

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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 Attorney Kent Maher, Administrative Assistant Brandy Grimm, and Police Chief Dave Garrison; and, visitors Robert Thran (NDOT), Brian Stone (Winners Inn Casino), Herb Ross (Winners Inn Casino), Ashley Maden, John Milton (Desert Mountain Surveying), Dana Toth (Historic Resources Commission), Cecil Martin, Jane Studebaker (Historic Resources Commission), John Arant, Tom Hoss, Skip Hammargren, Dick Robie and Judy Adams. Present (via teleconference): None. 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 February 01, 2022 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Council member Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried with Council members Mavity and Coats voting aye and Council members Billingsley and Owens abstaining because they were not present at the 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:

Police Chief Garrison stated due to technological improvements, including mobile ticket writing, the Police Department was in need of mobile printers for each officer. Brian Stone and Herb Ross with Winners Inn and Casino presented the Police Department with a check for \$12,800 to support public safety and cover the cost of the printers.

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.

PRESENTATION REGARDING TEMPORARY INTERSTATE CLOSURE

Robert Thran with NDOT reported on the plan to temporarily close part of I-80 at Emigrant Pass for bridge demolition to accommodate a truck climbing lane. The closure is planned to begin June 18, 2022 at 9 p.m. and end at 5 a.m. on June 19, 2022. To minimize the disruption to traffic and because I-80 is part of the federal highway system, NDOT is on a strict 8-hour time limit to complete the demolition and clean-up. The closure will potentially stop 1,000 vehicles. NDOT is planning an extensive network of electronic signage across Northern Nevada starting at least a month in advance to give travelers plenty of notice of the closure. NDOT also has an alternate route planned, which can be used if absolutely necessary.

No action was taken.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS WAIVER REQUEST

John Milton with Desert Mountain Surveying, representing property owner Michael Aharoni, requested a waiver of curb, gutter and sidewalk development standards and suspension of the sewer system connection requirement for property located at 4050 E. Second St. Three existing parcels are being merged into two parcels, and there are currently no curbs, gutters or sidewalks in the area of the properties. City Manager Heiser stated the property is served by city water; however, city sewer is not available as it is more than 400 feet away. Heiser also stated that the street frontage is an NDOT right-of-way, which prevents the city from requiring curb, gutters and sidewalks.

Council member Billingsley moved to approve the waiver of curb, gutter and sidewalk development standards requirements and suspension of sewer system connection requirement until sewer service becomes available for the merger and re-subdivision of property identified as Humboldt County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 15-0363-02, 15-0442-01 and 15-0442-02 located off East Second Street. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT REQUEST

Dana Toth with the Historic Resource Commission (HRC) presented and explained the subgrant agreement for the proposed Winnemucca Preservation Planning Project. The total cost of the project is \$29,994 and the subgrant award is for \$28,000. HRC is requesting a local match from the city of \$1,994.

Council member Mavity moved to approve the local match request of \$1,994 and authorize City Manager Heiser to sign any grant documents on behalf of the city. Motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

City Manager Heiser stated she is working on the reporting that is due at the end of April. Heiser and Mayor Stone met with Wesley Harper from the Nevada League of Cities to discuss the Aquatic Center. Harper believes it may qualify on its own for ARPA funds. Heiser stated about \$2 million in ARPA funds is planned for water-sewer projects; \$475,000 for the Tank 1C project; \$550,000 for the Ada-Vista water-sewer project; and, \$45,000 for the hydraulic model and blending project.

No action was taken.

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BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

Mayor Stone reported that Wesley Harper with Nevada League of Cities is working with grant writers through the Porter Group (which does work for the National League of Cities) to possibly procure four or five million dollars for the proposed Aquatic Center. Even with ARPA funding and possible grant funding, the city will still have to obtain additional funding, possibly from the Pennington Foundation and other private sources, to have enough funds for the Aquatic Center project. Stone believes things are going in a positive direction in regard to the proposed facility.

Council member Owens asked if there is a timeframe in mind for the project. City Manager Heiser stated that by July 1 there should be a plan that will be part of the FY 23 budget. The design phase is anticipated to take up to one year. The project completion is still years away.

No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) the selection and installation of a pump for Well 8 and the pump house construction is proceeding; 2) the East-side curb and gutter project will be advertised for bids soon; 3) no new updates at the Airport Industrial Park (AIP); 4) BLM recently increased efforts to complete a proposed \$2.5M expansion at the Airport and amendment(s) to the existing BLM lease(s) at the airport are expected soon; 5) the design of the Hardgrave Lane project is finished and will be put out to bid this winter; 6) the Ada Vista Lane water-sewer infrastructure project was awarded to Hunewill and work on obtaining the necessary easements is proceeding; 7) ARPA funding for Recreation Complex planned projects will include outdoor lighting, an urban pond, an amphitheater and a fourplex; 8) work to clean up the community garden is continuing; 9) the Tank 1C interior painting project was awarded to Resource Development Company and approved by NDEP, a preconstruction meeting was held on February 7, the tank draining has started, and painting will need to be completed by May 15 to get the tank back in service for the summer; and, 10) Shaw Engineering is done with the hydraulic model and they are working on the design for blending of Well 6 for arsenic remediation.

Council member Owens reported attending the Airport board meeting and stated there will be an SCCA event over Memorial Day weekend.

Council member Mavity asked about the progress for the new app and website. City Manager Heiser stated the app is now live and the content will mirror the new website which should be ready soon.

Council member Billingsley stated the Dream Keeper Foundation had a successful gun raffle and plans to send a few kids on hunting trips.

Council member Coats reported attending the Ducks Unlimited event and the FCC meeting.

Mayor Stone reported: 1) attending the NDOT workshop; and, 2) Humboldt Ford is having their groundbreaking at 4 p.m. today.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Grimm
Administrative Assistant II

The federal mandated non-discrimination statement is set out in entirety on the publicly posted meeting agenda for this meeting and is incorporated by reference pursuant to 41 CFR part 60, and is available in the City Clerk Office, 90 W Fourth St, Winnemucca, NV.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: March 8, 2022

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Owens, Mavity, Billingsley, Coats

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: Mendiola

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Ruth Fitzpatrick
City Clerk