

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 05, 2022**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 05, 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: Jim Billingsley and Pam Coats; City Officials: City Manager Alicia Heiser, City Attorney Kent Maher, Administrative Assistant Brandy Grimm and Police Chief Dave Garrison; Guests: Julie Maestresjuan (Humboldt Sun), Jacy Jackson, Wayne Smith, Sharon Smith, Rocky Phoenix and Dave Roden (Main Street); Museum Board members: Tom Hoss, Jane Studebaker, Skip Hammargren, John Arant, Judy Adams, Joyce Lacallaide and Jerry Leon; and; Historic Resource Commission members: Jessica Huber, Amani Huber and Dana Toth. Present (via teleconference): Council members: Vince Mendiola and Mike Owens; and, Zoann Campana (Historic Resource Commission). Absent: Council member Theresa Mavity.

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 22, 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 Billingsley 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 Coats 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.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / WINNEMUCCA BLVD.

Winnemucca Pride requested temporary closure of Winnemucca Boulevard for their parade on September 24, 2022.

The Mayor tabled the item at the request of the Council until more information regarding the requested closure times and affected streets is provided by the group.

No action was taken.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS / HUMBOLDT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Council member Billingsley moved to approve the Humboldt Development Authority Board of Directors as appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESERVATION PLAN AGREEMENT / HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION

Dana Toth (Historic Resource Commission) presented the proposed professional services agreement with Kautz Environmental Consultants to complete a preservation plan as part of the State Historic Preservation Office subgrant award. Toth reminded that the City previously accepted the subgrant award.

Council member Coats moved to approve the request to authorize an agreement with Kautz Environmental Consultants to complete a preservation plan as part of the State Historic Preservation Office subgrant award, authorize a local grant match of \$1,994, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING PROJECT / NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA)

City Manager Heiser reported that NRHA is considering various locations for a 48-unit townhome housing development in Winnemucca, including the city-owned 5.75-acre parcel situated between Museum Lane and Jungo Road. It is anticipated they will purchase the land from the City as part of their development grant. NRHA is ready to move forward with the project immediately.

Dana Toth (Director of the Museum) stated the museum has expansion plans for the city property and would like consideration to acquire the property, noting expansion plan discussions have been taking place since 2015. Toth suggested the NRHA find another property for the development. Toth said she can start working on grants and other funding sources to get the museum project going.

John Arant (Museum Board) asked the council to table the NRHA decision so the Museum Board can present the council with the museum plan for acquiring the land.

Skip Hammargren (Museum Board) stated the Museum Board has always believed the piece of city land was for the museum to use for expansion and urged the council to keep the land for the museum.

Wayne Smith, a resident of the area, opposes the townhouse development and said the stop signs at Jungo Road and Museum Way already cause traffic issues and the development will make it worse. Smith also suggested the council deny the development project.

Council member Owens said he supports the museum and wants to see the museum plans. Owens questioned if the entire 5 acres is need by the museum.

Council member Coats moved to table the decision to give the museum time to come back with their expansion plan and to have the council decide what to do with the property at a later date after the plan is reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

City Manager Heiser did not have any new updates and stated the second ARPA deposit has not been received.

No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL - NEW AQUATIC CENTER

City Manager Heiser reported there is \$2 million in the upcoming budget for the design phase of the new aquatic center.

No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) there is nothing new to report on Well 8 and the pump house construction is proceeding; 2) Public Works Supervisor Howard is documenting all of the locations to be included in the East side curb and gutter project which will be put out to bid soon; 3) there are no new updates at the Airport Industrial Park (AIP); 4) staff met with a company that is very interested in the moving their operations to the Loon site; 5) staff had another conversation with the BLM on alternatives to the proposed airport leasing agreement; 6) the design of Hardgrave Lane is finished, and staff is now working on acquiring the necessary rights-of-way; 7) the sewer portion of the Ada Vista project is nearly complete, the water portion will start when the sewer is done; 8) the City can use some ARPA funding for development of the Recreation Complex planned projects which include outdoor lighting, an urban pond, an amphitheater and a fourplex; 9) work to clean up the community garden is continuing; 10) the Tank 1C project is underway with the sandblasting which precedes the tank painting and the project is estimated to be complete by May 15; and, 11) Shaw Engineering completed the hydraulic model and design for blending of Well 6 for arsenic remediation and staff is reviewing the report.

Council member Owens remarked the city soccer fields look very dry and asked when watering at the parks will begin.

Council member Billingsley reported attending the WCVA meeting.

Council member Coats reported attending: 1) the Lincoln Day dinner; and, 2) a Main Street 101 webinar.

Police Chief Garrison announced that after almost 23 years with the city he is planning to retire in July of this year.

Mayor Stone reported: 1) attending the Main Street 101 webinar; 2) on the budget workshop; and, 3) employee association negotiations are underway.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:55 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: April 19, 2022

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Ruth Fitzpatrick
City Clerk