

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam and Councilmen Theresa Mavity, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley (absent from portion of meeting) and Paige Brooks. Absent: Councilman Mike Owens. 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 October 20, 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 Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or employee awards.

PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Putnam introduced Taylie Hoyt who is visiting the City Council meeting for a class project report on how the members of a government board work together on issues.

Mayor Putnam read a letter from Tim Connors, Lowry High School (LHS) Athletic Administrator, and Don Walton, LHS Athletic Director, which thanked the staff of the Winnemucca Golf Course for their help with the golf and cross country events this fall.

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 Tipton 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.

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FOURTH ANNUAL "FREEDOM RUN" EVENT REQUEST / KAIA FIT

Mayor Putnam presented a request from Kaia Fit to hold their fourth annual "Freedom Run" on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 beginning at noon. All proceeds go to the Veteran's Guest House in Reno. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the Kaia Fit Freedom Run to be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 beginning at noon. Motion carried unanimously.

ADA FACILITIES FUNDING REQUEST / HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHOOTING PARK

Kent Arrien, Humboldt County Shooting Park Project Coordinator, reported they applied for and were awarded a \$45,187.20 grant from NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) for range improvements. The grant has a 25% matching fund requirement which can be cash or in-kind. The funds will be used to provide access for the mobility impaired sportsman, hunter education students and general public to the main building, restrooms, picnic area, and archery, shotgun, pistol and rifle bays. They will be adding nine ADA parking areas and ADA specific ramps. Mayor Putnam suggested that the City could possibly provide and install the necessary handicap signs, posts and pavement markings. City Manager West said the City staff is familiar with handicap sign installations, but he is unsure how much the nine proposed signs will cost. Arrien said this is not a rush; the grant requires the project to be completed by June 30, 2016. Councilman Brooks asked which account the funds will come from for the posts and signs. West answered that the cost of the materials could come out of the Contributions line item in the Administration account. Councilman Tipton asked staff to research the out of pocket cost and place this item on a future agenda.

SAGE GROUSE MANAGEMENT PLAN LAWSUIT

Mayor Putnam explained the Nevada Attorney General's office is planning to join a lawsuit filed by Elko and Eureka Counties and two mining companies against the BLM. The lawsuit is seeking to prevent the BLM from implementing their proposed sage grouse management plan. City Manager West said the BLM ultimately decided not to add the sage grouse to their endangered species list but they are proposing to implement a management plan which may include even more land use restrictions than the listing would have had. There is a lot a risk involved because the state economy depends so heavily on the mining and agriculture industries. City Attorney Maher stated some commentators believe the administrative plan could be more detrimental than the endangered species act. Councilman Tipton said it appears that the BLM ignored everything that was brought to light at the public meetings. Tipton agreed that the proposed management plan will be tougher on land users than the endangered species act. Tipton asked if there was any idea of the cost of joining the lawsuit. Maher stated there is an initial "buy in" cost of \$10,000 and once the lawsuit is underway it will be difficult to predict what the cost may be. West said that it was his understanding that Humboldt County has agreed to join this lawsuit, including making a financial contribution. West felt more research needed to be done before the Council takes action. Putnam directed staff to research the cost and provide additional information to the Council so that they can make an informed decision.

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AIRPORT BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT MAP / AMENDED GOOGLE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Mayor Putnam presented a proposed boundary line adjustment map which will eliminate the former National Weather Service (NWS) balloon-launch facility circular parcel and create a new 6.56 acre parcel for use by Google. The amended boundary lines correspond to the boundaries requested by Google. City Attorney Maher stated this map will reshape the existing parcel and the property will be licensed to Google and not leave City ownership. City Manager West stated it was always the intent to eliminate the circular parcel once the NWS property was transferred back to the City. Councilman Mavity moved to approve the record of survey-boundary line adjustment map for the City property next to Jays Road at the Winnemucca Municipal Airport. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Brooks moved to approve an amendment to the Google license agreement which allows enlargement of the footprint to approximately 6.5 acres and to include an increase in the license payment amount, subject to agreement of the City staff. Motion carried unanimously.

WINNEMUCCA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AGREEMENT

Mayor Putnam stated the focus of the agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for administration of the recreation complex property including the recreation complex maintenance responsibilities. City Manager West said the agreement being prepared by City Attorney Maher will include allocation of costs, shared responsibilities, maintenance, utilities, the security fence, establishing the property value, and a master plan modification process. Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club (WBGC), said it is important for the concerned parties to be on the same page regarding responsibilities. West noted it will be difficult to move forward with some of the improvements without knowing who's responsible for maintaining the improvements. There was discussion of the priorities and which projects will be completed first. Putnam said the City will work with the WBGC to develop the draft agreement. The WBGC will be responsible for the maintenance of the building itself once it is constructed, but the City has agreed to maintain the landscaping. Peters stated they are anxious to get the construction of the amphitheater underway. Maher said the agreement will need to be executed before the transfer of the property, which must occur before the amphitheater can be constructed. West stated staff will prepare a draft agreement for the Council review. Peters said the WBGC appreciates everything the City has done so far for them and noted the need to continue to work together to accomplish future goals. Putnam directed staff to work with the WBGC to develop a draft agreement to present at a future meeting.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CROSSING AGREEMENT/ CITY

City Manager West explained the sewer treatment plant project requires the construction of an 18" diameter pipeline under the UPRR's Desert Gem Road at-grade crossing as part of the proposed 3.5 mile pipeline to carry waste from the existing plant site to the new wastewater plant site. This will require approval of the UPRR pipeline crossing agreement and the payment of a fee of \$3,105. City Attorney Maher said the fee is fairly inexpensive for a railroad crossing. Staff recommends approval of the agreement and payment of the fee. Councilman Tipton moved to approve the pipeline crossing agreement with UPRR and the payment of the required \$3,105 fee. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West provided a final financial summary for the animal shelter building project. There were minor change orders on the project totaling \$20,000. The testing and kennel costs were higher than estimated; however, the total cost overrun was \$64,000 or about 6.3% of the total project costs, which is to be expected on a project of this size. West reported all issues have been resolved with the exception of the water flow and entry door. Don Smit is meeting with the plumber today for a solution and cost estimate. A furnace problem has occurred and is being worked on under warranty. On the sewer plant project, the BLM is requiring a storm water pollution prevention plan for the environmental review which will cost another \$7,500. The City is waiting for a final schedule from the BLM to provide a date that the City can expect ownership of the property. There is a little bit of driveway paving left on the East Winnemucca Boulevard project and completion will be dependent on the weather. The sidewalk and gutters have been completed around City Hall but the street paving will have to wait for the weather to be warmer.

Councilman Mavity attended the Frugal Flamingo ribbon cutting and the ground breaking ceremony for the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club. Mavity noted the Veterans Day parade is November 11, and the Parade of Lights is scheduled for December 2. Mavity will attend the Barrick Turquoise Ridge underground mine tour on November 10.

Councilman Tipton attended the HDA meeting. There was a \$10,000 proposal to evaluate the old City fire station to see what it would entail to make it ADA compliant, and the HDA board voted against the proposal.

Councilman Billingsley will attend the WCVA meeting. He reported there was a good attendance at the rodeo.

Councilman Brooks reported she attended the Mountain Berry grand opening and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club.

Chad Peters, Executive Director for the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club (WBGC), reported the ground breaking ceremony was well attended. The WBGC registration for the youth basketball league and had about 300 persons sign up.

Mayor Putnam will attend the Veterans Day Parade November 11 and reminded everyone to take time to thank a veteran. Putnam stated the economics of the City are static, neither improving nor getting worse, and with good planning the City is prepared for slow times. Putnam suggested they need to be cognizant of how to improve the local economy, and suggested with the start of the holiday season we should all remember to shop at home.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: November 17, 2015

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk