

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, and Paige Brooks. Absent: Councilman Jim Billingsley. Staff present: City Attorney Kent Maher, City Manager Steve West and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public comments, personal communication or correspondence.

MINUTES:

The February 7, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 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 and Councilman Owens moved to make a finding 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. Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / RUN-A-MUCCA

Darrel Field with the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority (WCVA) requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Run-A-Mucca event on Memorial Day weekend. Field said there is no change in requested street closures; it is the same as last year. Field said that Lieutenant Coats has been attending the Run-A-Mucca committee meetings, and the Police Department is aware of the street closure plans. Councilman Brooks moved to approve a request for temporary street closures for the Run-A-Mucca celebration as follows: Lay Street from Winnemucca Blvd. to Wells Fargo entrance on easterly side of Fourth Street from 5:00 a.m. Thursday May 25, 2017 through 11:00 p.m. Sunday May 28, 2017; Fourth Street from Aiken Street to Lay Street (including the two intersections) from 5:00 a.m. Friday May 26,

2017 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday May 28, 2017; Fourth Street from Lay Street to approximately 130' east of the Lay Street intersection (to a point just west of the Wells Fargo Bank exit) from 3:00 p.m. Friday May 26, 2017 through 6:00 p.m. Sunday May 28, 2017; and, Aiken Street from Fourth Street south to the curb cut from 8:00 a.m. Friday May 26, 2017 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday May 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / SILVER STATE INTERNATIONAL RODEO

Darrel Field with the Agricultural District No. 3 requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Silver State International Rodeo. Councilman Mavity moved to approve the request to close Fairgrounds Road from the RV Park entrance to the Indoor Event Center entrance for the annual Silver State International Rodeo event from 8:00 a.m. Sunday July 2, 2017 through 8:00 p.m. Sunday July 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / TRI-COUNTY FAIR AND STAMPEDE

Darrel Field with the Agricultural District No. 3 requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Tri-County Fair and Stampede. Field said the Fair will again be set up by the Events Center. Mayor Putnam noted that location was an improvement over the location used in prior years. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the temporary street closure request for the Tri-County Fair and Stampede as follows: Winnemucca Blvd from West Winnemucca Blvd intersection with Fourth Street to East Winnemucca Blvd intersection for annual Labor Day Parade from 11:00 a.m. until parade concludes at approximately 12:30 p.m. Saturday September 2, 2017; and, Fairgrounds Road from the RV Park entrance to the Indoor Events Center entrance from 4:00 p.m. Thursday August 31, 2017 to 11:00 p.m. Sunday September 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUCK PARKING / BELL STREET BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND HARMONY ROAD

Mayor Putnam said the City received complaints from a property owner on Bell Street, between Bridge and Harmony streets, regarding the parking of a delivery truck and a tractor/trailer rig. Putnam said the street is narrow and the truck parking makes it very congested. City Attorney Maher said the City has an ordinance that prohibits the parking of a vehicle, trailer or vehicle and trailer having an overall length of more than twenty-four feet at any time on any public street, except immediately in front of the property of the owner or driver thereof while goods or passengers are being loaded or discharged. Chief Silva said the Police Department has been enforcing the trailer ordinance when complaints are received and the situation represents a traffic hazard. Maher noted if "No Truck Parking" signs are placed in an area, the prohibition applies only to vehicles with an overall length of twenty-one feet or more. Putnam said the City should try to more strictly enforce the existing parking ordinance before posting signs. Chief Silva will have his department enforce the ordinance and report back to the City Manager. No action was taken.

QUILICI DOG PERMIT DENIAL APPEAL

Kandeane Quilici appeared to appeal the denial of the request for a permit to keep more than three (3) dogs at 1855 Bridge Street. Mayor Putnam asked how many dogs were at that location at any given time. Quilici stated she owns five dogs and does occasional dog sitting of two or three others. Councilman Brooks asked if Quilici had complaints filed against her in the past for the dogs barking. Quilici stated she has had four complaints in the last two and a half years (five complaints by the Police Department count). The complaints all stem from the same neighbor but he has always refused to sign a (formal criminal citation) complaint. Quilici stated

the complaints have always been reported the day after the event and one complaint was made four days later. Quilici stated that she has ongoing problems involving this neighbor and that his actions seem to be a vendetta against the Quilicis. Quilici's dogs range in age from two and a half years old to ten years old. All the dogs are spayed or neutered and all are current on their shots. Quilici has never been cited for a dog at large. Quilici stated that since the denial of the permit request, they have installed privacy fencing between their property and the complaining neighbor's property. They have also placed camouflage netting on the gate facing Bridge Street to obscure the dogs' view of anyone walking by and causing the dogs to bark. Putnam said the City has an ordinance which addresses keeping more than three dogs in any area zoned for residential purposes in the City unless the owner obtains a permit. Quilici said she was unaware of the permit requirement until Animal Control Officer Bravo informed her in September at which time she started the permit process. Animal Control Officer Bravo commented that a condition of the permitting process is to visit the property. Bravo said the Quilici property was found to be clean and the dogs well taken care of. Deputy Chief Dalley stated once the Police Department receives a complaint, they have to investigate. When the Quilici was investigated, it was discovered there were over three dogs at the property and they were not in compliance with the ordinance. Dalley said the quality of care is not in question; it may be setting a precedent by allowing the keeping of so many dogs on a small City lot in a residential area. Bravo stated she visited with other neighbors and they all stated they had no problems with the Quilici dogs. Quilici stated she has no plans on replacing her animals as they pass and at that time she will not have more than three dogs. Quilici asked the Council to not make her choose to surrender two of her dogs. Darrel Quilici stated the dogs only bark if somebody is outside and he hopes the Council sees that they are doing everything they can to assure they will be quiet. City Attorney Maher stated the Council can issue a permit with conditions. If the owner fails to comply with the conditions, then they would be subject to having the permit revoked. Councilman Owens moved to approve the permit to allow Quilici to keep more than three dogs at the 1855 Bridge Street residence with the following conditions: 1) the five dogs currently owned and kept at the residence may continue until the dogs pass away and the number is reduced to three or less, 2) occasional dog sitting services can be provided to only the three persons whom are currently receiving such services, and 3) the license will be revoked upon violating the conditions of the license or receipt of a confirmed or verified complaint involving the dogs, and the finding of the Winnemucca Police Department regarding the complaint is conclusive and not subject to appeal or review. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION / AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF CITY SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2017A

Mayor Putnam stated this is the introduction and public hearing for the ordinance to authorize the issuance by the City of Winnemucca of the Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2017A in the principal amount of \$9,165,000. This is the first of two sewer revenue bonds which will be required for the wastewater treatment plant project. Putnam called for public comment. There was no public comment.

City Attorney Maher explained that certain bond ordinances can be introduced and adopted at the same meeting as though an emergency exists (even though there is no emergency) which streamlines the ordinance process. The sewer revenue bond will be purchased by the USDA; the bond purchase is already authorized per the Letter of Conditions issued by the USDA to the City for the wastewater treatment plant project. The City will sell the bonds at an interest rate not to exceed 2.25%. If the interest rate goes lower before the bond is sold, then the City will have the lower rate, but the interest rate is capped at 2.25% if the rate goes up. The bond proceeds will reimburse the City for monies already spent from non-sewer fund City sources. Councilman Brooks moved to adopt the ordinance to authorize the issuance of City Sewer

Revenue Bond, Series 2017A, in the principal amount of \$9,165,000 to pay the cost of financing the sewer project and authorize the sale of the bonds at an interest rate of 2.25% or less to the USDA. Motion carried unanimously.

FAA GRANT APPLICATION / TAXIWAY OVERLAY PROJECT

Mayor Putnam said a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant application for a pavement overlay on the two primary Airport taxiways is proposed. The total amount of the project is \$1,965,113 of which the FAA covers 93.75% (or \$1,842,293) leaving a local match in the amount of \$122,820 (which is typically split equally with the County). Councilman Owens moved to authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the FAA grant application and approve the local matching funds in the sum of \$122,820 per staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported that staff is currently working on the FY 17-18 budget and he will be meeting with the department heads soon. West said he should have a good idea of the projected ending fund balances by the end of next week. A budget workshop is set for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The construction on the sewer treatment plant is on schedule. The concrete for one of the decks on the bioreactor will be poured this week. West reported that Police Chief Silva and Public Works Supervisor Sutton are attending morning flood briefings. An increase in the river elevation is expected on Thursday, possibly as much as another two feet, which will not require the closure of Reinhart Lane.

Councilman Owens attended the February Airport Board meeting, the RTC meeting this morning, the suicide awareness round table, the meeting with Senator Amodei and the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Councilman Mavity will meet with Brett Worsham from the Community Garden to discuss plans for an Arbor Day celebration. Mavity will be at Grass Valley Elementary School next week to give a City centennial presentation to a first grade class.

Councilman Mendiola attended the Humboldt Development Authority meeting. Pam Borda and Jan Morrison, NNRDA representatives, attended the meeting and gave a good overview of how their organization will work with HDA.

Councilman Brooks attended NNRC and said they would like to be a part of the community clean up day. Brooks attended the Frontier Coalition meeting.

Chief Silva reports the three cadets at P.O.S.T. are doing very well; there will be a two day suicide summit held March 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Convention Center.

Mayor Putnam reported she, City Clerk Haaglund and City Manager West attended a meeting with CDBG representatives and the Senior Center Board members to discuss how the Senior Campus came to be. Putnam attended a Debt Management Committee meeting, the HGH meet and greet for the two CEO candidates, Sherrie Tibbals' (WCVA and Ag District No. 3 20 plus year employee) retirement party and Putnam did a presentation of "What A Mayor Is" to a third grade class.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: March 7, 2017

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES:	Councilmen	<u>Owens, Mavity, Mendiola, Brooks</u>
NAYS:	Councilmen	_____
NOT VOTING:	Councilman	<u>Billingsley</u>
ABSENT:	Councilman	_____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk