

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present (at the meeting room): Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks; and, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser, City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund and City Attorney Kent Maher.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Paul Schlehr, American Legion Post No. 5 Adjutant, reported that members of the American Legion Post No. 5, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 12116, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 744 plan on placing flags for the observance of Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Winnemucca Cemetery and Veterans Park. Mayor Stone commented that their hard work is appreciated in placing the flags and celebrating flag day.

MINUTES:

The May 19, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Mendiola moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

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

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

There were no proclamations, awards, or presentations.

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.

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LIABILITY-WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL PROPOSALS / NEVADA PUBLIC AGENCY INSURANCE POOL (POOL)--PUBLIC AGENCY COMPENSATION TRUST (PACT) / A&H INSURANCE--POOL-PACT

Marianne Dente and Scott Rottman, representing A & H Insurance, and Alan Kalt, representing POOL-PACT, presented the fiscal year 2020-2021 policy renewal proposals for the liability insurance program and the workers compensation insurance program. Dente commented that there have not been a lot of changes from last year and reviewed the policy coverages. The total cost for the program is \$209,495. Property values are up 4.87%, the auto fleet count is up 25.76%, police officers are up 3.45%, total employees are up 5.8% and payroll has increased by 5.83%. The total premium-cost increase is up 12.7% over the current year. Alan Kalt reviewed the services POOL-PACT provides its members, which include HR support, E-Learning programs, cyber security, computer assessment and the EAP program. City Manager Heiser commented that the premium is slightly higher than what was budgeted. The premium is split between the general fund, sewer fund and water fund. Council member Brooks moved to accept the policies and premiums as presented and to authorize payment from the FY 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BUCKHEAD ASSET MANAGEMENT CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT SERVICES ASSIGNMENT / WELLS FARGO BANK-PRINCIPAL BANK

City Manager Heiser explained the Principal Financial Group ("Principal Bank") acquired Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") Institution Retirement and Trust division, which has been the custodian for the City funds invested with Buckhead Asset Management. Due to the acquisition, Wells Fargo requested consent to assign the Custodial Agreement to Principal Bank. Heiser said that no assets will be transferred to Principal Bank until the assignment agreement has been approved. Council member Owens moved to approve the custodial assignment agreement to Principal Bank as presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

FAA GRANT AGREEMENT / CARES ACT

City Manager Heiser explained that airports throughout the country will receive allotted money as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act according to designated airport "tiers." The Winnemucca Municipal Airport will receive \$30,000. The grant offers three options for spending the money. Armstrong Consultants and the Airport Board recommend Option 1 which allows use of the grant funds for routine operations and maintenance. The period of performance is four years. Council member Owens moved to approve the FAA grant as presented by staff for \$30,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant documents. Motion carried unanimously.

MORMON CRICKET TREATMENT PROGRAM

City Manager Heiser said the City-County Mormon cricket ground baiting program original treatment appears to have been very effective but that another treatment may be necessary in the coming weeks and, hopefully, the State will start their treatment program. The County approved an additional \$5,000 for another treatment. Staff is requesting a similar contribution by the City. According to the agreement with BLM, the City-County can only treat BLM administered lands in the same area twice per year. Timing is important because once an area is retreated, it cannot be treated for the rest of the year. Previously treated private land can be

treated multiple times if necessary. Council member Mendiola moved to approve an additional \$5,000 for the Mormon cricket abatement program. Motion carried unanimously.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY EVENT

City Manager Heiser said with the cancellation of the Lion's Club Fourth of July celebration, the Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department requests a change of venue for the fireworks display. Jonathan Cipra, Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department, stated the fire department prefers to set off the fireworks from the Golf Course. Cipra said the Golf Course provides more safety for the lighting of the fireworks than at the recreation complex. There is dry brush around the venue. BLM, NDF and Rural Fire provided fire protection support last year. Cipra commented it is difficult to keep people out of the area for the amount of time that the set up for the Fourth of July fireworks takes, and it is hard to keep the area secured. Last year the police department detained a person who would not stay out of the fireworks staging area. At the Golf Course there are Golf course staff and public works personnel constantly present. The State Fire Marshall gives the authority for the jurisdiction to the fire chief and fire department for the venue location and to determine what is safe and what is not. Council member Billingsley said there is more parking for spectators at the recreation complex. Mayor Stone felt that there is more space for people to spread out at the complex and soccer fields for the event and not the possibility of affecting the hospital emergency traffic as the Golf Course venue does. Police Chief Garrison commented that the Boys and Girls Club-Recreation Complex is easier to clear the traffic after the event ends, but agreed with the fire department that it is easier to contain and maintain the safety "hot" zone at the Golf Course. The nearby high school provides many places for people to get into the recreation complex area without being seen. Council member Owens said he would like to see it kept at the recreation complex; the spectators are able to see the lower fireworks which they cannot see at the Golf Course. Chad Peters said they have done a better job of enclosing the high school property since last year and they also now have cameras in place. Cipra reiterated the concern that the fallout area for the fireworks is in the sagebrush, and that venue only works if the other entities show up and assist. Council member Billingsley moved to approve the fireworks display for this Fourth of July at the recreation complex. Motion carried unanimously.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported the (all virtual) Aquatic Center Feasibility Study focus group meetings will be held on June 15, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and June 16, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the open public meeting will be held on June 24, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) there are no new updates on the Railroad Spring pipeline project; (ii) the drilling of the production well is complete and pump testing is scheduled to start this week and should only take a few days to complete; (iii) Hunewill advised that the Second Street storm drain project will be completed in the next couple of weeks; (iv) Hunewill indicated that the Alleys sewer project will be completed when Hunewill has a crew available and, if not completed by June 30, 2020, the project will be listed as a "Construction in Progress" for budget-audit purposes; (v) the County said the chip seal projects will be completed in July or August; (vi) there will be funds remaining in the RTC budget after the Kluncy Canyon chip seal

project to be used for the curb and gutter project (Heiser is working on the contract documents for the project); (vii) discussions are continuing with the party interested in constructing a transloading facility at the Airport Industrial Park; and, (viii) the State may be doing some aerial and ground Mormon cricket baiting treatment and it may be necessary for the City-County to perform another round of treatment to keep a barrier for residential areas.

Council member Owens reported on the June Airport Board meeting. Owens thanked the law enforcement personnel for the graduation parade and their presence at the Black Lives Matter (BLM) march.

Council member Mavity reported that the employee negotiations are complete. Mavity thanked the law enforcement personnel for the graduation parade and for keeping the events safe of potential problems.

Council member Mendiola reported on the NNRDA meeting.

Council member Billingsley reported on upcoming WCVA events including the Silver State Rodeo and the 44-hour softball tournament.

Council member Brooks reminded that the food commodities drive-through will be held June 19 and that there will be a joint meeting with the County on June 15.

Chief Garrison reported that the Lowry High School Graduation went smoothly, and the BLM protest was peaceful. Garrison publicly thanked Sheriff Allen for the Sheriff Department attendance at the event.

Chad Peters reported on the upcoming 44-hour softball tournament which currently has 43 teams registered. The Bode Howard pool opened on June 1, 2020 with a limited schedule. Peters mentioned that Walmart donates to the Boys and Girls Club and the donation includes dog food. The dog food is given to the Humboldt County Animal Control Shelter as well as Lander and Pershing County shelters. Peters suggested a thank you letter from the City to Walmart for their donation of dog food.

Mayor Stone commented that he attended the Zoom quarterly meeting with Nevada Gold Mines and the company reported that everything is going well. Stone reported that the Tribal dispensary has received their state matrix number to sell, cultivate and produce product. According to the dispensary, they do not plan on doing cultivation until next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: July 14, 2020

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk