

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 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 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 23, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed. Councilman Owens indicated that the minutes did not reflect his opposition to the golf course waiver fee for the Muma Golf Tournament. Councilman Mavity moved for approval of the minutes with the noted correction. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining from the Jim Dandy Productions warrants because he is the owner of the business.

PROCLAMATIONS - AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam presented: (i) Linda Barton, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, with a 20-year service award and commended her for the ability to take on any job asked of her and her steadiness, noting she is a pleasure to work with; (ii) Bill Dalley, Deputy Police Chief, with a 5-year service award, and commented he has been a wonderful addition to the police force as a bridge between the Chief and the employees; (iii) Police Sergeant Mike Rangel with a 5-year service award, and thanked him his dedication and even temperament; and, (iv) Fernando Vega, Water/Sewer Maintenance II, with a 5-year service award, and thanked him for his loyalty, diligence and outstanding performance.

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 Owens 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.

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STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / MELARKEY STREET FROM FOURTH STREET TO WINNEMUCCA BLVD. / NORTHERN NEVADA RACING ASSOCIATION

Mike Kenner, representing the Northern Nevada Racing Association, requested closure of the 300 block of Melarkey Street (between Fourth Street and Winnemucca Blvd.) on Thursday September 22, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Logan Hunewill Memorial Drag Race Kickoff party. Mayor Putnam requested NNRA contact St. Paul's church to let them know of the closure. Councilman Brooks suggested they contact the WCVA for the event to be placed on the community calendar in the future. Kenner said this has been a great event in the past and is growing in attendance every year. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the closure of the 300 block of Melarkey Street between Fourth Street and Winnemucca Blvd. on September 22, 2016 from 5:30 to 11:00 p.m. for the Logan Hunewill Memorial Drag Race Kickoff Party. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST / CORNER OF MIZPAH STREET AT THE HASKELL STREET INTERSECTION / HGH PHASE 4 ADDITION HVAC EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

Mayor Putnam said Maga Trucking and Crane submitted a request to close Mizpah Street near the Haskell Street intersection from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to allow the installation by crane of the HVAC units on the hospital (HGH) rooftop. City Manger West said the police department and school district are already informed of the closure. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the Mizpah Street closure near the Haskell Street intersection as requested to accommodate the installation of the HVAC equipment for HGH. Motion carried unanimously.

NEVADA LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESENTATION OF 2017 LEGISLATIVE BILL DRAFT REQUESTS / ANNUAL CONFERENCE / PROGRAM UPDATES

Wes Henderson, Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities (NLC), presented an overview of four NLC sponsored Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) for the 2017 Legislative session to: (i) grant local governments more authority to deal with vacant and abandoned buildings; (ii) expand the current law (NRS 268.043) to allow cities to expand their authority to cover all delinquent utilities provided by a city to be placed on the property tax bill for collection; (iii) ensure that towns and general improvement districts, with responsibility for the construction and/or maintenance of roads and streets, receive funds from the existing taxes on motor fuels which are currently distributed only to counties and incorporated cities; and, (iv) create a base allocation of funding to ensure that affordable housing programs that provide housing assistance are sustainable. Henderson commented that 447 BDRs have been filed for the legislative session so far and there will be many more to come. Henderson reminded of the upcoming Nevada League of Cities annual conference being held in Sparks this year on October 11-14, 2016, and commented that the conference speakers, the educational sessions and general sessions are all exceptional this year. The National League of Cities nationwide conference will be held in Pittsburg November 16-19, 2016. Henderson reports NLC has two new members, Carson City and Minden. Henderson explained the NLC Service Line Warranty Program benefits for the City and its residents. Mayor Putnam thanked Henderson for his actions and information on behalf of the City. Putnam believes it is important to support the BDRs as a group, even when a BDR does not benefit the City. City Attorney Maher asked if there was any feedback from NACO regarding the Fuel Tax Distribution BDR, since the proposed Town/GID shares will effectively reduce the county gas tax monies. Henderson said he did not up to this point but he anticipated some comments during the session.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT MOUNTAIN BIKES / PROPOSED DONATION

Police Chief Silva explained that the department will soon be purchasing new bikes and planned on trading-in the old ones; however, it was brought to his attention that some members of the community could benefit from the use of the retired bikes. Silva invited representatives from the Family Service Center and the District Court to speak about how the bicycles could be used. Brook O'Byrne said the Family Service Center provide services for specialty courts and has a goal to eventually have a fleet of bikes for clients who cannot legally drive. The court usually imposes requirements to get a job, open a bank account, etc., and they often have no way to get around. O'Byrne said they will develop a system to check the bikes out and then return them for others to use. Councilman Owens asked O'Byrne where the bikes will be stored. O'Byrne stated in the Family Support Center basement. Alaine Nye, representing Frontier Community Action Agency, echoed O'Byrne's thoughts, noting she deals with some of the same clients and others who have different circumstances. Nye said some of their clients just need to get back on their feet and need help to get going and get to work. Councilman Tipton moved to declare there is no further public use of the five TREK mountain bikes and approve the donation of the bikes to the Family Service Center and Frontier Community Action Agency. Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF NO FURTHER PUBLIC USE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2006 DODGE CHARGER AND 2012 DODGE CHARGER / AUTHORIZATION TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Police Chief Silva commented the police department has two Dodge Charger sedans they are retiring and requested authorization for the units to be sold at auction. Councilman Owens asked about the equipment from the vehicles; Silva said it will be removed from the sedans and installed on the two new replacement Dodge Chargers. Councilman Billingsley moved to declare there is no further public use for the 2006 Dodge Charger sedan and the 2012 Dodge Charger sedan and to authorize the units to be sold at auction. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION DECLARING SINGLE CANDIDATES OWENS AND BROOKS ELECTED

City Attorney Maher provided a draft resolution declaring Mike Owens and Paige Brooks as the single candidates filed for Council Seat 1 and Council Seat 5, respectively, and declaring them elected to those offices. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve proposed Resolution 2016-12 declaring single candidates Mike Owens and Paige Brooks elected to Council Seat 1 and Council Seat 5 offices, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

FORMER CITY FIRE STATION USE

Mayor Putnam stated the City has received inquiries from non-profit organizations, private businesses and other government entities regarding use of portions of former City fire station on Bridge Street. Putnam said it will be difficult to divide up this type of building for various uses and any substantial building modifications will require major expenditures in order to meet the present building codes. Public Works Supervisor Sutton is proposing to relocate the Street Department operations from the Sage Heights Public Works yard to the old fire station building, which will result in substantial daily fuel and man hour savings for the Public Works Department by consolidating operations. The Mayor said it is important to support other entities in the community, but it is also important to take care of City needs. Sutton said there is enough room for the equipment and the move will open up two shops for other uses at the Sage Heights yard. Councilman Billingsley asked if the fire station doors are big enough to get the equipment in. Sutton replied that the doors/bays will accommodate the largest equipment. City Manager West said the apartment upstairs is being rented to a City employee who acts as a caretaker for the property. The Council agreed the Street Department should utilize the old fire station. West said

the exterior of the building will require substantial maintenance in the near future, as the paint is coming off. The quote to stucco all of the building walls that are not block is \$37,000, and the cost to paint the block walls is estimated at \$10,000; neither cost is in this year's budget, but the Council may want to have the work done in the spring in order to avoid its rapidly deteriorating appearance. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the Public Works Department using the old fire station for Street Department operations. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported the wastewater treatment plant project is still on schedule and that there was a minor injury accident at the project yesterday. The final design of the rapid infiltration basins and the influent pipeline are being worked out between the contractor and engineer. The pipeline profile is being modified in an effort to save money and to avoid certain construction issues that will come up if it is built as designed. Staff is working with the Mayor on the 2017 Centennial event planning. The First Street water and sewer replacement project was on hold, but the gas company has indicated they need to replace all their gas lines on First Street as part of the City project; staff is working to get the project out to bid this winter to meet the gas company schedule, which may require a modification to the budget.

Councilman Owens asked if the ordinance regarding dangerous dogs had been reviewed after the dog bite situation on Bridge Street. City Manager West said they reviewed the ordinance with City Attorney Maher and it appears the City does have the ability to appropriately deal with situations involving such animals. Owens attended the Futures Forum and felt that it was well attended and that many good ideas were presented. Owens also complimented the City department heads saying the longevity of the City employees is a reflection of the quality of their supervisors.

Councilman Mavity attended the Futures Forum and agreed that it was well done. Mavity publicly thanked the EMS for their quick response to the accident yesterday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mavity plans on attending the drug information program tomorrow at HGH.

Councilman Tipton publically thanked the Humboldt County Volunteer Fire Department and the City Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response to the Sage Theater Fire on Bridge Street. Tipton said the new ladder fire truck paid for itself right there. The firefighters training along with this equipment kept the fire from spreading to the adjacent buildings.

Councilman Billingsley said City Manager West and Public Works Supervisor Sutton had accompanied him to the wastewater treatment plant today to take drone pictures of the plant. Billingsley said the plant is impressive. Billingsley will attend the WCVA meeting tomorrow and a forum for the Fifties Fever event on Thursday.

Councilman Brooks attended the Chamber lunch held at the Airport and the Futures Forum. Brooks said there will be a meet and greet October 6 at the Senior Center from 6-8 p.m. for the local candidates. Brooks reminded that the Mayor's Ball will be held October 14, 2016.

Mayor Putnam read an email she received complimenting the officers from the Winnemucca Police Department for their recent handling of a mental health emergency situation. Chief Silva said the responding officers were Sergeant Garrison and Officers Holsclaw and Klassen. Putnam attended the Age Friendly town hall meeting. Putnam reported on the 100 year celebration plans which include the design on the commemorative coin, a kickoff event in January with the Chamber of Commerce, a plan to change the City website, and a contest for changing the City motto. City Manager West is working with the Museum on a historical booklet for the celebration.

