

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 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; City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Clerk John Millard, City Attorney Kent Maher and Police Chief Dave Garrison. Present via videoconference or teleconference: Betty Lawrence, Humboldt County Planning Department; Gina Rackley, Humboldt County Comptroller; and, Jan Morrison, Humboldt County Economic Development Officer.

**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 16, 2021 regular City Council meeting were reviewed. Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the February 22, 2021 joint meeting of the City Council and Humboldt County Commission were reviewed. Council member Coats moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARRANTS-EXPENSES:**

The reports for payments of warrants and expenses were reviewed. 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:**

Police Chief Garrison presented former Winnemucca Police Captain, now Council member, Pam Coats with a retirement award from the Winnemucca Police Department.

**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 Mendiola 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-21-01 / SIGN HEIGHT / W. WINNEMUCCA BLVD.**

Narinder Mall, representing property owner 511 LLC, submitted variance application VW-21-01 to increase the allowed sign height from 20 feet to 30 feet at 511 W. Winnemucca Boulevard. Staff recommended approval. There were no comments from the Council or the public. Council member Mavity moved to approve the variance to increase the allowed sign height from 20 feet to 30 feet at 511 Winnemucca Blvd, APN 15-0426-07, based on the staff findings and recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**VARIANCE REQUEST / VW-21-02 / SIDE YARD SETBACK / 5011 SNOWY MOUNTAIN DR.**

Property owners Rodney and Debbie Dimock submitted variance application VW-21-02 to reduce the required west side yard setback from five feet to zero feet at 5011 Snowy Mountain Drive. Staff recommended approval. There was a comment received from a neighbor about his belief that the storage shed which was placed in the setback area (to replace two existing structures) will reduce the value of the surrounding properties. After discussion, Council member Owens moved to approve the variance of the required setback from 5' to 0' at 5011 Snowy Mountain Drive, APN 16-0453-23, based on the staff findings and recommendation. Motion carried with Council members Owens, Mavity, Mendiola and Coats voting aye, and Council member Billingsley voting nay.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION / REZONE REQUEST RW-21-03 / TWICHELL**

Staff presented a rezone request by property owner Doris Twichell to change the zoning designation at 375 Pavilion Street. Council member Mavity moved to introduce and set for public hearing the request to change the zoning designation from G-C (General Commercial) to R-1-6 (Single Family Residential 6,000 SF minimum lot size) for property located at 375 Pavilion Street, APN 15-0428-06, at the first available meeting in April, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL / FLASHING BEACONS / BRIDGE ST.-FIFTH ST.**

Humboldt County requested authorization to place high-visibility rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) in the City right-of-way on all four corners of the Bridge Street and Fifth Street intersection due to the high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the intersection. The County will be responsible for all the equipment and installation expenses. Council member Billingsley moved to approve the request to install RRFBs in the City right-of-way at the four corners of the Bridge Street and Fifth Street intersection as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / RUN-A-MUCCA**

The Run-A-Mucca Committee of the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority requested temporary closure of portions of Lay, Fourth and Aiken Streets (the same as in prior years) to accommodate the annual Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally scheduled for May 27-31, 2021. Council member Mendiola moved to approve the street closures as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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**STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / FAIRGROUNDS ROAD**

Agricultural District No. 3 and the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority requested closure of portions of Fairgrounds Road at various times for various events scheduled between May 5, 2021 and November 7, 2021. Council member Owens moved to approve the street closures as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

**STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / LABOR DAY PARADE**

Agricultural District No. 3 and the Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority requested closure of Winnemucca Boulevard from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on September 4, 2021 for the annual Labor Day Parade. Council member Mavity move to approve the street closure as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

**FACILITY-STREET USE REQUEST FORM**

The proposed new facility-street use request form was reviewed. After discussion, staff was directed to remove the language regarding fee waiver requests. Council member Owens moved to approve the new facility-street use request form and procedures as presented with the modification as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

The Federal Aviation Administration allocated \$9,000 for the Airport to use in support of airport operations which can be disbursed upon completion of a grant application. Council member Owens moved to approve the grant application as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST**

The reconstruction of the Airport general aviation hardstand was approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as part of the FY19 Airport Capital Improvement Program, but it was not funded due to the cost. The FAA indicated that funding is now available and there likely will be no requirement for local matching funds (the City budgeted the matching funds). The Airport Board recommended approval of the grant application. Council member Owens moved to approve the grant application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND USE.**

City Manager Heiser reported that expenditures related to the coronavirus have gone down; in February expenses were \$14,994.76 and the reimbursement request was submitted. The City still has access to approximately \$200,000 for the remainder of 2021. No action was taken.

**BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL**

City Manager Heiser reported receiving a draft operating budget from Green Play, but she has not reviewed it yet. No action was taken.

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## **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) both NDEP and NV Energy have provided written approvals for the Railroad Springs Pipeline project and Hunewill was issued a notice to proceed and is moving quickly on the project; (ii) the Farr West final written report for the Well 8 project has not been received and Hunewill is installing pipe prior to any paving; (iii) the Alleys sewer project proceeded more quickly than anticipated and Hunewill believes they will complete the project in the next two weeks; (iv) Hunewill is ready to begin work on the West-side curb and gutter project, but is waiting for weather more favorable for concrete work; (v) Loon notified the City they have identified a possible successor for their Airport use license agreement, but provided no details; (vi) BLM is working to revise the lease agreement(s) for their proposed expansion at the airport; (vii) a meeting with engineer Tom Ballew is scheduled on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 to start on the Hardgrave Lane extension; and, (viii) a pesticide use proposal was submitted to the BLM for the Mormon Cricket control program and approval is expected by the first week in April.

Council member Owens attended in-person the Nevada Gold Mines Community Breakfast and felt it was a positive event.

Council member Mavity joined the Age & Dementia Friendly meeting earlier in the day and reported a master plan is being considered for the Community Garden with assistance from City Manager Heiser.

Council member Mendiola attended the Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District meeting; they discussed seeking reimbursement for the expenses incurred in developing the Sage Grouse management plan for Quinn River Conservation District. The Humboldt River Basin Water Authority met and is attempting to establish the economic impact of unanticipated water supply reduction throughout the basin. The Humboldt Foundation meeting was cancelled.

Council member Billingsley reported the WCVA meeting later today will address funding for the reader board and COVID concerns surrounding the upcoming Horseshoe Pitching tournament.

Police Chief Garrison reported that work on the City wireless network is progressing.

Mayor Stone reported: (i) attending the Nevada Gold Mines Community Breakfast where the concerns of rural communities in regard to proposed legislation were addressed; (ii) speaking with other mayors and cities in support of AB 99 which proposes to increase the threshold for the payment of prevailing wages on public works projects from \$100,000 to \$250,000; (iii) on plans to participate in a Nevada League of Cities conference call on March 11 at 2:30 pm regarding proposed legislation; (iv) there is a virtual meeting tonight at 6:00 pm to discuss Mormon Crickets; and, (v) meeting this past weekend with Skate Park users and the positive impact some adults are having on the youth users.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ashley Maden, Humboldt Sun, commented on the recent Women of Influence event.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Millard  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** March 23, 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