office safer and install a roll up window and have a key lock door. She would also like to extend the space so that the staff working in the front could keep a six-foot distance. Mayor Kriner asked the Council to go around with their recommendations.

- Councilmember Levine suggested that there be an improvement in communication for the council room.
- Councilmember McMillan thought we should move forward.
- Councilmember Ritter stated she was against fixing City Hall and would not support it because the Public Works roof has not been finished yet. Mayor Kriner informed her that the funds can only be used for COVID projects and the roof project is not COVID related.
- Councilmember Weddle asked Superintendent Johnson if the Public Works had any COVID needs and he stated not that he could think of. She agreed that once we get a quote that we need to go forward with the renovations.

Councilmember Levine asked if there was a time line and Clerk Attwood stated it must be used by October.

**Move to table the discussion on Resolution 2020-13, the Cares Act Funds, until the next Council meeting to allow staff to get an estimate in regard to audio, video and the City Hall renovation.** M/Levine, S/Weddle. Carried 3:1, Ritter voted no.

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Motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 Tonasket Airport Land Lease. M/Levine, S/Weddle.  
Carried 4:0.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15 the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan as presented. M/McMillan, S/Levine. Carried 4:0.

**Miscellaneous and Correspondence** – Clerk Attwood let Council know that the Consumer Confidence Report is included in the Council packet and will be included with the June water/sewer bills.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:26 pm.

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Alice J. Attwood, Clerk-Treasurer