

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. 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 21, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining as he was absent from the meeting.

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.

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 Mavity 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 / WINNEMUCCA BASQUE CLUB

Paige Brooks, representing the Winnemucca Basque Club, requested approval to use various City streets between Haskell and Highland, the same route used last year, on Saturday June 10, 2017 for the fifth annual 5K run. The police department has been notified of the date and time of the run. Councilman Mendiola moved to approve the request made by the Winnemucca Basque Club to hold the fifth annual Race to the Winnemucca Basque 5K on Saturday June 10, 2017. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Brooks abstaining as she is a member of the Basque Club.

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FEE WAIVER REQUEST / HUMBOLDT MUSEUM PERGOLA PROJECT

Dana Toth, Director of the Humboldt County Museum, requested that the building permit fees, estimated at \$937, for the construction of a pergola be waived by the City. Mayor Putnam commented that the museum is a wonderful part of the community and is a partner with the City in helping with the centennial celebration. Toth stated that the pergola is going to be located on the berm behind the rear parking lot. There will be six interpretative signs above the Humboldt River corridor which will include Native Americans, early pioneers, information on the construction of I-80 and the railroad. There will be a couple of picnic tables for visitor use. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the waiver of the building permit fee for the construction of a pergola at the Humboldt County Museum. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager West thanked Toth for the countless hours she has spent researching the City history and putting the historical summaries together for the City centennial celebration.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT / ICON FOUNDATION

City Attorney Maher provided a draft of an agreement with ICON Foundation which will facilitate the City providing funds from the Nixon Hall fire loss proceeds for the ICON Foundation auditorium building project. Maher asked the Council to consider what part the City will have responsibility for and what part ICON will have responsibility for and then provide their comments to him or the City Manager. Thereafter, the appropriate revisions will be made prior to formal consideration of the agreement. Mayor Putnam said she believes the draft agreement covers all the essential topics. Putnam advised that she had tried to contact Pat Gray to determine the status of the ICON project bonding, but Gray was out of town. Maher said he understands the bonding is not yet in place, which is obviously a critical step for the project. If the bonding doesn't happen, the City is entitled to a refund of any monies donated. Maher also stated he is not sure if the bonding requirements will allow a graduated schedule for the City payments to ICON. City Manager West said it is the thought, since there is in excess of \$10M allocated to operating costs, that the City money could be the last money spent. West questioned why the draft language included a requirement to meet the City development standards when the project location is outside the City limits. Maher said the City standards could be included in the agreement, which is something the Council may want to discuss. This agenda item was informational only. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported that the sewer project is on schedule with an anticipated start-up date in September. Staff is working on the FY 17/18 budget in preparation for the March 14 budget workshop. The plans are near completion on the First Street water-sewer project and West is hopeful the project will be out to bid in the near future.

Councilman Owens attended the Ranch Hand Rodeo and said the event was well attended. Owens commented the Humboldt River flooding has been hard to anticipate and the City crews are doing an incredible job. Owens reminded that the Airport open house and fly-in will be held Sunday March 12 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Councilman Mavity met with Brett Worsham, the new Community Garden chairman, and said he had lots of questions and lots of goals. Worsham is committed to an Arbor Day event which is needed in order for the City to continue its status as a Tree USA City. Mavity did a classroom presentation on the Winnemucca centennial and is scheduled for two more classroom presentations.

Councilman Mendiola participated in the NNRDA conference call last Monday. The NNRDA discussed their disassociation with the Small Business Development Centers and the functions

NNRDA will take over from the SBDC. Mendiola attended the Paradise Valley Sonoma Conservation District meeting.

Councilman Billingsley said the WCVA is putting on a two day archery shoot at the Events Center. Billingsley attended the Winnemucca Wheels meeting and also spoke with the Koyote Kruisers about their plans to make the event more interesting. There was good feedback about the car show and members of the Koyote Kruisers agreed to be involved. Billingsley reported he flew his drone camera over the river floodplain looking for underwater manhole covers for the City. City Manager West commented that when the river is at flood stage, the flows at the sewer plant still increase despite attempts to eliminate the inflow. Staff continues to research the source of the inflow problems and is hopeful that the planned First Street sewer project and floodplain manhole sealing projects will finally fix the problem.

Councilman Brooks noted the NNRC will meet Tuesday. Brooks reminded that the St. Patrick's Day Fair will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday March 11 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Mayor Putnam advised there will be a suicide round table held March 22-23 beginning at 9:00 am. Putnam attended Mayor's Day at the Legislature in Carson City and participated in a Mayor's teleconference to discuss pending legislative bills. Putnam commended the Public Works Department on their outstanding job during the recent flooding. Putnam also thanked the Chief of Police on an excellent job putting information on the Police Department Facebook page and keeping people aware of the flooding situation and continually updating the public of what was going on and that the City was on top of it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: March 21, 2017

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk