

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam and Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 6, 2015 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining from the Jim Dandy Productions warrants as he is the owner of the business.

PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam presented Police Officer Dan Shea with a five year service award and commended his service and all he does to make the community a better place to live.

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and stressed the importance of recognizing the domestic violence issue and taking a pro-active stance against it.

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation declaring November 1, 2015 as "Extra Mile Day" and encouraged City citizens to acknowledge those that go above and beyond the norm to make the City a better place to live. Putnam also acknowledged Young Life representative Lori Timko for the work and the special events she does with the high school youth.

PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS & OTHER REPORTS:

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

After review and consideration of the effect each item could potentially have on a "business," as the term is defined by statute, the Council agreed that no item on this agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or appears to directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business. Councilman Mavity moved to make a finding that no item on the agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or appears to directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ANNUAL “RUN TURKEY RUN” EVENT REQUEST / YOUNG LIFE

Lori Timko, Young Life representative, stated the Young Life second annual “Run Turkey Run” event is planned for November 14 beginning at Vesco Park at 9:00 a.m. Participants receive a registration fee discount by donating canned goods or a turkey. Last year four families were provided Thanksgiving dinner. This year they partnered with Barrick Mine for the donation of turkeys. Councilman Owens moved to approve the Young Life second annual “Run Turkey Run” event on November 14, 2015 subject to providing the police department a map of the event route prior to the race. Motion carried unanimously.

ABANDONMENT REQUEST / PORTION OF EAST SIXTH STREET / GUIRLANI

Mayor Putnam said the abutting property owner requested to abandon a 5’ wide strip of the East Sixth Street right-of-way adjacent to Block 35 of the City (formerly Town) of Winnemucca. Mayor Putnam called for public comment. There was none. John Milton of Desert Mountain Surveying on behalf of the property owner stated there is an existing single family dwelling that was constructed partly into the street right of way many years ago, and the proposed abandonment will eliminate the encroachment of the building. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the request to abandon a 5’ wide strip of land of East Sixth Street adjacent to Block 35 of the City (formerly Town) of Winnemucca , APNs 3638-29-110-001, -002, and -003. Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION COMPLEX PROPERTY TRANSFER / CITY

Mayor Putnam stated City Attorney Maher prepared a draft resolution (in the meeting packet) to allow the transfer of the title on the undeveloped portion of the recreation complex property (approximately 24 acres) to the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club (WBGC). The City acquired the property and adjoining property to provide recreational facilities to serve the current and future needs of the residents of Winnemucca and Humboldt County; however, there are no City funds available for meaningful development of recreational facilities on the property, and the City has very limited or no ability to receive grant funding, charitable contributions or donations from either public or private sources for the development of recreational facilities and programs on the property. The WBGC has the ability as a private, non-profit corporation to solicit and receive grant funding and private donations to develop the recreational facilities on the property. Putnam pointed out that the resolution contains stipulations which protect the property from being used or developed into anything but the planned recreation facilities for use by the citizens of Winnemucca and must be substantially developed with recreational facilities by January 1, 2025. Additionally, failure to substantially develop and actually use the property for the purposes for which it will be transferred or making any unauthorized transfer of the property will cause the entire parcel of the property to automatically revert back to City ownership. The Council agreed their prior concerns have been covered in the proposed resolution. Maher said research indicates the property is valued in the approximate amount of \$1.2 million; the estimated valuation will be included in a future agreement with the WBGC. John Milton of Desert Mountain Surveying representing adjoining property owner T.G. Sheppard, said the former owner of the City property (New Vision Development) entered into an agreement with Sheppard concerning a privacy fence which is to be built along the west boundary of the property when the property is developed. Milton believes the obligation to provide the fence transferred to the City and should in turn transfer to the WBGC. City Manager West stated the master plan includes the privacy fence between the adjoining properties and it is the intent to make sure that happens as part of the development of the property. Maher said the obligation should be included in the agreement

between the City and WBGC. Councilman Owens moved to approve the resolution allowing transfer of ownership of the undeveloped portion of recreation complex property (Humboldt County APN 3638-21-376-003) to the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club for development of recreational facilities and recreational programs subject to covenants and conditions regarding the development and use of the property and reversion of the property to the City for failure to comply with the covenants and conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported that he has a sewer project environmental assessment meeting tomorrow with Stantec and the BLM to work on finalizing the document and attempting to develop a final schedule for the land transfer. West is working with the USDA on potential funding for the sewage treatment plant project which may include some grant funding. The City is doing everything possible to try and reduce the future loan amount on the project. The E. Winnemucca Blvd. project is proceeding on schedule. West met today with the NDOT planning staff and other officials to discuss local priority issues and projects. West and Councilman Owens attended the Airport Board meeting last night. The medical helicopter service proposal to land in front of their hangar at the airport was discussed, and a decision on the issue was postponed until a future meeting so that all parties involved can be present to answer the remaining questions. Public Works Supervisor Roger Sutton is home from the hospital after his recent surgery and is doing well; the Public Works department is doing a good job in his absence. The Boys and Girls Club building design is nearing completion and it is expected the guaranteed maximum price proposal will be received from the contractor, Core Construction, very soon. November 3 is the planned ground breaking on this project.

Councilman Owens reported the sessions offered at the NLC Conference in Wendover were very informative. Owens attended a Regional Transportation Commission meeting yesterday which included a \$1.4 million County project payment. The Attorney General's office will review the Airport Board September meeting agenda to determine if it was detailed enough to consider the helicopter landing/takeoff decision. The Board, prior to receiving notice from the AG's office, decided to reconsider the item due to concerns being raised by some adjacent hangar owners. The October meeting agenda item description was expanded to make certain that everyone understood that the hangar area landing location was part of the helicopter operations proposal. Owens said some in attendance at the meeting had concern with the safety of the landing proposal. The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) made a preliminary finding (using Google Earth) that the proposed landing area met all FAA requirements. At City request, an FAA official will be at the Airport on November 4 to physically inspect the site. It is the FAA policy to not make an actual recommendation; they only indicate whether a landing area complies with FAA requirements.

Councilman Mavity attended the landfill committee meeting yesterday. City Manager West asked if the committee will change the landfill operations plan to accept the solid waste from the new sewage treatment plant. City Attorney Maher stated they are working on updating the plan to include the treatment plant waste. Mavity attended the library director candidates meet and greet and listened to one of the interviews conducted by POOL-PACT for the position. Mavity gave the City welcome at the State Hospital Auxiliary convention held here.

Councilman Tipton stated that the sessions at the NLC Conference in Wendover were good. Tipton voiced his frustration with the issues the plumbing contractor Ira Hansen addressed at the last Council meeting concerning the animal control shelter. City Manager West stated

