

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 23, 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 Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club. Present via remote access: 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 March 9, 2021 regular City Council meeting were reviewed. Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The reports for payments of warrants and expenses were reviewed. Council member Mavity 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:

There were no proclamations or awards.

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.

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION / HUBBARD HOUSE RESTORATION-HRC ACTIVITIES

Dana Toth, HRC board member, presented a report of a structural analysis commissioned by the Winnemucca Historic Resources Commission (HRC) which determined the house to be in fair to poor condition. Following the recommendations of the report, volunteers removed some non-historic features, removed some drywall to expose potential issues with the structure's framing,

and performed a general cleaning. The structure was then re-evaluated and it was determined the cost of structural repairs required for continued occupancy would exceed the cost of new construction. The HRC voted to halt the efforts of the Hubbard House restoration. Toth will continue to investigate grant possibilities for other restoration efforts in Winnemucca. No action was taken.

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR PRESERVATION AWARDS

Dana Toth, HRC board member, advised that in connection with Historic Preservation month in May 2021, HRC is proposing an awards program to recognize local preservation efforts. Toth explained the proposed award nomination process and asked for City support. The Mayor and Council indicated their support. HRC will further develop the proposal and present it at a future meeting. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO ARCHIVE HISTORIC CITY DOCUMENTS AT THE HUMBOLDT MUSEUM

Staff proposes to have various historic City records, dating as early as November 1917 and described in the meeting materials, loaned to the Humboldt Museum for display on a long-term basis. Dana Toth, Humboldt Museum Executive Director, evaluated the materials and offered to accept them for display and historical research. Council member Owens moved to approve the long-term loan of these materials based on the recommendation of staff as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT / BLM LEASE AMENDMENT

City Manager Heiser explained that the BLM is proposing to install safety upgrades and undertake repairs related to the existing radio infrastructure at the leased dispatch facility at the Airport. To perform the work, the BLM is requesting an amendment to their existing lease. There is no change to the lease terms other than the City approval for the BLM to do the work requested. Based on the staff recommendation for approval, Council member Owens moved to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

GOLF COURSE POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TOURNAMENT FEES

In the past, the green fees for tournaments were waived if fifty percent 50% or more of the players were from out of town. City Manager Heiser analyzed the fiscal impact of the fee waiver and recommends the green fees for tournaments not be waived. Heiser suggested the tournament organizers should look to other sources, such as the Winnemucca Convention and Visitor's Authority (WCVA), to subsidize their events. Heiser noted that historically the golf course expenditures exceed revenues. The fee waiver practice in effect is unfair to local residents who pay green fees which are a revenue source used to defray golf course expenses. Heiser suggested all tournament participants, whether local or from out of town, should share equally in the costs associated with the golf course. Ladies Golf Association representatives Carole Doughty, Mary Lou Curti and Jerry Ann Fenkell offered their opinions that the fee waivers should continue. After discussion, staff was directed to update the proposal to include a reduced tournament green fee and bring the matter back at a future meeting. No action was taken.

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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS USE

City Manager Heiser reported no updates to the CARES Act funding. The funds status will be updated at the next council meeting. There are no directives on the new American Rescue Plan under which the City is expected to receive approximately \$6.95 million. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported that the final component of the feasibility study, the operations and maintenance budget, has been submitted to Greenplay and is under review. A completed report is expected next month. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reviewed the written report in the meeting packet and answered Council questions regarding the projects.

Council member Owens reported attending the RTC meeting at which it was announced that Dave Schwartz will retire from NDOT; Owens noted it will be difficult to replace Schwartz.

Council member Mendiola reported that there was discussion at the Humboldt Development Authority (HDA) meeting that the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) may be able to assist with economic development but there is concern that the proliferation of organizations involved with economic development may actually be more of a hindrance than a help. Mendiola cautioned more information is needed before the City commits to support organizations other than the HDA.

Council member Billingsley reported that the WCVA is attempting to recover their contribution to an event promoter who did not put the event on. WCVA offered a reduced underwriting amount to the 44-hour softball tournament promoter due to prior less than satisfactory experience with the promoter.

Council member Coats attended the Frontier Community Coalition meeting last week where the focus was on all the different plans business and government have for opening back up. The Frontier Community Action Agency is preparing to present Suicide Safe Talks in the near future.

Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Peters reported on various upcoming events and how they are being funded. He explained the current challenges and mitigation strategies involved with providing qualified lifeguards to cover the operational hours of the swimming pool.

Mayor Stone reminded there is a budget workshop at 9:00 am on March 30, 2021. Stone reported that he is participating in weekly legislative conference calls concerning the various state legislature bill proposals. In the most recent monthly League of Cities conference call, the American Rescue Plan was the topic of conversation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gina Rackley, Humboldt County Comptroller, reported the first payment of the new diesel tax was deposited into the RTC fund in the amount of \$79,899.06, which is consistent with the projected revenue amount of \$1 million annually. The money will be equally divided between City and County projects.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Millard
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: April 6, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

John Millard
City Clerk