

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 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 and Pam Coats; City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Clerk John Millard, City Attorney Kent Maher and Fire Chief Joe Dendary. Absent: Council member Jim Billingsley. Present via teleconference/videoconference: Betty Lawrence, Planning Department representative; 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:

Judge Mike Montero offered comments in support of National Drug Court Month and invited everyone to join the celebration in the West Hall of the Winnemucca Convention Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

MINUTES:

There were no prior meeting minutes to review.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

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

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stone proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to Judge Montero.

Pauline Salla, Humboldt Connection Suicide Prevention Task Force member, spoke on the Task Force Paint the Town Green campaign to raise awareness of mental health issues, reduce the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health treatment, and to increase awareness of available tools and resources to prevent such challenges and promote recovery.

Mary Kerner, Chief Executive Officer for the Rural Nevada Development Corporation (RNDC), provided information on RNDC activities in Humboldt County. RNDC has provided over \$13 million in assistance in Humboldt County since 1992 and \$447,750 in the last three months.

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.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DETERMINATION AND DONATION

Fire Chief Joe Dendary advised that former WVFD unit C-2 is no longer required for use by the department and that the Pueblo Fire District in Denio is in need of an engine to replace the unit donated by the City about 25 years ago. Council member Mendiola moved to find fire engine unit C-2 is no longer required for public use by the City and to donate the equipment to the Pueblo Fire District in Denio as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

LAY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Becca Fitzgerald, Winnemucca Grammar School kindergarten teacher, requested the closure of Lay Street from Fifth Street to the bus lane before Fourth Street from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on June 9, 2021 for an outdoor kindergarten graduation ceremony. Council member Mavity moved to approve the request as presented based on the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Hometown Health and Kansas City Life, the current providers of City employee health and life insurance programs, proposed continuing the employee medical, dental, vision, and life insurance programs in fiscal year 2021-2022 with no increase in premiums. The City-County Insurance Benefits Committee and staff recommend continuing with the health and life insurance programs as proposed. Council member Mendiola moved to accept the proposals from both companies based on the recommendations of the Insurance Benefits Committee and staff. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE REQUEST RW 21-04

Mayor Stone noted this is a request to amend the G-C (General Commercial) zoning designation to R-1-6 (Single-Family Residential 6,000 sf minimum lot size zoning designation) for property at 334 W. Fourth Street. There is a residence on the property and it is difficult to obtain financing for residential properties which are zoned commercial, thus the request. Betty Lawrence, Planning Department representative, said no comments were received. Stone called for public comment. There were no comments. Council member Owens moved to adopt the ordinance to amend the G-C zoning designation to R-1-6 for property located at 334 W. Fourth Street, APN 15-0428-05, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY PROPOSAL / MORETON ASSET MANAGEMENT

Moreton Asset Management currently advises the City on the approximately \$2.5 million which is now invested in money market accounts. Moreton advised the earnings prospects for money market accounts remains flat for the foreseeable future and recommends the City pursue a strategy involving government-backed securities using a laddered approach. Council member Owens moved to approve the investment strategy change based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

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INTERNET SERVICES PROPOSAL

Zito Business, a broadband internet services provider, proposes to provide internet access at speeds up to 500 mbps for almost all City facilities at a cost of \$595 per month, which is a savings of approximately \$1,200 per month over the current provider cost. The proposed Master Services Agreement and Technical Services Agreement, both with 3 year terms, were included in the meeting packet. Council member Owens moved to approve the agreements as presented based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM FUNDING COMPLIANCE

City Manager Heiser explained that recipients of federal and state financial assistance for public transportation programs are required to have a Title VI implementation plan to satisfy the non-discrimination requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Council member Owens moved to approve the Title VI implementation plan as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the plan documents based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

At the April 20, 2021 Council meeting staff was directed to prepare a letter requesting approval to rejoin the Western Nevada Development District. The letter is included in the meeting packet. Council member Mendiola moved to approve the letter as presented to rejoin the Western Nevada Development District at a cost of \$3,125 per year based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND USE

City Manager Heiser reported the CARES Act report for April is not final but there are estimated expenditures of approximately \$7,600 and total expenditures of approximately \$1.07 million since March 1, 2020, leaving approximately \$50,000 for the remainder of this calendar year. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported the comments on the draft final report were provided to GreenPlay. GreenPlay anticipates presenting the final report either the week of May 24 or the week of June 7, 2021. The project is a candidate for a grant administered by the Western Nevada Development District and a grant request has been submitted for consideration. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) both water samples from the Railroad Springs pipeline project came back within acceptable limits and NDEP approval is anticipated in the near future; 2) no updates on Well #8; 3) no updates on the Westside curb and gutter project; 4) there is some interest in the Loon facility at the Airport Industrial Park but nothing definitive and Loon will be vacating the premises by July 31, 2021; Loon sold the Big Bird launching fixture to CarWil; 5) the BLM is working on updated lease agreements; 6) there has been no response from NV Energy regarding the underground utilities along the proposed Hardgrave Lane improvements; 7) BLM approved the Mormon cricket mitigation plan, but changed the guidelines which prevents treating the same area twice, thus the proposal is treat multiple areas that are in close

proximity to each other; 8) there has been no response to the project funding applications submitted for the urban pond and amphitheater projects; 9) there are no updates on the Community Garden; and, 10) it is anticipated a new Recreation Director will be hired and in place by July 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Millard
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: May 18, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

John Millard
City Clerk