

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Vince Mendiola, and Jim Billingsley; and, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund. Absent: Council members Theresa Mavity and Paige Brooks.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Dave Roden and Lisa Campbell, Great Basin College representatives, reported that Great Basin College will be hosting a Great Basin College Gala on November 16, 2019 with dinner, live music, a raffle and an auction. All proceeds will used for the Winnemucca campus programs.

MINUTES:

The October 8, 2019 City Council minutes were reviewed and Council member Mendiola moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The payments for warrants and expense reports were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting on Jim Dandy Productions warrants as he is the owner of the business.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stone presented a proclamation declaring November 1, 2019 "Extra Mile Day."

Mayor Stone presented a 30-year service award to Andy Murdock for 25 years as a police officer and 5 years as a reserve officer with the Winnemucca Police Department.

Mayor Stone presented a 25-year service award to Matt Morgan as a police officer and detective with Winnemucca Police Department.

Mayor Stone presented a 10-year service award to Cody Elms, who is currently a Parks/Golf Foreman.

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 Owens 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.

VARIANCE REQUEST / VW-19-07 / INCREASE ALLOWED FENCE HEIGHT / WARDELL

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, presented a variance application submitted by property owner Jennifer Wardell to increase the allowed fence height on the north side of her property from six (6) feet to eight (8) feet to allow construction of a two (2) feet in height wood landscape wall with a six (6) feet in height privacy fence at 457 Ida Avenue. The properties in the area are tiered which results in each property being higher in elevation than the adjoining on one side. No written comments were received as of October 15, 2019. Sam Duggan, City Building Inspector, noted a building permit is required by the International Building Code to construct a fence more than six (6) feet in height. Lawrence commented that Duggan received an inquiry from a concerned neighbor and he explained the fence height will be only six (6) feet from the ground level of the neighbor's property.

Mayor Stone called for public comment. Resident Koralee Bernardo who lives at 471 Ida Avenue to the north of 457 Ida questioned if the proposed fence will be higher than six (6) feet from her property grade, her primary concern being that it may impact her view of the Sonoma Range. Bernardo said she was assured by City Building Inspector Duggan that the fence as constructed would be no higher than six (6) feet from the grade of her property.

Council member Mendiola moved to approve, based on staff findings and recommendations, the variance request to increase the allowed fence height on the north side of the property at 457 Ida Avenue from six (6) feet to eight (8) feet. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRIBUTION REQUEST / LOWRY HIGH SCHOOL SOBER GRADUATION PARTY

JoAnn Casalez, representative for the Sober Graduation Party Committee, requested a \$2,500 donation to help defer costs of the drug free graduation party which provides a safe environment for celebrating the evening of graduation. Casalez commented that with 266 graduating seniors, the committee is anticipating more than 300 students at the event. Council member Billingsley moved to approve the request for a \$2,500 donation to the 2020 Lowry High School Sober Graduation Party. Motion carried unanimously.

FACILITY USE-FEE WAIVER REQUEST / VETERAN'S DAY CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Patricia Setzer, Lions Club representative, requested a waiver of the facility use fees for the third annual Veteran's Day softball tournament to be held on November 9-10, 2019. Setzer commented the tournament had six teams participate last year and their goal is for the tournament to grow. Setzer said they have teams from Reno and Elko that participate. They discussed the use of the fields with Chad Peters and it is agreed tournament participants will do the field prep. Proceeds will benefit local Veterans. Council member Owens moved to approve the request from the Winnemucca Lion's Club to hold the annual Veteran's Day Co-Ed Softball Tournament on November 9-10, 2019 at the Sports Complex and to waive the facility use fees. Motion carried unanimously.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported the request for proposals (RFP) to solicit professional consulting services is complete and has been submitted to City Attorney Maher for review. Heiser commented that if anyone has any comments regarding the scope of work, now is the time to

have those included in the RFP. Heiser said there are currently five consultants that are interested in receiving the RFP.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS:

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) the BLM scheduled the Railroad Spring project Interdisciplinary Design Team meeting for October 16, 2019 and there is no report yet on the results of that meeting; (ii) the NDEP permit applications have been resubmitted for approval and are in review; (iii) there are no updates on the Airport property acquisition project; (iv) the Airport heavy aircraft apron expansion and reconstruction project is near completion; (v) Hunewill Construction should soon be starting on both the Second Street storm drain project and the Alleys sewer project; (vi) the Potato Road-Fountain Way-Railroad Street mill and overlay project will be started after the Second Street storm drain project is complete and is dependent on winter weather; (vii) the Kluncy Canyon chip seal project will be a spring or summer project; and, (viii) the curb and gutter project will also be a spring or summer project.

Council member Owens reported on the October Airport Board and RTC meetings.

Council member Mendiola commented on the Pershing County Water Conservation District hearing that he and City Attorney Maher attended. Mendiola reported on the selection of the Assistant Public Works Supervisor. All candidates interviewed were from current Public Works Department employees. Ken Howard was selected and will be promoted to the Assistant Public Works Supervisor position. Fernando Vega was promoted to Water Leadman.

Council member Billingsley commented that the WCVA decided not to fund the Winnemucca Wheels event in 2020.

City Attorney Maher reported on the Pershing County Water Conservation District-State Engineer writ petition hearing held yesterday dealing with Humboldt River Basin groundwater rights. The State Engineer and some other large quantity groundwater users argued that all affected users should receive notice of and opportunity to participate in the proceedings because their water rights may be adversely impacted by the decisions of the court. Maher commented that the court determined every affected groundwater rights holder on the system has a right to notice of the proceedings and opportunity to be heard. The City, as a groundwater rights permittee in the Humboldt River Basin, should receive notice of the proposed scheduling and various stages of proceedings and will have the opportunity to participate in the legal proceedings if it so chooses.

Mayor Stone reported on the Humboldt Foundation meeting and a meeting with the Humboldt County School District. The Mainstreet meeting was well attended; they are close to securing their nonprofit status. There will be a mixer Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Humboldt County Museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: November 5, 2019

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk