

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 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, Jim Billingsley and Pam Coats; City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Clerk John Millard, City Attorney Kent Maher, Police Chief Dave Garrison and Public Works Supervisor Ken Howard. Absent: Council member Vince Mendiola.

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 April 20, 2021 City Council regular meeting were reviewed and Council member Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the May 4, 2021 City Council regular meeting were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining because he was absent at that meeting.

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:

Stacey Van Diest, Executive Director of the Nevada Rural Water Association, presented City employees Fernando Vega with the Association's "Water Operator of the Year" award and Nancy Diaz with the Association's "Sewer Plant Operator of the Year" award. Public Works Supervisor Ken Howard accepted on behalf of Diaz and Vega.

Humboldt Museum and North Central Nevada Historical Society Executive Director Dana Toth and Mayor Stone presented the Museum/Society's first ever Historic Preservation awards to Daniel Lacaillade (individual category), Jacy Jackson (student category) and Phillips Home Furnishings (business category).

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.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS WAIVER

John H. Milton III, Desert Mountain Surveying, appeared on behalf of property owners Theodore and Terah Zebroski, requesting a waiver of the development standards regarding the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on property they are developing at 5975 Kluncy Canyon Road, APNs 16-0341-54 and -55, because the nearest other developed property with curbs, gutters or sidewalks is almost one-quarter mile from the subject property. City Manager Heiser commented that waiving the development standards on the two parcels will be consistent with the development of surrounding properties. Council member Mavity moved to approve the waiver based on staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Armstrong Consultants was previously selected by the City to manage the snow removal equipment project awarded by the FAA earlier this year. Every bid received exceeded the original cost estimates because of the recent rise in prices of raw materials. The lowest responsible bidder (though Sourcewell government purchasing) was Henke Manufacturing at \$194,197, which raised the total contract price to \$217,287, an increase of \$42,287 which the FAA has indicated they will support, but they will need an amended grant request.

Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to approve the amended FAA grant request in amount of \$217,287. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Owens moved, based on staff recommendation, to approve award of the contract for the equipment purchase to Henke Manufacturing in the amount of \$194,197. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AVIATION APRON HARDSTAND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Armstrong Consultants was previously selected by the City to manage the Airport hardstand reconstruction project awarded by the FAA earlier this year. Every bid received exceeded the original cost estimates because of the recent rise in prices of raw materials. The lowest responsible bidder was Q&D Construction (who has previously done work at the airport) at \$938,000, which raised the total contract price to \$1,077,465, an increase of \$477,465, which the FAA has indicated they will support, but they will need an updated grant request.

Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to approve the amended FAA grant in the amount of \$1,077,465. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Owens moved, based on staff recommendation, to approve award of the contract for the hardstand reconstruction project to Q&D Construction in the amount of \$938,000. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

City Manager Heiser explained that there have been no proposed changes since adoption of the tentative budget on April 6, 2021. Heiser is not aware of the need for any amendments to the

FY-21/22 tentative budget. Staff recommends the tentative budget be adopted as the final budget. Mayor Stone called for public comment. There was no public comment. Council member Mavity moved, based on staff recommendation, to approve the FY-21/22 tentative budget as the final budget. Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A petition to rejoin the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) was authorized during the April 20 Council meeting. The District gave notice that the WNDD board intends to accept the petition. The City must provide three representatives to the WNDD board. Mayor Stone, in coordination with City Manager Heiser, appointed Council member Mendiola as the City elected representative, Jan Morrison, City/County Economic Development Officer, as the City staff representative, and Ricky Sanchez, operator of the Winnemucca Grocery Outlet, as the City business representative. Council member Billingsley moved to confirm the appointments of Council member Mendiola, Jan Morrison and Ricky Sanchez as the City representatives to the Western Nevada Development District board. Motion carried unanimously.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND USE.

City Manager Heiser reviewed the report to the state outlining the various authorized expenditures of CARES Act funds, which amounted to \$7,540.52 for the month of April and \$1,069,466.95 for the year to date, leaving approximately \$40,000 of the funds remaining. Heiser reported that minimal guidance and a list of frequently asked questions from the US Department of Treasury regarding the American Rescue Plan funds is the only information received thus far. It is anticipated the City will receive about \$6,500,000. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported all comments regarding the draft report were provided to GreenPlay and incorporated in their final report, which she anticipates they will present during a joint City-County meeting early in June. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) the Railroad Springs Pipeline was officially placed into service this morning and the project is complete; 2) there are no updates on Well #8 and it is possible that additional work on Well #8 could be performed using American Rescue Plan funds; 3) the West Side curb and gutter project is at a standstill until a concrete crew is available; 4) Lithium Nevada is still interested in a transloading facility at the Airport Industrial Park; 5) the Loon project is currently in process of auctioning off personal property and certain fixtures from their Winnemucca Airport Facility and they expect to be completely clear of the site by July 31, 2021; 6) the BLM expansion project has been quiet the last two weeks; 7) she met with representatives from NV Energy and discussed underground electrical transmission lines as part of the Hardgrave Lane project and will be conducting a site survey with them next week; 8) Mormon crickets have reached the residential areas of the City, and baiting is occurring in areas where the cricket population is very high, but the ability to mitigate across broad areas is being hampered by the current rainy weather, and the State indicated they will be conducting aerial application of insecticide around May 24; 9) there is no word on the grant applications submitted for the Urban Pond or Amphitheater; and, 10) volunteers at the Community Garden are moving along pretty strong right now.

City Clerk Millard reported on the GovOS web-based forms explaining the basic premise behind the system and its flexibility. There is no cost estimate.

Council member Owens reported: the new storm water drains worked well during the recent rains; at the recent RTC meeting they discussed the replacement of the letter "N" that fell away from the I-80 overpass at Melarkey Street (NDOT will be replacing it); City Manager Heiser gave a good presentation on the Hardgrave Lane project; and, the transloading facility was discussed at the May 10 Airport Board meeting.

Council member Mavity attended the unveiling of the Memorial Wall at the Whitworth Recreation Complex. Mavity confirmed the current Community Garden volunteers are motivated and is hopeful the grants they have been applying for will come through. Mavity commended the Police Department for their professionalism during the past weekend with many events occurring simultaneously.

Council member Billingsley reported WCVA will meet tomorrow and discuss room tax refunds, the Good Sam Club event, the Cribbage Fall Classic and actions to try to recover payments made on behalf of events that were cancelled.

Council member Coats attended the Frontier Community Coalition meeting which focused on behavioral health and homelessness in the area. August 3rd is the "National Night Out," which is sponsored by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, but will have representation by the Winnemucca Police Department and other agencies in the area.

City Attorney Maher reported that a recent Nevada Supreme Court Decision affirmed the unconstitutionality of SB 542 and SB 551, revenue bills that did not have the required two-thirds supermajority to pass under the Nevada State Constitution.

Police Chief Garrison reported: Aric Richey will be sworn-in on Friday, May 21 at 10:00 am at City Hall; the Department is preparing for Run-a-Mucca and presentation of the Nevada Soldier of the Year award at the event; and, the new tower cameras are working out very well. Garrison commented that homeless persons in the area are being fed through the efforts of local churches, but mental health services, shelter, security and employment opportunities are lacking. The police department is willing to be part of the solution to effectively address the homeless issues, but they cannot lead the effort, it must be a broad-based community effort lead by a more appropriate service organization.

Mayor Stone reported: the local veteran's groups contacted him and asked if he would present the Soldier of the Year Award, but he will not be in town and asked other officials present if they could perform that honor; the Nevada League of Cities is having a League Congress in Elko, June 17-18, which he will attend; and, the Humboldt County School District will hold its annual Teacher Recognition event tomorrow night.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Millard
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: June 8, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

John Millard
City Clerk