

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 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 Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Pam Coats; City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Attorney Kent Maher, Administrative Assistant Brandy Grimm, Administrative Assistant Jacy Urain, and visitor Ashley Maden. Present (via teleconference): Council member Mike Owens and Betty Lawrence (Humboldt County Planning Department).

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 March 08, 2022 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Council member Billingsley moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

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

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 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.

VARIANCE REQUEST / SIDE YARD SETBACK / WATER CANYON ROAD

Property owners Steven Winters and Michel Winters requested a side yard setback variance to construct an 1,152 square foot garage-shop on their property at 5877 Water Canyon Road. Betty Lawrence, Humboldt County Planning Department, said there were no responses from any neighboring property owners. There is more space on the other side of the property but there are utility installations which prevent placement of permanent improvements. Winters is aware that an appropriately rated firewall must be constructed on the property line side of the building.

Council member Mendiola moved to approve the request for a variance to reduce the required side yard setback from five (5) feet to one (1) foot to allow for the construction of a garage-shop at 5877 Water Canyon Road, based on staff findings and recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE / WINNEMUCCA BLVD. / BASQUE CLUB

Jacy Urain with Euskaldunak Danak Bat (Winnemucca Basque Club) requested temporary closure of Winnemucca Boulevard from the Model T parking lot to Baud Street on June 11, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Basque Festival parade. An authorization request is pending with NDOT (the Boulevard is state right-of-way).

Council member Mendiola moved to approve the request for temporary closure of Winnemucca Boulevard on June 11, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. from Model T Casino parking lot to Baud Street for Basque Festival parade. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRIBUTION REQUEST / HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHOOTING PARK

City Manager Heiser said Kent Arrien, Project Manager for the Humboldt County Shooting Park, requested the historic annual contribution sum of \$1,500, which was increased to \$2,500 last year because the shooting park did not get the usual donations from the various hunting foundation groups which cancelled their fundraisers due to the Coronavirus restrictions. Heiser noted the city budgeted \$2,500 for this year and remarked the additional funding could be used for a drainage project at the park.

Council member Billingsley moved to approve the contribution request in the amount of \$2,500 to the Humboldt County Shooting Park. Motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

City Manager Heiser reported she has been reviewing the Treasury Department website portal for the upcoming reporting. About \$88,000 has been expended in general expenses, which includes wastewater testing, PPE, bleach, etc.; \$55,000 was spent for the hydraulic model and Well 6 blending project, which is near completion; the Tank 1C painting project has started and the total cost will be close to \$500,000; and, about \$180,000 expended on the Ada Vista water-sewer project.

Council member Coats asked if wastewater testing will continue, since Covid cases appear to be on the decline. City Manager Heiser commented the testing should continue for a time to keep track of spikes in Coronavirus cases, as it is likely there will be more. Five different city locations are tested every week, including the wastewater treatment plant, and the information is helpful to the community and for the hospital preparedness. The testing can be suspended or stopped at any time.

Council member Mavity stated she would like to see continued testing at least through the end of the school year.

No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser said she believes the design services for the aquatic center can be budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council member Owens suggested adding aquatic center discussions to the next City-County joint meeting.

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) a modular home manufacturing company is interested in the former Loon project site at the AIP; 4) nothing new to report on the BLM lease(s) at the airport; 5) the design of the Hardgrave Lane project is finished and will be put out to bid soon; 6) construction on the Ada Vista Lane water-sewer infrastructure project started; 7) the Tank 1C interior painting project is in progress; and, 8) the hydraulic model and design for blending of Well 6 for arsenic remediation project is complete and under review.

Council member Owens: 1) asked if the city has filled its open positions for summer help; 2) attended the Nevada Gold Mine breakfast; and, 3) attended the Regional Transportation meeting.

Council member Mavity: 1) reported the city employee negotiation meetings are continuing this month; and, 2) asked if the city building at Sage Heights is being used to hold cats for the feline spay/neuter/release project.

Council member Mendiola reported attending: 1) the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority meeting; and, 2) the Humboldt Foundation meeting.

Council member Billingsley reported attending the WCVA meeting.

Council member Coats reported attending: 1) the FCC meeting; and, 2) the Winnemucca Main Street meeting.

Mayor Stone reported: 1) meeting with the Lions Club about the possibility of a dog park; 2) I-80 Gold Mine is having a community meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the Convention Center; 3) the Historical Resources Commission meeting is March 29 at 11:00 a.m.; and, 4) the city budget workshop meeting is on March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Grimm
Administrative Assistant II

PASSED AND ADOPTED: April 5, 2022

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Owens, Mendiola, Billingsley, Coats

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: Mavity

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Ruth Fitzpatrick
City Clerk