

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in a special joint meeting with the Humboldt County Commission on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Humboldt County Courthouse meeting room at 25 West Fifth Street. City Officials present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. City Official absent: Councilman Mike Owens. City Staff present: Assistant City Engineer Alicia Heiser, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund. County Officials present: Commission Chairman Mike Bell, Commissioners Marlene Brissenden, Ron Cerri, Jim French and Ken Tipton. County Staff present: County Manager Dave Mendiola, County Clerk Tami Spero and District Attorney Mike Macdonald.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Putnam called the City Council portion of the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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 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.

COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM UPDATE

Christina Kenison, Winnemucca Animal Rescue Director, said the community cat program is interested in using the building offered to them by the City. The building is in need of some repairs and modifications to meet the needs of the organization. Kenison said they are in the beginning stages of a proposal detailing the needed repairs and the associated costs for the proposed building but they do not have a preliminary budget. Kenison said she has not received a requested estimate from the contractor, Big G Construction. Kenison said the plumbing and electrical in the building will need to be replaced and the contractor will need to consult with a plumber for an accurate estimate. Mayor Putnam said the budget figures are needed. Putnam asked Kenison what their organization anticipated receiving from the City and County. Kenison said \$15,000 from each entity for the first year. Putnam commented that the cat program is needed in the City and County but that it will be a matter of time before there will be a reduction in the cat population. Commissioner Cerri said he doesn't believe there is a problem in the County. Kenison said there is a problem with the dumping of cats in the County. Putnam reiterated there is a problem in the City and the County surrounding the City. The cost of the building remodel must be known before a decision is made. Putnam commented that since it is a City building, the building upgrades will more than likely be borne by the City. Commissioner Tipton said he did not see how the program is planned to be sustainable after the first two

years. Tipton said the effort should focus on the people responsible for breeding or dumping of cats. Kenison said this is a learning experience; it is unknown what the costs will be until the program is operating. Kenison remarked that a program such as this can take up to four years to see the cat population numbers come down. The program has five to ten volunteers now; they are operating with about \$200 per month. Wal-Mart donates cat food and kitty litter and they receive some contributions from the community. Councilman Billingsley asked if Kenison had tried to get grants. Kenison said no because in order to apply for a grant they need a building. Putnam said the first step is securing a building; it must be determined if the City building is compatible for the program and what it will take for the repairs and modifications. Nothing can be done until there is an estimate of the amount it will take for repairs and modifications. Putnam postponed action on this item pending receipt of additional information.

FORT MCDERMITT SOLID WASTE RESOLUTION (JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02)

Louis Bernasconi from the U.S. Public Health Service stated the City-County Joint Resolution No. 2016-02 (which authorized waste from the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation to be deposited at the Humboldt County Regional Landfill) is only in effect until December 31, 2017 and can be extended for one year upon agreement of the County Commission and the City Council. Bernasconi said there are currently two community dumpster locations in the tribal community. These are hauled and disposed of at the Landfill. The McDermitt Indian tribe is current with their fees to both the private hauler and the County. Bernasconi is asking that the current authorization be extended for a year or extended indefinitely; if there is ever an issue in the future, the resolution could be re-addressed. City Attorney Maher said the City Council and County Commission could agree to continue the current resolution after December 31, 2017 and then come back with a tangible proposal for everyone to agree on. Councilman Brooks moved to continue the current Joint Resolution No. 2016-02 allowing the acceptance of municipal solid waste from Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation at the Humboldt County Landfill until a proposal with changes provided by legal counsel is submitted and agreed upon by all parties involved. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Tipton made the same motion for the County. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR CLEAR ZONE ACQUISITION AT WINNEMUCCA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Assistant City Engineer Heiser explained that the owner of the two properties in the Winnemucca Municipal Airport clear zone is willing to sell the two parcels at fair market value with the stipulation that a third parcel which is not located in the clear zone also be purchased. Heiser said it is likely there will be reimbursement through a future grant for the two parcels in the clear zone. The cost of the third parcel, which will likely not be reimbursed, has a market value of about \$5,000. Councilman Billingsley moved to continue the process for acquiring grant funding approval through the FAA for the purchase of the two properties in the Winnemucca Municipal Airport clear zone. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brissenden made the same motion for the County. Motion carried unanimously.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Gini Cunningham, Age-Friendly and Dementia-Friendly Winnemucca/Humboldt County Project Coordinator, commented that the City and County are very involved in the Winnemucca Age Friendly City and are already part of the movement. Cunningham said her organization's goal is to become designated as an age friendly community and a dementia friendly community. Winnemucca and Henderson are the only two cities in the State of Nevada that are designated

