

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 06, 2022**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 06, 2022, at 1:00 pm in the City Hall meeting room; the meeting was 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 Attorney Kent Maher; City Clerk Ruth Fitzpatrick; Administrative Assistant Brandy Grimm; Police Chief Mike Rangel; Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) Chief Joe Dendary; WVFD members Chad Farstveet, Steven Hemp, and Andrew Hillyer; Julia Maestrejuan (Great Basin Sun); Community Improvement Council (CIC) members Wendy Maddox (Deputy DA), Jaime Clemens (Sixth Judicial District Court), Massey Mayo (Sixth Judicial District Court), and Kim Schmeling (DCFS); Kim Long (Financial Horizons Credit Union); Patrick Schommer (Western States Investments); Lewis Trout (American Legion Post 5); Chantall Jones; Mauricio Sahagun; Sandra Deveney; Kandi Quilici; Darin Quilici; and, Cathleen Moreno. Present (via teleconference): Betty Lawrence (Humboldt County Planning Department); Robin Dunckhorst (Humboldt General Hospital); Ashley Maden; and, Catherine Cole.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

American Legion representative Lewis Trout thanked the City for the assistance in preparing the POW-MIA proclamation.

Maurice Sahagun, local resident, stated he lives across the street from Highland Park and is in favor of the proposed parks ordinance change due to the amount of nightly disturbances.

Darin Quilici, local resident, advised that the trailer on Bridge Street (which Quilici previously reported) has yet to be removed and according to the city code can be classified as a nuisance. Quilici wanted to know if the city can do anything about it. He was apprised of the nuisance complaint process.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 23, 2022 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Council member Owens 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 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:

Mayor Stone announced a 5-year service award for Jacque Snyder.

Mayor Stone and WVFD Chief Dendary presented awards to WVFD members Andrew Hillyer, Steve Hemp and Chad Farstveet, each for 20 years of service.

Mayor Stone declared Friday September 16, 2022 as POW-MIA Recognition Day and presented the proclamation to Lewis Trout of the American Legion Post 5.

Mayor Stone declared Sunday September 11, 2022 as the 21st Year of Observance of the September 11, 2001 attack and called upon residents of Winnemucca and surrounding areas to display the American Flag at half-mast or with a black ribbon from sunrise to sunset on Sunday, September 11, 2022, and to participate in memorial observances conducted on that day.

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.

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM REPORT / COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Community Improvement Council (CIC) members Wendy Maddox, Massey Mayo, Kimberly Schmeling and Jaime Clemens gave a presentation regarding the state of the child welfare system in Humboldt County, noting: the main goal of the program is to help families heal and reunite children with their families; the Sixth Judicial District Court uses the FIRST Track program which tailors programs specifically around the needs of local families; there is a foster home shortage in Winnemucca; and, the CIC is in great need of more support. The mayor and council thanked the CIC for their work and presentation.

No action was taken.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / BRIDGE ST. / FINANCIAL HORIZONS CREDIT UNION

Kim Long, Financial Horizons Credit Union Branch Manager, said the company is celebrating their 75th anniversary and hosting a member appreciation day. They want to block the parking spaces in front of their office building for members. The other office building tenants have been informed of the proposed one-day closure.

Council member Owens moved to approve the request to block off the parking spaces in front of Financial Horizons Credit Union on Bridge Street for their member appreciation day on September 9, 2022 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / ZONE CHANGE REQUEST / 1955 S. BRIDGE STREET

Betty Lawrence, Humboldt County Planning Department, stated the Regional Planning committee recommended approval of the zoning designation ordinance change. Lawrence noted the area master plan is medium-high density residential, which allows for multi-family housing such as apartment buildings.

Mayor Stone called for public comment.

Sandi Deveney, an area resident, expressed opposition to the rezone because the area is a quiet, safe and stable neighborhood and she does not approve of multi-family dwellings such as

duplexes. Deveney said the duplex units will be rented at \$1,500 to \$2,000 a month, which is not an affordable option for the town's low-income housing needs. Deveney urged the council to not approve the request and to consider the city mission statement and values in their decision.

Kandi Quilici, an area resident, stated opposition to the rezone because the water and sewer systems in the area are older and she does not believe the systems are sustainable for multi-family homes like duplexes, and she wants the neighborhood to stay single family dwellings.

Darin Quilici, an area resident, advised the sewer pipes in the area are the old Orangeburg pipes and he foresees issues with multi-family residences because he believes the infrastructure will not handle duplexes. Quilici is in favor of a single-family home rather than a duplex due to the additional number of residents a duplex will bring.

City Engineer Heiser stated a duplex will not put any more stress on the sewer system than a single-family residence even though the Orangeburg pipes are old.

Patrick Schommer, Schommer Construction and Western States Investments (the applicant) representative, commented that he was born and raised in Winnemucca and wants to help address the housing needs in the area; he believes bringing rental duplexes to the market will help. Schommer is informed the area master plan is for medium-high density, which allows the requested zoning designation. The building plans were chosen to blend in with the current housing of the neighborhood for aesthetics purposes. Schommer provided a letter of support from the adjoining property owner who could not attend today and who will be directly affected by the zone change, if approved.

Council member Owens moved to approve the request to change the R-1-6 (single family residential-6,000 square feet minimum lot size) zoning designation to R-2 (multiple-family residential) zoning designation at 1955 S. Bridge Street, APN 16-0112-01. Motion carried unanimously.

SOFTWARE LICENSE REQUEST POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Heiser said the company that provides the video enhancement software currently used by the police department was purchased by another company, Axon Enterprise Inc., and the new company requires their master services and purchasing agreement be entered into and signed to continue the software license.

Council member Mavity moved to approve the Axon Enterprise Inc. master services and purchasing agreement to provide a video enhancement software license for a five-year term for the sum of \$1,995 per year (\$9,975 total). Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE PROPOSAL / CLOSE CITY PARKS

City Manager Heiser stated that due to the increase in vandalism at the city parks at night, the police department and public works department requested closure of the parks between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am each day. An ordinance that formally closes the parks will provide better police enforcement potential because they can then lawfully request persons to leave the parks after the closing time.

Mauricio Sahagun, a resident of the Highland Park area, said he is in favor of parks closing at night as it will make them safer and less susceptible to vandalism. Sahagun read a letter from a

neighbor with the same opinion, who cited the fireworks, loud music, fights, drug use and vandalism which occurs during late night and early morning.

Council member Coats moved to approve the proposal to move forward with considering an ordinance to close the city parks between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am each day due to increased vandalism. Motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

There were no updates.

No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL-NEW AQUATIC CENTER

City Manager Heiser reported several RFPs for other aquatic centers are under review and will be used to develop an RFP for the design work. The process of organizing a committee is moving forward.

No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: 1) staff and Shaw Engineering are discussing the pump installation and pump house design for Well 8, and a proposal from Shaw to perform the design and project management is anticipated; 2) the list of the locations to be included in the East side curb and gutter project is being prepared; 3) a meeting was held with the FAA and BLM on August 10, 2022 to discuss the ongoing Section 163 review and a ruling on the review is expected; 4) there is no new interest in the Loon site; 5) the final BLM airport SEAT base lease with all requested revisions was received and is being reviewed in anticipation of starting the project once the lease is formally executed; 6) Hunewill has started the Hardgrave Lane project with expected completion before winter; 7) 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; 8) work to clean up the Community Garden is continuing; 9) the water samples collected from Tank 1C failed the volatile organic compounds (VOC) test thus requiring the tank be drained, refilled, and retested and draining has resumed now that the water leak under the railroad tracks is repaired; 10) the final concrete pour of the Airport general aviation hardstand reconstruction project is complete, and only installation of an outlet for helicopters and installation of the protective bollards around the fuel tanks remain; 11) the heavy aircraft apron reconstruction design has been started by Armstrong Consultants; 12) the open positions for the water, golf course, parks and cemetery departments have been filled and there is only one street department vacancy unfilled; and, 13) a joint city-county meeting is scheduled September 19 at 8:30 am to review a proposal for mosquito and blackfly insect control.

Council member Owens expressed concern with the trees obstructing the street lights at the cemetery.

Council member Mavity asked if the council could get periodic updates on the K9 program.

Council member Billingsley reported attending the WCVA meeting.

Council member Coats reported attending the Main Street meeting.

Mayor Stone reported: 1) he and City Manager Heiser attended the Historic Resource Commission preservation workshop; 2) the new Fairfield Inn invited attendance at a motel preview on September 7 at 6:00 pm; 3) the Humboldt Connections Walk for Hope is scheduled for September 10 at 9:00 am; and; 4) he will be attending the Age and Dementia Friendly workshop in Reno on September 12.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathleen Moreno, a Winnemucca resident, stated: 1) there are properties around town that have bushes and trees that block sidewalks; 2) some sidewalks are severely cracked which causes issues getting around on her motorized wheelchair; 3) there should be easier wheelchair access over the train tracks; 4) vehicles parking on sidewalks around town are an issue; 5) wheelchair ramps are too steep in some places; and, 6) most of the town is not wheelchair accessible.

Chantall Jones asked if the bids for the swimming pool are out. City Manager Heiser explained that an RFP for the design and renderings only is being prepared and that it should go out to bid soon.

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: September 20, 2022

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Ruth Fitzpatrick
City Clerk