

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2019**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks; and, City Attorney Kent Maher, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:

Matt McCarty, Great Basin College (GBC) Foundation, advised the GBC Health Sciences Technology building fund reached the required seven million dollar mark with contributions from the William N. Pennington Foundation, Barrick, Newmont and Humboldt General Hospital. Ground breaking on the project will be next year.

MINUTES:

The March 5, 2019 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The payments for warrants and expense reports were reviewed and Council member Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION-AWARDS:

Roger Sutton, Public Works Supervisor, received the Recognition of Excellence 2019 Manager of the Year for water/sewer systems and a certificate of commendation from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto. Mayor Stone thanked Sutton for his hard work and valuable experience in training City staff.

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 Council member 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.

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTEES

Mayor Stone appointed as members to the Historic Resources Commission: Dana Toth and Jane Studebaker with terms expiring July 1, 2019; and, Charlie Engstrom, Kona Jensen and Jenna Adams with terms expiring July 1, 2020. Council member Brooks moved to confirm the Mayor appointments to the Historic Resources Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stone administered the Oath of Office to the appointees who were present.

REQUEST TO USE AIRPORT PROPERTY / FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING / BLM

Derek Messmer, BLM Hazardous Program Manager, requested use of the Airport property to conduct a wildland fire investigation class on April 22-23, 2019, which is a national fire investigation training class with participants from all levels of government and class openings for local participants. There will be several plots set on fire and class participants will investigate and determine origin cause. The Winnemucca Rural Fire Department will ignite the fires and BLM will assist. Council member Owens moved to approve the use of Airport property for a wildland fire investigation class on April 22-23, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL POWER SERVICE / CASHMAN EQUIPMENT

City Manager Heiser said Gamma Electric, representing Cashman Equipment, requested to install an overhead electrical service for a new building at the Cashman Equipment property located at 3050 West Railroad Street. The City ordinance mandates that all utilities must be installed underground except in unusual situations involving short extensions of overhead systems on abutting properties with prior approval by formal action of the City Council. Heiser commented it is less expensive for Cashman to cross Railroad Street with an overhead line extending from the existing overhead lines on West Railroad Street. Council member Mendiola moved to approve the request from Cashman Equipment to allow overhead electrical power service to a new building at 3050 Railroad Street. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROPOSALS / A & H INSURANCE

City Manager Heiser reported the employee benefits committee met and recommended acceptance of the health insurance rate decrease offered by Hometown Health, and that the City pursue a self-funded approach for dental and vision insurance. Life insurance will remain the same with options from Kansas City Life and New York Life. Council member Owens moved to accept the Hometown Health renewal and premium decrease and to move forward with consideration of self-funding for dental and vision insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROPOSALS-CONTRACT AWARD / PIONEER PARK-RECREATION COMPLEX

City Manager Heiser said she, Mayor Stone and Council member Mavity compared the renditions and three pricing proposals to provide playground equipment at Pioneer Park and the Recreation Complex. The proposals from Flex Ground were over budget and over the prevailing wage limit at \$290,000 to \$580,000. Exerplay and Great Western Recreation were very competitive with prices from \$202,000 to \$224,000. Heiser recommends Exerplay Option 1 at \$224,363 for both Pioneer Park and the Recreation Complex. The budget is \$240,000 and \$11,000 has already been spent to remove old equipment and install concrete. Council member Brooks moved to approve the Exerplay Option 1 proposal of \$224,363 to provide and install Pioneer Park and Recreation Complex playground equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / RUN-A-MUCCA

Darrel Field for the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Run-A-Mucca event on Memorial Day weekend. There is no change in the requested street closures from last year. Council member Owens moved to approve the request for temporary street closures for the Run-A-Mucca celebration as follows: Lay Street from Winnemucca Boulevard to the Wells Fargo entrance on Fourth Street from 8:00

a.m. Thursday May 23, 2019 to 5:00 p.m. Monday May 27, 2019; Fourth Street from Aiken Street to Lay Street (including the two intersections) from 5:00 a.m. Friday May 24, 2019 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday May 26, 2019; and, Aiken Street from Fourth Street south side to the curb cut from 5:00 a.m. Friday May 24, 2019 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday May 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / WINNEMUCCA WHEELS

Darrel Field for Winnemucca Wheels requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Winnemucca Wheels event on Saturday July 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Council member Mavity moved to approve the request for temporary street closures for the Winnemucca Wheels event as follows: Winnemucca Boulevard from the east side of the Melarkey Street intersection to the west side of the Baud Street intersection on Saturday July 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Bridge Street from the intersection with Fourth Street through the intersection with Second Street on Saturday July 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Second Street from the east side of the Melarkey Street intersection through the Bridge Street intersection on Saturday July 20, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and, Lay Street from the Fourth Street intersection to Winnemucca Boulevard on Friday July 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / SILVER STATE INTERNATIONAL RODEO

Darrel Field for Ag District No. 3 requested a temporary street closure to accommodate the annual Silver State International Rodeo event. Council member Owens moved to approve the request for the temporary street closure for the Silver State International Rodeo event as follows: Fairgrounds Road from the RV Park entrance to the Indoor Event Center entrance from 8:00 a.m. Sunday June 30, 2019 through 8:00 p.m. Sunday July 7, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / TRI-COUNTY FAIR AND STAMPEDE

Darrel Field for Ag District No. 3 requested temporary street closures to accommodate the annual Tri-County Fair and Stampede event. Council member Brooks moved to approve the request for temporary street closures for the Tri-County Fair and Stampede as follows: Winnemucca Boulevard from the West Winnemucca Boulevard intersection with Fourth Street to the East Winnemucca Boulevard intersection from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday August 31, 2019 for the annual Labor Day Parade; and, Fairgrounds Road from the RV Park entrance to the Indoor Event Center entrance from 4:00 p.m. Thursday August 29 until 11:00 p.m. Sunday September 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER WILL-SERVE REQUEST / WESTERN VILLAGE SUBDIVISION

Alan Means representing Western Village subdivision requested a water will-serve for all phases of the proposed Western Village Subdivision which is anticipated to build over a ten-year period. Mayor Stone said the request was considered at the last Council meeting, but the City was hesitant to approve the request because the system as it now exists does not have the ability to serve existing services and the requested services. The meeting on the tentative budget was scheduled and it was hoped that a decision on funding the proposed Well 8 would have been made which would have allowed the City to consider the request in light of the new well which will provide additional water for the system, but that meeting was vacated and rescheduled for next month. City Attorney Maher commented the City doesn't presently have

sufficient water available to serve the entire subdivision and all other existing users. The City can currently accommodate only the first three planned subdivision phases. City Manager Heiser said there may be enough water operationally to serve the users, but it will put a big strain on Well 7. If Well 7 went offline, the subdivision would be without water a minimum of 24 hours. If Well 8 is approved there will be adequate capacity, but it is uncertain when Well 8 will be completed. There are not enough funds to put a new well into service; there will have to be discussion about raising rates to generate enough capital for Well 8. The second test well will be drilled this year to determine if there is water available in that location or if another location is necessary. If the test well is good, it will take about two years with raised rates to produce the capital for well 8. Council member Owens moved to approve the water will-serve request for the first three phases of the proposed Western Village subdivision. Motion carried with Council members Owens, Mavity, Mendiola and Billingsley voting aye and Council member Brooks voting nay.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

There was no report.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: McGinley and Associates is working on the plan of development for the Railroad Springs pipeline project and will submit it to the BLM once it is complete; Heiser will be working on the temporary easement for the Well 8 test well; survey work and geotechnical testing has started for the Airport heavy aircraft apron expansion and reconstruction project with bid opening expected on June 27, 2019 and construction to begin after July 1, 2019; there is no word yet whether the City will be granted any of the discretionary airport funding; and, the alley sewer upgrade project and the Second Street storm drain project are on hold due to the weather.

Council member Owens attended the RTC meeting.

Council member Mavity announced that Brett Worsham resigned from the Community Garden board.

Council member Mendiola reported on the Humboldt Foundation and Paradise Sonoma Conservation District meetings.

Council member Billingsley reported that room tax revenue is up, and another wrestling tournament is scheduled for this weekend.

Council member Brooks attended a Main Street video viewing sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Police Captain Coats commented that: Dan Klassen was promoted to sergeant; one officer is currently attending the POST academy; and, another officer candidate is in background check and, if everything is good, will start at the POST academy on July 22, 2019.

Mayor Stone reported on the meeting he had with Congressman Mark Amodei and the Age and Dementia Friendly of Winnemucca meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: April 9, 2019

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Owens, Mavity, Mendiola, Billingsley, Brooks
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk