

Regular Council Meeting of January 2, 2019

Present were: Mayor Neal, Councilmembers Naillon, Marthaller, Hart and Fuchs.
Absent: McElheran.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Neal. Pledge of Allegiance given.
Copies of the December 18th council meeting minutes were read and approved, with one correction per Councilman Hart. Councilman Hart stated that in the Shop with a Cop update, the Tonasket Legion Post was not involved in the hosted lunch; minutes to reflect the correction.

Mayor Neal made the following appointments for 2019:
City Attorney: Mick Howe
City Superintendent: Steve Thompson
Fire Chief: Bruce Rawley
City Clerk-Treasurer: JoAnn Denney
Police Chief: Todd Hill
Permit Administrator: Christian Johnson
Motion by Naillon, second by Hart that the Council confirm the appointments; motion carried.

2019 Committee Appointments tabled to the January 15th meeting.

Councilman Naillon requested that enforcement be looked into for the vacant building at 17th & Main; building is a safety concern and the appearance needs to be addressed. Mayor Neal stated that he has mentioned the building to Permit Administrator Johnson; will discuss it again with him. Further discussion on safety concerns. Councilman Hart questioned looking into a non-occupied building tax for un-kept buildings to address maintenance and safety hazards. Councilman Naillon was concerned about language for possible tax, need to be sure that a burden is not created for vacant buildings that are being maintained. Chief Hill to look at the nuisance ordinance for enforcement. Mayor Neal suggested that MRSC be contacted about what options are available to address neglected buildings. Chief Hill directed to start enforcement on nuisance issues, while other options are explored.

Councilman Hart questioned the status of the business registration ordinance. Clerk Denney stated that she would like to request that the fee be eliminated, requested that businesses still fill out the business application form, which would be updated to ensure that zoning requirements are met, and stated that the city hall staff would continue updating the business directory handout for the public.

Councilman Marthaller questioned when possible increases to council wages would be addressed; Clerk Denney stated that they would need to be amended by the end of the year. Councilman Naillon requested that the wages include compensation for additional meetings or workshops, felt that it would be a separate issue and could be adopted sooner.

Motion by Fuchs and second by Naillon the vouchers #25090-25106 (void #25073-25089), \$10,452.23, be paid, the December 31, 2018 payroll of \$83,738.65, #25028-25071, direct deposit run and EFT #201824 be approved and the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 pm.
Motion carried.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk