

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2016**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Attorney Kent Maher, City Manager Steve West and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public comments, personal communications, or correspondence.

**MINUTES:**

The August 9, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval as presented. Councilman Billingsley abstained as he was absent from the August 9, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARRANTS:**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS - AWARDS:**

Mayor Putnam presented Roy Barnes, Water Maintenance I Tech, with a 20 year service award. Putnam said for 20 years Barnes has walked the streets reading water meters and it has been a real pleasure to have him work for the City. He always greets co-workers and the public with a smile and his outstanding dedicated service to the City is greatly appreciated. Barnes commented that when he was hired, City Manager West told him the City was going to get an automated water reader system. A year later Barnes asked what happened to getting that new system; West replied, "You happened, Roy." City Manager West said that prior to hiring Barnes they couldn't keep a meter reader more than six months.

**BUSINESS ITEMS - 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 and Councilman Mavity moved to make a finding 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. Motion carried unanimously.

**VESCO PARK USE REQUEST / YOUNG LIFE ANNUAL PAINT WAR / TIMKO**

Lori Timko, Young Life representative, requested the use of Vesco Park on September 19, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. to hold the Young Life 2nd annual paint war. Timko said 25 students attended the event last year, which is free to all high school students. A Young Life program for the Junior High School students, which will be called Wildfire, is being started. Councilman Owens moved

to approve the Young Life request to use Vesco City Park on Monday, September 19, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. for the 2nd annual Paint War subject to the availability of the park. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **GOLF COURSE FEE WAIVER REQUEST / MUMA SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Jayne Gabiola, representing the Paradise Valley New Building Fund, requested a waiver of the golf course closure fees for the 5th annual Paradise Valley New Building Fund golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, September 9, 2016. This is a one rotation tournament which will require a one-half day closure of the course. There are seven teams participating from Boise and a couple of teams from Reno. Mayor Putnam said one of the criteria for waiving fees is that it benefits the community. Gabiola said all the money after any expenses is donated to the Paradise Valley New Building Fund. All players will still pay the applicable greens fees. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the request to hold the Muma Scramble Golf Tournament on September 9, 2016 and waive the closure fee for the one-half day closure of the course for the event. Motion carried with Councilmen Mavity, Tipton, Billingsley and Brooks voting aye and Councilman Owens voting nay.

#### **CITY SUPPORT REQUEST / USE OF VARIOUS CITY SITES REQUEST / PROPOSED MOVIE PRODUCTION PROJECTS**

Bradley Fowler and Victoria Matlock, representatives of Three Tales Productions, are proposing to produce two films in Winnemucca based upon City history and using City locations, and are seeking support from the City and entire community. Fowler commented support such as: use of various streets, police officers, housing, caterers, etc., is appreciated. They have already approached the County about getting a resolution of support for the projects and they are asking the same of the City. Matlock said having resolutions of support from the County and the City gives them legitimacy when approaching locals for assistance for group discounts for lodging, food, etc. They are hoping that producing films in Winnemucca will benefit the City by raising curiosity about Winnemucca and bringing tourism to the City. Councilman Mavity asked if they had a time frame for filming. Fowler said after visiting with City Manager West and Mayor Putnam, it appeared that the Spring or Fall is the best time to film, but that will depend on the name actor they get and the actor's schedule. Matlock said they will give the City as much advance notice as possible. After visiting with some Winnemucca residents and studying the history of Winnemucca, Fowler has developed two scripts. Owens asked if they will be closing streets and Fowler answered that they will need only a few street closures. Matlock said they intend to cast people from the community in the film. Mayor Putnam noted the purpose today is an introduction and presentation of the plan to incorporate the City into two movies and solicit support to provide legitimacy when local businesses are approached for assistance. Fowler said they will provide a packet of information on the production company. Fowler said Nevada tax incentives aren't as strong as some other places to film, but they can make it work with the support and help of the community to reduce the costs and that's what will make filming here work. Councilman Mavity asked if they have talked to the WCVA and Matlock said not yet, but they plan to. Councilman Mavity moved to authorize City support for the proposed filming projects, subject to receipt of the filming details and the background information on the production company. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT COST REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION**

Mayor Putnam explained the proposed resolution (in the meeting packet) sets forth the intent of the City to reimburse itself out of bond proceeds for the costs of the wastewater treatment project as required under Internal Revenue Code regulations section 1.150-2. USDA loan funds can only be used to reimburse project expenses, not pay for them directly. The City will pay the

costs from existing funds and use the USDA loan proceeds to reimburse itself. City Manager West explained the resolution adopted at the last Council meeting covered the requirements of the NRS and this resolution will cover the requirements of the IRS. West said that bond counsel is providing assistance on this process and that staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution. City Attorney Maher explained this resolution will allow the City to do the inter fund loans (as explained at the last Council meeting) and maintain the transactions as tax exempt. Councilman Owens moved to approve Resolution 2016-11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PROPERTY EXCHANGE-ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT / CITY-TIPTON**

Councilman Tipton advised he will abstain from the discussion and action of this item due to his family relationship with the property owner.

City Manager West explained the proposal is to grant an access easement to adjacent property owner Guy Tipton in exchange for Tipton conveying to the City a small piece of his property abutting the old sewer plant. The City requires the additional property in order to more easily construct the new pumping station. The proposed access easement is located across an area of property presently used for the rapid infiltration ponds. The easement will be used by Tipton to drive cattle to and from Tipton's property to the nearby public lands grazing allotments, and for access to Tipton's property. City Attorney Maher stated that once the lot-line adjustment map is approved and recorded, the deeds to describe the easement and the property conveyed to the City will be prepared, signed and recorded. Councilman Owens asked if this process will require additional fencing and West stated only around the new pumping station. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the proposed property/easement exchange with Guy Tipton and the proposed record of survey lot-line adjustment map. Motion carried unanimously.

### **TEST WELL SERVICES / WELL #8**

City Manager West stated the City received two bids to provide services for the Well #8 test-hole project. The low bid was from Hydro Resources-West Inc. in the amount of \$39,304.10. West said that the drilling and equipping of this well was originally budgeted this year in the amount of \$300,000. They had decided to move forward only with the test drilling this year, due to the accelerated expenditures to complete the water meter project. The test well will be located on the property that New Horizons (Alan Means) donated to the City located on the east end of town. The second bid was \$48,620. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from Hydro Resources. Councilman Owens moved to accept the bid from Hydro Resources-West, Inc. in the amount of \$39,304.10 for drilling Well #8 test hole well. Motion carried unanimously.

### **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager West reported the water well has been drilled and the first concrete has been installed at the new sewage treatment plant. The micro seal work was completed last week and City staff is very satisfied with the quality of the work.

Council Owens attended the RTC meeting and the HGH open house; he and Mayor Putnam judged the Dutch Oven cooking contest.

Councilman Mavity will be meeting this week with Heath Lewotsky, Director of the Winnemucca Community Garden, to discuss the upcoming swap meet to be held at the Community Garden. Councilman Billingsley attended the WCVA regular meeting and the WCVA special Fifties Fever meeting, which was well attended and lots of good ideas were put out.

Councilman Brooks reminded that the Chamber of Commerce will host a wine walk on Saturday, August 27. NNRC will begin meeting next month.

Mayor Putnam said she spoke with a representative from BLM regarding the City letter requesting the extension of the time on nearby grazing allotments. The representative did not see the benefit since cows won't eat the cheat grass but instead keep feeding in the same areas causing more damage than good. City Manager West said it was the opinion of the BLM range experts that there would be no fire-protection benefits from extending the time on the grazing allotments. The Mayor reminded of the upcoming Futures Forum to be held on September 1 at the Convention Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. The City received a donated boom truck from Newmont and Putnam expressed appreciation to Newmont on behalf of the City. Putnam is working on ordering medallions for the 2017 City of Winnemucca 100-year celebration.

Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club (WBGC), reported they had received three sets of soccer goals donated by CarWil. The Boys and Girls Club will be hosting the 3A Regional Soccer Tournament. Peters reported there are a total of 1,000 kids playing fall sports, 680 of which are playing soccer. The WBGC auction and dinner went well. Artistic Fence donated a 10 foot man gate for the Little League park. Adult softball has finished. Peters thanked the Public Works Department for addressing the broken basketball hoops at Highland Park. Peters reminded of the WBGC open house this Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** September 20, 2016

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Councilmen</b>	<u>Owens, Mavity, 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