

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, 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:

Keith Beare, owner of KS Carpentry & Cabinet, asked several questions about the City contracting process and any incentive provided by the City to keep small businesses in the community. Mayor Putnam explained that taxpayer dollars are not used to financially support private business. Putnam suggested that business owners should use the Chamber of Commerce and involvement in other community activities to network and provide exposure for their businesses. It was explained that the City does not have the ability under the law to mandate that local contractors be used on City projects. The Mayor acknowledged that when out of town contractors are used there may be a disadvantage to the local economy but outside contractors also spend money in the community while they are here. City Manager West suggested Beare become familiar with local primary contractors in order to have an opportunity to work as a subcontractor. Beare also commented on the mines and their contribution to the community but questioned if those contributions help with sustainable jobs. The Mayor noted that mining provides stable employment and gives a lot of funding back to the community which is often matched by employee contributions. City Attorney Maher noted that the mines are private businesses and the City has no control over how they spend their money. Putnam noted that the City, through the Humboldt Development Authority, actively works on providing other economic opportunities for the community besides mining. Putnam explained that economic development in this rural area is challenging, however, the community is interested in every business being successful. Councilman Billingsley said that there are a lot of things the community has to offer, including good roads, great recreation and good public facilities. Councilman Mavity suggested Beare become involved in community events, such as the next Future's Forum which brings together employers from this area.

MINUTES:

The December 12, 2016 joint City Council-County Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The December 13, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Billingsley moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

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

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PROCLAMATION-AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam presented Stephanie Johnson, Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services Program Director, with a proclamation declaring January 2017 as “Stalking Awareness Month.” Putnam thanked Johnson and the WDVS for being active and making the community aware of these issues. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

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.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY / PLANS-ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION-UPDATE

Cindy O, Humboldt County Library Director, and Joy Holt, Humboldt County Library Assistant Director, explained the Edge Assessment national benchmarking standard for libraries which evaluates community programs, services and resources to help people and communities improve their quality of life. Libraries are instrumental in managing resources so that community members who need or want access can get it regardless of ability, skill, personal technology or available time. Libraries involved in the Edge Assessment rate themselves according to established benchmarks. The Humboldt County Library has seen significant increases in benchmark scoring in the past year and will continue with planned goals to increase their marks. The library’s Strategic Plan includes: Goal #1, Develop the branches of the Humboldt County Library as community centers and continue to promote the bookmobile service to outlying areas; Goal #2, Continue to provide an extensive collection of materials and online resources for all ages; Goal #3, Embrace a strong commitment to exemplary customer service; Goal #4, Increase access to technological resources and connectivity; Goal #5, Improve collaboration and relationships with community partners; and, Goal #6, Develop alternative funding opportunities to increase the library’s long term stability. Future objectives include the Denio Library expansion project, updating the security at the Humboldt County Library, developing partnerships with the school district, mines and workforce development, updating current library job descriptions, building improvements, E-rate and services offered. The library has seen an increase in the use of its services. O thanked the City for their continued support.

2017 DRUG FREE GRADUATION PARTY DONATION REQUEST

Andree Rose, Tammy Gabica and Elise Rose, representatives of the Drug Free Graduation Party Committee, reported on their plans for this year’s event. Rose said the purpose of this event is to offer a drug free and safe location for the kids to go the night of graduation and to celebrate their graduation. A 2017 proposed budget for the event was provided and they anticipate \$36,000 in expenses. The event will start at 9:00 p.m. and go until 4:00 a.m. They are asking different governmental agencies for help – Humboldt County, the City of Winnemucca and the WCVA. The Frontier Community Coalition, Newmont Mining, Barrick Mining and Marigold Mining also contribute. The contributions cover about half the expense, with the other half coming from businesses, the community and parents. Students also do volunteer work for donations. Mayor Putnam said the event reduces the amount of issues law enforcement has to deal with during the graduation celebration; the City is very satisfied with the

event and, most important, the City wants the young adults to be safe while celebrating their accomplishment. Councilman Mendiola asked if the committee has stats on the percentage of seniors that take advantage of attending. Councilman Brooks said in the past attendance had been around 80-85% and about 60% of attendees stay past 1:00 a.m. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the request for \$2,500 donation to the 2017 Drug Free Graduation Party. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL BOARD/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Putnam made Board/Committee assignments as follows: Airport Board – Councilman Owens; Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority – Councilman Billingsley; Humboldt Development Authority (HDA) – Councilman Mendiola; Landfill Committee – Councilman Brooks and Councilman Mavity; Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) – Councilman Owens; Humboldt River Basin Water Authority – Councilman Mendiola; Employee Negotiations Committee – Mayor Putnam; Councilman Owens and Councilman Mavity; Water Canyon Advisory Committee (NNRC) – Councilman Brooks; Community Garden Committee – Councilman Mavity; School District Liaison – Councilman Brooks; Paradise Valley-Sonoma Conservation District – Councilman Mendiola; Western Nevada Development District Board – Councilman Mendiola; Humboldt Foundation Board of Directors – Councilman Mendiola; and, Frontier Community Coalition – Councilman Brooks. Councilman Brooks moved to consent to the board and committee assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported the wastewater treatment plant project has had some weather delays but is still making good headway. The money put into the storm drain system saved a lot of headaches during the recent flooding; there were very few problems. The East Winnemucca Blvd. curb/gutter/storm drain project prevented the underpass and nearby property from flooding. The Public Works Department did a good job with keeping the streets open during the recent heavy snow storms and cold temperatures. Mayor Putnam asked that West pass on to the Public Works Department how much the City appreciates their time spent on snow removal. West reminded of the joint meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Councilman Owens attended the Chamber luncheon. Owens commented the latest Barrick Mine donation to the Boys and Girls Club was very much appreciated and the Railroad Street lighting project was a nice improvement. Owens will attend the LEPC Table Top exercise scheduled for January 19.

Councilman Mavity reported the Community Garden has a new chairman and she will meet with him in the near future. She will attend the Landfill Committee meeting later this month.

Councilman Billingsley will attend the Winnemucca Wheels meeting next week. Billingsley reports the WCVA is working on bringing an inside archery shoot to the Events Center and WCVA Director Petersen is working on bringing a horseshoe tournament to Winnemucca.

Councilman Brooks reported that the Yurt in Water Canyon is getting a lot of use.

Police Chief Silva recently graduated a reserve from the WPD reserve academy. The department has hired three new officers and all will be attending the POST academy beginning this month.

Mayor Putnam distributed gold plated Centennial coins and pins to the Council members and exhibited the silver Centennial coin, which is available for purchase for the sum of \$40. The Centennial kickoff event will be January 26, 2017 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County museum. The Mayor, Council and City Manager signed a letter that will be distributed to all City employees inviting them to the Centennial kickoff event. One of the silver plated coins will be awarded as a door prize at the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:

Keith Beare, K & S Carpentry, said that Kim Petersen, WCVA Director, had contacted him about constructing the horseshoe pits for the tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: January 24, 2017

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk