

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 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, Police Chief Dave Garrison, Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club and Dave Mendiola, Humboldt County Manager. Present via videoconference: Sheryl Gonzales, Western Nevada Development District Executive Director; Jan Morrison, Humboldt County Economic Development Officer; and, Tom Ballew, High Desert Engineering.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 30, 2021 City Council special meeting were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the April 6, 2021 City Council regular meeting were reviewed and Council member Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The reports for payments of warrants and expenses were reviewed and Council member Billingsley moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stone proclaimed Saturday, May 1, 2021 as Youth Law Awareness Day.

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.

WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (WNDD)

Sheryl Gonzales, WNDD Executive Director, reported on the organization, mission and current status of the WNDD and urged the City to consider rejoining the district to access federal

program dollars available via membership. The District is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and, if an entity has its projects submitted, there is the potential to take advantage of the anticipated receipt by the District of significant federal dollars in the near future. Humboldt County Manager Mendiola agreed with Gonzales. Staff was directed to prepare a letter to petition WNDD to rejoin the District and to prepare any grant requests that may be considered at the June 28, 2021 WNDD meeting. No action was taken.

AIRPORT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM (ACRGP)

City Manager Heiser explained that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had already approved the award of \$9,000 under the ACRGP and requires an agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant prior to actual award. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT PROJECT

City Manager Heiser explained that Armstrong Consultants will be the project manager for the execution of the FAA snow removal equipment project grant awarded the City earlier in the year. The FAA requires an agreement with Armstrong to serve as project manager and will reimburse the City for 93.75% of the \$22,090 cost of the services. The remaining \$1,381 cost of the services will be split with Humboldt County. The City budgeted and approved its share (\$690.50). Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION APRON HARDSTAND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

City Manager Heiser explained that the FAA requires an independent fee estimate for any project which exceeds one million dollars. The General Aviation apron hardstand reconstruction project meets that threshold and, based on the City's prior experience with them, Rood and Associates was selected to provide the estimate at a cost of \$3,000, which is 93.75% reimbursable under the terms of the grant. The remaining \$188 cost will be split with Humboldt County. The City has already budgeted and approved its share (\$94). Based on staff recommendation, Council member Mavity moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

HARDGRAVE LANE CONSTRUCTION

City Manager Heiser explained that there are several possible alignments for Hardgrave Lane between the paved roundabout at its western end and Highland Drive. The differences between the alignments are due to right-of-way/easement issues and, depending upon the alignment chosen, will result in an offset of between 11 and 27 feet (from the portion of Minor Street on the opposite side of Highland Drive), either of which could present drivers with a confusing route. An additional consideration is the presence of an NV Energy power pole that services a single residence along the proposed alignments. If NV Energy will agree to remove the pole and allow the distribution lines to be placed underground, the alignment could be made nearly seamless, but the City will likely have to bear the cost of the underground facilities. Tom Ballew, High Desert Engineering, agreed with the City Manager analysis. Staff was directed to continue to work with all affected parties to produce an alignment with as little offset as possible. No action was taken.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND USE

City Manager Heiser said there is no update on the use of CARES Act funds. Updated information will be available at the May 4, 2021 meeting. A request was received from the Frontier Community Coalition for equipment to support remote meetings; the cost is forthcoming. Approximately \$48,000 of the funds remain, which is more than enough to satisfy the FCC request. There is little information on the American Rescue Plan funds, but definitive guidance is expected by May 11, 2021. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported that GreenPlay submitted a draft final report which was shared with committee members. Once comments have been provided, GreenPlay will finalize the report and present the results to both the City and County. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported that: 1) construction of the Railroad Springs pipeline project is complete and the results of the first water sample have come back as acceptable; the second sample results are pending, but assuming those results also pass, connection of the pipeline to the City water system should occur in the next few weeks; 2) Well #8 is complete and there are no updates on that project; 3) the Westside curb and gutter project is still on hold pending availability of a concrete crew; 4) the Airport Industrial Park development has stalled, but a call was received today from the party interested in a railroad transloading facility and the project may be moving again; 5) Loon advised they no longer have a potential replacement lessee, but that some of the Loon fixtures will be moved to the CarWil site and they will donate a container to the City for storage use and it is expected the remaining fixtures will be removed by December 31, 2021; 6) there is no report from BLM on their expansion project; 7) the City and County representatives believe the best approach to abating the Mormon crickets is to conduct their own program similar to the program last year, with aerial insecticide application likely to begin in 2022; 8) funding applications and supporting documentation for the urban pond and amphitheater at the Recreation Complex were submitted to Representative Amodei in hopes of obtaining funding through his office; 9) a draft master plan for the Community Garden was developed and shared with a group interested in helping with the garden; and, 10) A&H Insurance notified the insurance benefits committee that the employee health and life insurance rates for next year will remain the same and the committee recommended continuing with the current programs for the coming year instead of pursuing the self-funding option; however, premium and claims information will be tracked because the committee believes self-funding is the best course of action for the future.

Council member Owens reported that the RTC funded Hardgrave Lane project was discussed at the RTC meeting.

Council member Mavity attended the Landfill Committee meeting yesterday where the major action was to write off uncollectable accounts. Mavity reported the new volunteer group for the Community Garden received a small grant to support rejuvenation of the garden and they are pursuing other fundraising efforts.

Council member Mendiola reported on the Humboldt Foundation meeting; they discussed programs offered at Lowry High School, a memorial plaque to commemorate the soon to be demolished GBC building and two \$2,000 per year scholarships were awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: May 18, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Owens, Mavity, Mendiola, Billingsley, Coats

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

John Millard
City Clerk