

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 2021**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. The meeting was also 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 and Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club. Present via teleconference/videoconference: 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:

Deborah Gay passed out information packets to the Council members and spoke about her feelings regarding COVID-19, the Second Amendment to the US Constitution, and socialism.

Christine Brand questioned the wisdom of building a new swimming pool, rather than repairing and/or renovating the Bode Howard Memorial Pool.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 7, 2021 City Council-Humboldt County Commission special joint meeting were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Council members Billingsley and Mendiola abstaining as they were not present for the meeting.

The minutes of the June 8, 2021 City Council regular meeting were reviewed and Council member Mavity moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

There were no proclamations, awards or presentations.

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.

REZONE REQUEST RW-21-06 / HARDGRAVE LANE

Andrew Lindsey and David Walton requested the E (Estates) zoning designation of their property, APN 16-0331-04, located south of Hardgrave Lane, be changed to R-2 (Multiple-Family Residential). Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to introduce the ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next available regular meeting of the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – JULY 4 PARADE

Barbara Stanton, representing the Silver State International Rodeo (SSIR), requested the temporary closure of Winnemucca Boulevard for the annual SSIR parade on Sunday, July 4, 2021 between the Model T parking lot and the intersection of E. Winnemucca Boulevard from 10:00 am until complete. Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Mendiola moved to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – PRIDEFEST PARADE

Shawn Dixon, representing Winnemucca Pride, requested the temporary closure of Melarkey Street for a parade on Friday, July 16, 2021 from Sixth Street to Winnemucca Boulevard from 6:00 pm until complete. After discussion, Staff recommended approval of the temporary closure of Melarkey Street between Railroad Street and Winnemucca Boulevard on the condition that the parade participants do not enter onto the Winnemucca Boulevard state right of way. Based on the staff recommendation, Council member Mavity moved to approve the request as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE AND FACILITIES REQUEST – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Kathi Wolfsteller, representing the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, requested the temporary closure of Mizpah Street from the HGH Ambulance facility to the Vesco Park parking lot and the use of Vesco Park, as the venue for the 7th annual National Night Out event on August 3, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - GRANT AGREEMENT

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) fixed the terms for the award of a \$1,077,456 grant for the reconstruction of the General Aviation apron hardstand at the Winnemucca Municipal Airport. City Manager Heiser said the FAA removed the matching funds requirement and will be funding the entire amount of the project. Staff recommended approval of the agreement and authorization for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to approve the agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT PROPERTY USE AGREEMENT - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Because the BLM lease for Tract 2A expired, the BLM requested the City agree to preserve the status quo for BLM to use the property pending the execution of a new lease agreement with

the City which will incorporate the existing three lease agreements (including the expired agreement for Tract 2A). Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to approve the agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

FORENSIC SERVICES AGREEMENT - WASHOE COUNTY

Police Chief Garrison explained that after investigating several alternatives to procure forensic services for the police department, the arrangement with Washoe County appears to be the best alternative because they provide the broadest range of services at the best cost. Garrison requested approval of the agreement with Washoe County for Option A, full forensic services, for fiscal year 2021/2022 at a cost of \$59,623. Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Coats moved to approve the agreement as presented in an amount not to exceed \$59,623 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION-DONATION

Police Chief Garrison explained that a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe used by the police department is no longer required for public use and requested the Council make that finding and authorize donation of the vehicle to the non-profit Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter. Staff recommended approval. Based on staff recommendation, Council member Owens moved to find the City no longer requires the vehicle for public use and to donate the vehicle to the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS

City Manager Heiser reported that in the month of May, the City had \$83,679 in eligible CARES Act expenses, leaving approximately \$30,000 available for expenditure through the end of the year. The City is still awaiting both guidance and the receipt of American Rescue Plan funds from the State of Nevada. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL-NEW AQUATICS CENTER

City Manager Heiser reported the feasibility study produced by GreenPlay-Aquatics Design Group is available to the public on the City website. During the recent Nevada League of Cities League Congress, Heiser learned that a new aquatics facility may qualify for American Rescue Plan funding. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) the Well #8 pump will be bid in the near future; 2) the West Side curb and gutter project is underway; 3) a Section 163 review by the FAA was requested to determine if the proposed transloading facility at the airport is an allowable use of the property; 4) Loon has almost entirely vacated the property at the airport and they will be gone June 30; 5) the BLM continues to work to produce a single lease agreement for use of properties at the airport; 6) High Desert Engineering is working on options for the phasing of the Hardgrave Lane extension to delay construction until the underground utility proposal is resolved, and a cost estimate for the underground service lines will be requested from NV Energy; 7) the Mormon cricket mitigation program is complete and was very successful; 8) the Urban Pond/Amphitheater projects were not selected for grant awards due to the high median income

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Millard
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: July 13, 2021

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

John Millard
City Clerk