

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

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, 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:**

Lewis Trout, representing Humboldt County Senior Center and Friends of Winnemucca Airport, commended the Public Works Department for their support of the Airport open house. Tom Heikkila and Wil Nusser were exemplary, courteous, professional and extremely helpful.

Leann Barta extended an invitation to attend an art exhibit by the Sonoma Heights third graders. A reception will be held at the Humboldt County Library from 6-8 p.m. tonight for the art show which will be on display at the library until April 14, 2017.

**MINUTES:**

The March 7, 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 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.

**SPORTS COMPLEX USE REQUEST / BADGER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Michael Formby, Badger Baseball League representative, requested the use of the Sports Complex for the annual Mother's Day Baseball Tournament on Friday-Saturday-Sunday May 12, 13 and 14, 2017. Formby said they will use the lights on Friday night and maybe on

Saturday. The league takes care of the trash, field prep and chalking. Formby commented that 27 teams participated in the tournament last year and they are hoping for 27-30 teams this year. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the request by the Badger Baseball League to use the Sports Complex and waive the fees for the annual Mother's Day Baseball Tournament on May 12, 13 and 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CITY STREETS-VESCO PARK USE REQUEST / "COLOR THE MUCC" EVENT / CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Debbie Stone, Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce, and Stephanie Johnson, Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, requested the use of various City streets and Vesco Park for the "Color The Mucc" running event on Saturday April 22, 2017. The event will be in conjunction with Earth Day and begin at 10 a.m. at the Community Garden. Stone said the route is the same as last year and there will be 5-7 color stations along the route. The race ends at Vesco City Park. Johnson said that the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services will be hosting their "Party in the Park" and will be using cones to close off the parking lot. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the request to use various City streets and Vesco City Park, including closing off the parking lot, on Saturday April 22, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the "Color The Mucc" running event. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY DETERMINATION / DONATION AUTHORIZATION / UNCLAIMED BICYCLES / POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Silva said the department has accumulated unclaimed bicycles which have been held for many years; they have no significant value and it's time to do something with them. Most of the bicycles are small children bikes and no one has made an attempt to claim them. Harold Gudmundsen, Winnemucca Regional Raceway Association representative, explained that the raceway is trying some new ideas to increase attendance with families. They want to hold an event to invite children out, supply them with a bike and helmet and let them ride around the track. At the conclusion of the event, the bikes will be given to any child that doesn't have a bicycle of their own. Gudmundsen commented that Wal-Mart will donate inner tubes, tires, and seats; whatever it takes to fix the bikes. It's a way to give back to the community and supply bikes to those who don't have one. Councilman Mendiola moved to find that the unclaimed bicycles held by the Winnemucca Police Department have no further public use and to donate the bicycles to the Winnemucca Regional Raceway Association. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT / NIXON HALL RESERVE FUNDS / ICON**

City Attorney Maher asked if the Council had any comments or changes that need to be made to the draft development agreement with ICON International Foundation. Maher commented that he and City Manager West suggest including information on the source of the Nixon Funds. Mayor Putnam said that is a good idea so that the public understands where the money is from and that they were donated dollars to begin with. Joyce Sheen asked if the Council still felt confident in donating this money since the ICON Foundation bonding turned out to be way less than what they requested and the project scope will have to be reduced. Putnam said the Nixon Fund money donation is based on the construction of the auditorium, so it will depend on the Foundation plans. City Manager West said the agreement will have specific requirements in order for the ICON Foundation to receive the money, (i.e., the release of the funds will be tied to the actual construction progress of the auditorium). Maher stated that he was informed all the proposed funding had to be in place before construction starts which may not allow for a structured release of the funds, so the City may need to know more about the Foundation's plans in order to complete the agreement. West recommended that the reference to the City

development standards be removed from the draft agreement. West said he felt this is more of a County campus facility and that City development standards may not be appropriate on the road leading into the facility. This agenda item was informational only. No action was taken.

### **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager West reported that the sewer project is proceeding well with the anticipated start up in September. The design work and bid documents have been completed by staff for the First Street water-sewer project. Bids will open on April 11. The tentative budget sheets are near completion and the City Treasurer is working on the budget submittal to the State.

Councilman Owens attended the archery shoot at the Event Center and the fly-in at the Airport and said both events were well attended. Owens attended a RTC meeting and the suicide prevention preparation training last week.

Councilman Mavity did centennial presentations this morning for a third grade class at Grass Valley Elementary and for the ESL class at Great Basin Community College.

Councilman Mendiola attended the HDA meeting.

Councilman Billingsley said the archery tournament was a success with over 100 shooters participating. The WCVA is getting ready for the horseshoe tournament in August. Billingsley reported the Winners Inn is working on bringing in quality entertainment for Run A Mucca.

Councilman Brooks attended the archery shoot. There will be a ribbon cutting at the hospital this Thursday for the new mother and baby unit.

Chief Silva reported the dirt work for the dog park behind the Animal Control Shelter has been started. Jennifer Hood has been sworn in as Police Counselor and will help in dealing with mental health issues. Silva reported that the Humboldt River is expected to reach and maintain a moderate flood stage for an extended time.

Mayor Putnam attended the Health Fair on March 17. Putnam commended the police and fire departments for being at all the public events. Putnam attended Shooting the West and said it was very successful. Putnam attended the fire department meeting last week and distributed Centennial Coins to the department members.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** April 18, 2017

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Di An Putnam  
Mayor

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Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk