

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 7, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in a joint meeting with the Humboldt County Commission on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 8:45 a.m. in-person and via video conference and teleconference. City Officials-Staff present: Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, and Pam Coats; City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Clerk John Millard and City Attorney Kent Maher. City Officials-Staff absent: Council members Vince Mendiola and Jim Billingsley. County Officials-Staff present: Board Chairman Ron Cerri; Commissioners Jim French, Jessie Hill, Tom Hoss, and Ken Tipton; County Manager Dave Mendiola; County Clerk Tami Spero; Deputy District Attorney Wendy Maddox and County Comptroller Gina Rackley.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stone called the City Council portion of the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public comment.

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.

AQUATIC CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

GreenPlay, LLC and Aquatic Design Group presented a feasibility study to assist in making a decision whether to renovate or decommission the Bode Howard Memorial swimming pool or build a replacement facility. The study included input from the public through several public meetings, as well as a physical inspection of the current facility and a needs assessment which included analysis of historic documents relative to costs of operations, cost and frequency of maintaining the current facility, and the projected costs of future operations. The study recommended a new facility be constructed at the Whitworth Recreation Complex. The report estimated cost of the new facility is in excess \$13M; however, the current cost may be different because pricing has changed. There was discussion about the pool life expectancy, a proposed budget, expected pool revenues, city and county fiscal responsibility for pool operations and the anticipated number of pool employees. City Manager Heiser and County Manager Mendiola both suggested the report provides a starting point from which to begin the planning process, including the means by which the required funds might be raised. No action was taken.

NEVADA I-80 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Representatives for the cities of Lovelock and Winnemucca and the counties of Humboldt and Pershing developed a cooperative agreement to form a regional development authority to facilitate development, implementation, and promotion of economic development and improvement actions and solutions within the geographic areas of the named jurisdictions. County Manager Mendiola explained that the proposed name of the development authority may

change, but the substance of the proposed cooperative agreement will be as presented. Jan Morrison, County Economic Development Officer, explained the reasons for the possible name change (the Governor's Office of Economic Development did not support the proposed name) and that the substance of the agreement is based on the agreement used by the Northeastern Nevada Development Authority (both the County and City were members), but with differing administration and staffing requirements. Staff recommended approval of the agreement.

Council member Owens moved to approve the proposed regional development authority agreement and authorize the mayor to sign on behalf of the city. Motion carried unanimously.

The Humboldt County Commission did not have the opportunity to review the proposed regional development authority agreement prior to this meeting and action on the agreement was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

FY 2021-2022 CITY-COUNTY COST SHARE AGREEMENT

The City and County share costs involved with the operation and maintenance of the Airport, Animal Control (including the spay and neuter program), their respective Building Departments, Cemetery, Law Enforcement-Emergency Services Dispatch, Economic Development, Golf Course, Parks, Planning Department, Swimming Pool and Recreation. The cost share agreement generally divides the cost of the foregoing functions in a 60/40 manner, with Humboldt County contributing approximately 60% of the overall costs and the City of Winnemucca contributing approximately 40% of the overall costs. The proposed FY 2021-2022 agreement generally reflects a continuation of the current year agreement. Staff recommended approval. County Comptroller Rackley reported that she will continue to work closely with City Manager Heiser to ensure the individual line items making up the general category costs remain fair and equitable. Heiser addressed the changes in accounting regarding the Airport and how those changes will be reflected in the budget documents. Based on the recommendation of the auditors and the FAA, an Airport Fund will be created in the City budget. The loss of the Loon Project revenues will affect the Airport Fund. Heiser briefly discussed airport operations and airport capital improvements. Changes in the City Recreation Department management and staff and how the changes will affect the cost shares were explained.

Council member Owens moved to approve the City-County cost share agreement as presented based on the recommendation of staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner French made the same motion for the County, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Mayor Stone adjourned the Winnemucca City Council at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Millard
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: June 22, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone

John Millard