

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 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 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 June 30, 2016 special City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The September 20, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Billingsley 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 a proclamation declaring October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" at the Mayors Ball on October 14. Putnam said that domestic violence is a continuing problem in the community and urged everyone to be aware of what's going on and to work as a community to help reduce the numbers on domestic violence.

Mayor Putnam presented Sharon McAllister, Humboldt County Coalition Coordinator, with a proclamation decreeing October 2016 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month."

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation declaring November 1, 2016 as "Extra Mile Day" to recognize volunteers that go the extra mile in participating in activities and events in the community. Putnam urged all citizens to get involved in the community and volunteerism.

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.

FIFTH ANNUAL "FREEDOM RUN" EVENT REQUEST / KAIA FIT

Amber Gourley, Kaia Fit, requested to use various City streets to hold their fifth annual "Freedom Run" on Friday, November 11, 2016 beginning at noon. Gourley said the 5K and 1K routes will be the same as last year. The races begin and end at the Armory. The 5K crosses Hanson Street twice, where they will have crossing guards. Gourley contacted Deputy Police Chief Dalley regarding the route and he said he didn't foresee problems. The cost is \$20 a person or \$50 for a family of four or more. All proceeds go to the Veteran's Guest House which is a lodging facility in Reno where Veterans and their families can stay for free when visiting the VA Hospital in Reno. Many local persons regularly take advantage of this facility. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the use of City streets for the Kaia Fit Freedom Run to be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 beginning at noon. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY 2017 CENTENNIAL EVENT / PROPOSALS AND BUDGET

Mayor Putnam and City Manager West along with Dana Toth from the Humboldt County Museum, Michelle Urain and Kim Peterson from the Winnemucca Convention Center, and Debbie Stone from the Chamber of Commerce, have been working to coordinate the centennial activities. West presented a sample of the proposed centennial letterhead and the proposed coins. Putnam stated the committee is looking at three different coins; silver plated, gold plated and a silver keepsake coin that will be available for purchase. The committee is proposing a couple of events. The first event is a kickoff for the 2017 centennial celebration at the end of January to be held at the Boys and Girls Club or at the Museum in combination with the January Chamber mixer. A \$2,000 budget is anticipated for beverages and hors d'oeuvre. West said the committee is working on a historical informational booklet that will be professionally prepared for distribution. There was some discussion about the high publication cost of the booklets and Councilman Billingsley suggested that the committee get quotes from other printing companies. Putnam said the Chamber wants to offer booklets for sale so that the City may recoup some of the costs. West provided the cost of the coins as follows: silver plated coins \$7.20 each, gold plated coins \$4.40 each and the .925 solid silver coins \$120 each, depending upon the quantities that are ordered. Putnam said the booklets and the coins will be for sale, but the pins are not for sale, as those used to give out to organizations or special visitors to the City. The letterhead and the pins are routine budget items and are not included in the centennial celebration costs. The Council decided to wait on the decision of which coin to get until after they see the sample coins, which should be available in the next couple of weeks. West estimated that production will only take a month after the coin is decided. Councilman Owens asked if WCVA will be sharing with the cost. Billingsley said they are meeting tomorrow but this had already been discussed and the WCVA said they will be on board and help out in some way. Putnam said the Convention Center is looking into applying for a grant. West said the FY 16/17 centennial budget is only \$5,000, so it is clear that additional funding will be required, but that may be offset from the money recouped from item sales. Billingsley said it is a worthy investment. West said the main event will probably be held September 30, 2017 at the Recreation Complex, but the costs will be in next year's budget. The Council agreed with the ideas and agreed to move forward with what had been discussed.

BARRICK MINING PRESENTATION

General Manager Nigel Bain, Safety & Health Superintendent Simon Pollard and Community Relations Specialist Maria Anderson updated the Council on Barrick Mining's Turquoise Ridge

(TR) mining operation. The presentation included the improved safety at TR, present and projected employment numbers, present and projected gold projection, possible construction of a third ventilation shaft and current projected life of the mine. Mayor Putnam thanked the group and said the City is appreciative of Barrick's contributions to City projects. Bain replied that his company recognizes the benefits of investing in the community.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West attended the annual workshop with NDOT and Humboldt County this morning. The work plans for future potential projects were discussed and the top two local projects are the addition of passing lanes on US95 and the Grass Valley Road drainage project. The City's portion of the Grass Valley project will be from Sunny Drive to Moon Lane and hopefully will include curb, gutter and sidewalk. West said the intersection of Offenhauser Drive, Hanson Street, Water Canyon Road and Highland Drive was discussed and he is hoping to get input from the State on how to improve the intersection. This month's edition of the Nevada Magazine featured a very flattering article about Winnemucca. The sewer plant project is on schedule; most of the bioreactor walls have been poured and the clarifiers are about half complete. West reported that Hunewill is starting the asphalt plant and will be completing patching around town. The asphalt on the golf cart paths may be completed this week. West reported there was another water main break on Haskell Street last Wednesday and that the HGH clinic and the helicopter hangar were the only impacted water customers. The main was repaired and reactivated on Friday.

Councilman Owens praised the Winner's Inn owners for the replacing of the sidewalk in front of their business, as not everyone takes care of City sidewalks and this was a beautiful improvement in the downtown area.

Councilman Mavity attended the Chamber lunch, the Family Support Center tour, the Humboldt County Library memorial dedication for Sherrie Allen, and the Community Gardens "Fall Finale." Sharon McAllister, new board member for the Community Garden, commented that there will be a garden cleanup on November 5.

Councilman Billingsley attended the Nevada League of Cities Conference in Sparks. Billingsley will attend the WCVA meeting tomorrow and Thursday night he will be chairing the committee for the new "Winnemucca Wheels" which replaces the annual "Fifties Fever" celebration.

Councilman Brooks attended the Nevada League of Cities Conference, the Family Support Center tour, and the grand opening of the new Maverik store. There is a candidate meet and greet hosted by the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 19.

Mayor Putnam attended the Mayors' Conference-Breakfast at the Nevada League of Cities. They discussed property taxes in the large metro areas and how this impacts their local budgets. She attended the Mayors Ball which was held October 14.

PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:

Vince Mendiola commented that he appreciated the good information and updates from the Mayor and Council. Mendiola asked if there was a time frame for the completion of the demolition of the Winnemucca Hotel and if there is liability involved. City Manager West said he will find out if their permit had an expiration date and that staff will monitor the progress of the work to determine when it was appropriate to close off First Street for safety purposes.

Nigel Bain asked if the Hampton Inn was going to be constructed. City Manager West said they have been issued a grading permit and that the full permit should be issued within the next couple of weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: November 8, 2016

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk