

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilman Mike Owens, Doug Cain, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 20, 2013 regular City Council meeting were presented for review and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

The warrants were presented for review and Councilman Cain moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:**

Mayor Putnam read the Proclamation for the American Red Cross Real Heroes Week which occurs September 1 through September 7, 2013. Putnam will present the Proclamation at the American Red Cross Real Heroes Banquet on September 7.

**PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS & OTHER REPORTS:**

**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 that no item on this 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. Councilman Cain 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE ADOPTION / MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS**

Mayor Putnam called for public comments on the proposed master plan amendments. There were none. Councilman Owens moved to approve and adopt the ordinance revising the Master Plan as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance No. 793.

**REQUEST FOR CITY FACILITIES USE / HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Chad Peters, Lowry High School Athletic Director, and Ray Parks, Lowry High School Athletic Administrator and Vice Principal, thanked the City for the past use of the Golf Course to host Lowry High's two golf events and their cross country event, and requested to use the Golf Course for the same three events this school year. The Cross Country event will be October 11 beginning at noon, the girl's golf event is scheduled for September 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and there has been no date set for the boy's golf event as of yet, but it will be held sometime in April. Peters said the city has waived the golf fees for the high school golfers and noted that last year the number of golfers was quite large. Peters said he has talked to both golf coaches about limiting the number of free golf passes to ensure that the Golf Pro and the city do not feel like they are being taken advantage of. After some discussion, the Mayor and council members indicated they are not opposed to the number of students participating in the golf program. Peters said he appreciates the support and wants the City to know they will limit it to kids that want to be there and learn to golf. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve use of the Golf Course for the October 11 cross country meet, the September 19 girl's golf event and the April boy's golf event on the date that it is eventually scheduled. Motion carried unanimously.

Peters has been contacted by many people about possibly creating a Boys and Girls Club or some sort of a facility for the youth of Winnemucca, and was also approached by the Pennington Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Reno. Elko just completed a Boys and Girls Club, and Battle Mountain is in the process of getting one. They are reaching out to this area and Peter's believes the time is now to move forward with a facility for the youth of Winnemucca. It is more and more difficult for school facility upkeep, and it is costly paying overtime for janitorial services on the weekends. The numbers of kids in the boys and girls basketball programs have grown so much that between French Ford, the Junior High, Lowry High and Grass Valley Elementary they cannot facilitate running both the boys and girls programs at the same time. A Boys and Girls Club facility can be utilized for summer tournaments, and it can be an after school or night-time or weekend facility. They are usually supported by grant funding. Mayor Putnam said that typically Boys and Girls Clubs are non-profit organizations and questioned what the role of government will be, except possibly to have a representative sit on a board. Putnam agreed that this is an excellent time to move forward. Peters said the Pennington Foundation has money to put into Northern Nevada and he just doesn't want to miss the opportunity. It will not only help out the school district but the city as well. Putnam believes they have a good head start because there is already a group working on a club and they should work together with the group. Putnam said she met with Richard Shultz of the Pennington Foundation and they are looking for projects to fund in Northern Nevada. Tom Klein said there are plans for a meeting towards the end of September for the proposed Boys and Girls Club in Winnemucca. Putnam suggested speeding up the meetings in order to get some structure before they ask for funding. Councilman Owens said he would like to be part of this process.

**AIRPORT FENCING PROJECT / FAA GRANT OFFER-LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS**

Mayor Putnam reported that the city received the FAA grant offer for the south area fencing project at the airport. The grant offer is \$92,386 and the city's match is \$6,159 (6.25%). Councilman Brooks moved to accept the grant offer and provide matching funds as required by the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **STAFF / COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager West reported the fire station is out to bid. There will be a special Council meeting on September 26 at 2:00 p.m. to award the bid. The museum is hosting the "This is Winnemucca" event on September 21. The joint NACO/NLC Conference will be held September 10-13. The airport land acquisition appraisal work has been done, but the FAA is still waiting on the written report before making a formal grant offer for the land purchase. West attended the County Commission meeting this morning regarding the proposed Mitchell development on Water Canyon Road. The issue is septic tanks and the possibility of requiring de-nitrification systems because the area is located directly adjacent to and above the City water aquifer and there is the potential of nitrate contamination to the City water table/system from the concentration of septic systems. The County approved use of the septic systems without the de-nitrification requirement. West and Mayor Putnam will meet with NDEP regarding the sewer plan feasibility study options. The Pavilion Street water valve project went well Wednesday night. West complimented the public works department and Hunewill Construction for taking this proactive measure and working all night and late into the morning hours to complete the project. Pavilion Street should be paved in the next couple of weeks. Great Basin Drive paving is completed but is not yet open to the public. The construction on Water Canyon Road is under way. The developer for the subdivision at the end of Offenhauser will finish the public improvements but it is not clear how many, if any, homes will be constructed. West and Building Inspector Chaplin are working with the developer on erosion control. NV Energy is working on finalizing the plans for the lighting project on West Railroad Street.

Councilman Owens inquired about the cameras for Water Canyon Road. West said Chief Silva is researching this. Councilman Cain said the radar speed trailers have the capability to be fitted with cameras to record information on speeding vehicles.

Councilman Tipton attended a HDA meeting. HDA is still researching a facility for Logan Company in order to get them to locate to Winnemucca.

Councilman Brooks reported the NNRC helped with the pig wrestling at the fair this past weekend. Brooks and Mayor Putnam are putting a gift basket together for the NACO/NLC Conference next week.

Mayor Putnam presented the youth awards at the fair. She had breakfast with Governor Sandoval and Senator Heller Saturday morning. She talked to them about the Department of Motor Vehicles not having CDL testing offered in Winnemucca. Sandoval said he will work on trying to have CDL testing provided here at least once a month. Heller is working on several issues concerning Nevada including the sage grouse, Yucca Mountain and internet gaming. Putnam, Councilmen Owens and Brooks, and the City Manager will attend NACO/NLC next week. Putnam read a letter Humboldt General Hospital wrote to Chief Silva thanking the Winnemucca Police Department and Officer Chad Farstveet for their leadership in interagency relations. Putnam, Chief Silva and the City Manager took a quick tour of Burning Man's infrastructure last Wednesday. Putnam stated she is proud of the services provided by Humboldt General Hospital at this event.

## **PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

**NOT APPROVED**

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** September 17, 2013

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

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| <b>AYES:</b>       | <b>Councilmen</b> | <u>Owens, Cain, Tipton, Billingsley, Brooks</u> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>       | <b>Councilmen</b> | _____   |
| <b>NOT VOTING:</b> | <b>Councilman</b> | _____   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>     | <b>Councilman</b> | _____   |

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Di An Putnam  
Mayor

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Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk