

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 5, 2015**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Absent: Councilman Ken Tipton. 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 April 21, 2015 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam presented to JoAnn Casalez, Winnemucca Domestic Violence Group, and Maria Anderson, Barrick Mining, a proclamation for the May 15, 2015 Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event which furthers awareness of domestic violence against women and children. Casalez reported the organization budget of \$4,000 is spent entirely in Winnemucca with local businesses. The event is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 15 in the City Hall parking lot. Refreshments will be served and they will provide shoes to men wishing to participate.

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation for Foster Care Appreciation which occurs May 16, 2015.

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation for Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month which occurs during May.

PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Putnam reported that the local Selective Service panel is seeking individuals interested in serving on the board.

Mayor Putnam presented City Treasurer Lindsey with a plaque recognizing the successful completion by the City of the POOL-PACT Human Resources Assessment Phase I Program.

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 Owens 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.

CDBG SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT / SENIOR CENTER PROJECT PHASE II

Mayor Putnam explained the proposed grant funding agreement is for the construction of Phase II of the Senior Center Project and is necessary because the City is the recipient of a CDBG grant award which will be used by the Senior Center as the subrecipient. The agreement is a requirement for the use and reporting of the grant funds and ensures that the reporting guidelines and grant fund requirements are met by the Senior Center. Councilman Billings moved to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / WINNEMUCCA BASQUE CLUB

Councilman Brooks disclosed that she is a representative and member of the Basque Club and will be abstaining from the discussion and action on this matter. Mayor Putnam explained the request to hold the Basque Parade on Saturday June 13, 2015. Councilman Mavity moved to approve the request made by the Winnemucca Basque Club, subject to Nevada Department of Transportation approval, to temporarily close Winnemucca Blvd. from the Model T Motel parking lot to Hurst Street on Saturday June 13, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. for the Basque Parade. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Brooks abstaining.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Winnemucca (BGCW), gave an update on the recreation programs. As of May 4, the BGCW is recognized nationally and is a step closer to being an independent chapter. Adult volleyball and adult basketball are finished; the remaining basketball funds have been transferred into the BGCW account. Adult softball is starting; the softball forms and rules are on the City website; and, 16 teams are confirmed to play. School swim lessons have started and registration for summer swimming lessons is in the process. There will be three registrations two weeks prior to the first session; there will be four swimming lesson sessions through the summer from 9:00 a.m. until noon; and, an evening session will also be offered. They have completed some life guard recertifications and are starting the swim instructor recertification which can be partially done via an on-line program, with the water portion done on-site with staff. Peters met with representatives from youth football, AYSO, basketball, softball, youth basketball, youth wrestling, the Frontier Community Coalition, the mining community and Rotary Club, and all the groups are excited with the BGCW-City collaboration and centralization of recreation. Peters has been working with insurance and liability issues and discovered that the organizations are able to save money by going through the Boys and Girls Club for insurance. Peters met with the Frontier Community Action organization to discuss current uses of the day camp/recreation room. The traditional summer youth programming, which includes the summer youth food program, will continue. They are looking to increase the number of meals provided and expand the service to seven days a week. Lowry High School will be used for some of the summer youth programs and BGCW will work to coordinate with mine work schedules by offering extended hours. The cost for summer camp will be \$40 per week and includes lunch. Mayor Putnam noted that no child will be turned away due to the inability to pay. The current recreation center complex by

Memorial Pool is being used by many non-profit groups, and Peters is in the process of determining who is offering classes and will look at an appropriate fee schedule for use of the space.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION

Mayor Putnam reviewed the employee health insurance plan proposals and rates. The City and the County (who combines with the City for health insurance) recommend changing the insurance carrier to St. Mary's Health (now Prominence) because their coverage with plans similar to the existing insurance (Anthem) will result in a premium increase of only 6.24%, and the proposed Anthem premium increase is about four times that amount. The City contribution rate will be \$792.21 per employee per month. Councilman Brooks moved to accept the new health insurance plan and contribution rate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 POSITION AND SALARY RANGE TABLE

City Manager West explained the proposed Position and Salary Range Table for next year has a salary modification for the approved 2.5% COLA. Several positions have been adjusted to fit the new organizational chart: the Parks Foreman will now supervise the parks, golf course and cemetery and will have a salary increase due to additional duties; and, the Head Greenskeeper and Cemetery/Building Maintenance Leadman positions are eliminated. The City is currently operating with the minimum number of employees that can effectively perform the job functions. Mayor Putnam commended West for the staffing changes and making sure the jobs performed are consistent with the compensation for the positions. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the position and salary range table as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported the completion of the Animal Control Complex is delayed until the end of the month awaiting delivery of the kennels. NDOT is doing the final plan review on the East Winnemucca Blvd. project, and the notice to proceed should be received soon. The update of the City utility maps by the County AutoCAD technician is complete. The wastewater treatment plant project is moving along: West met with the BLM regarding the property acquisition; the utility locations are being determined; the plans are 35% complete; and, there are ongoing discussions with utility companies regarding connections. West said the old Jungo Road right-of-way acquisitions will be started upon completion of the maps. The Recreation Complex construction is on schedule; the first paving phase is complete and the center access road is near completion.

Councilman Billingsley reported the proposed new addition to the Event Complex will include a locker room, restrooms, a large event room, a bar area and a full kitchen area.

Mayor Putnam attended the golf committee meeting. The men's golf club is proposing an appreciation rock be installed by the golf course ponds acknowledging the contributors to the construction of the ponds. The men's and ladies golf clubs propose donating \$1,000 each with the City putting in the remainder amount to cover the cost of \$2,300. Putnam, City Manager West and Councilman Tipton met with members from the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

