

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room which had restricted public access due to the Nevada Executive Department Directives; the meeting was accessible via teleconference and videoconference. Present (in the meeting room): Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Pam Coats; and, City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Clerk John Millard, City Attorney Kent Maher, Police Chief Dave Garrison and Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no public comment, personal communication, or correspondence.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular City Council meeting 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 Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting on the Jim Dandy Productions warrant(s) because he is the owner of the business.

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Stone proclaimed February as Radon Action Month in the City of Winnemucca.

**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.

**NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY PROPERTY / CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT**

City Manager Heiser reported the City received a conveyance agreement proposal from the State of Nevada for the City to acquire the National Guard Armory property located at 735 W Fourth Street (APN 15-0321-21) in exchange for payment by the City of the existing outstanding National Guard debt on the property in the amount of \$201,156.89, which has been computed as of the proposed date of closing on March 31, 2021. Councilmember Owens moved to approve the

conveyance agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FIREWORKS ELECTRONIC FIRING SYSTEM AND RACKS**

City Manager Heiser explained that the current fireworks display system of racks and tubes has deteriorated to an unsafe and potentially dangerous condition for system operators. The fire department obtained a proposal for an electronic firing system that could be used independently of the rack system which will allow personnel to safely ignite fireworks. The City budgets \$17,000 annually for the fireworks display, but the \$24,468.42 quoted sum for new racks, tubes and electronic firing system is not budgeted. It is anticipated the budget will have sufficient funds to cover the costs for a new system. Staff recommends approval of the purchase. Council member Billingsley moved to approve the purchase of new racks, tubes and electronic firing system as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING / SALE OF CITY PROPERTY / PAIUTE STREET**

The City-owned property located at 3326 Paiute Street was offered for sale at auction after appropriate notice and a public hearing during the February 2, 2021 regular City Council meeting. No bid was received and the sale was continued to the February 16, 2021 meeting. A single bid from Kendall Swensen in the sum off \$66,100, which is \$100 more than the fair market value of the property, was received. Council member Mavity moved to accept the bid from Kendall Swensen in the amount of \$66,100 Motion carried unanimously.

### **FACILITY-STREET USE REQUEST FORM**

City Manager Heiser explained that recent events have shown the need for a revised process to request, reserve and use City-owned facilities. Staff is proposing revisions to the facility use request form to better identify the insurance user requirements and more clearly delineate the City and user responsibilities for event set-up, conduct and clean-up. Staff will bring the changes to the Council for consideration after vetting the forms and processes with the City Attorney. No action was taken.

### **STAND-UP SCOOTER RENTAL SYSTEM PROPOSAL**

City Manager Heiser said a request was received from Bird Rides, Inc. to implement a test program in the City using a cell-phone application-based control system to offer stand-up electric scooter rentals. They are proposing a 24-month trial period. The City will receive \$0.05 per ride in addition to the regular business license fees and the company will comply with all requirements for a business being conducted within the City limits, including providing the appropriate insurance. Council member Owens moved to proceed with the request and to direct staff to draft an agreement with terms that are acceptable to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND USE.**

City Manager Heiser reviewed the written report submitted to the state outlining the various authorized expenditures, which were unchanged from the report delivered at the prior Council meeting. No action was taken.

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## **BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL**

City Manager Heiser reported the final proposal from GreenPlay is still pending. No action was taken.

## **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) NDEP approved the application for the Railroad Springs pipeline project and NV Energy has yet to respond to the right-of-way permit application; (ii) Farr West has not submitted the final written report for the Well 8 project and Hunewill Construction started placing the pipe that will eventually connect the well to the City system; (iii) Hunewill completed the replacement of the sewer main in one alley of the Alleys sewer project and estimates the project will be complete by June 2021; (iv) Hunewill will begin work on the West-side curb and gutter project upon completion of the Alleys sewer project; (v) discussions continue with the party interested in developing a transloading facility at the Airport Industrial Park; (vi) it is anticipated some shipping containers and other minor equipment may be received from Loon when their project close-out at the airport is complete; (vii) BLM is still working on a revised lease agreement for their expansion at the airport; and, (viii) High Desert Engineering will begin work soon on the Hardgrave Lane extension.

City Clerk Millard reported the updated employee personnel policies are being reviewed and when the reviews are complete the revised manual will be presented to the Council for consideration.

Council member Owens inquired about the status of the fire truck and the skate park.

Council member Mavity reported attending the Chamber luncheon last week and commented on Mayor Stone's remarks relative to City initiatives and events.

Council member Mendiola reported attending the Humboldt Foundation meeting. All other meetings were either cancelled, moved or upcoming.

Council member Billingsley reported the WCVA is meeting tomorrow to discuss the 44-hour softball tournament and other events.

Council member Coats remarked on Mayor Stone's Chamber luncheon comments and advised the Hospital will open up visiting hours soon.

Recreation Director representative Peters commented that a revised facility use request form will make events run smoother and easier for both his and the City staff. Peters reported on scheduled softball tournaments along the I-80 corridor which should attract visitors to the area.

Mayor Stone commented that the Chamber of Commerce indicated local businesses are generally doing well. There is joint meeting with the County on February 22 which will be attended remotely. A budget workshop is tentatively scheduled for March 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Millard  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** March 9, 2021

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

**AYES:** Owens, Mavity, Mendiola, Billingsley, Coats  
**NAYS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Richard Stone  
Mayor

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John Millard  
City Clerk