

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 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:**

Police Chief Silva presented Mayor Putnam with an appreciation plaque from the Winnemucca Police Department, which features a centennial Police Department badge. Silva thanked the Mayor for her many years in support of the police department. Putnam said it has been an honor to serve as the mayor.

**MINUTES:**

The January 10, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARRANTS:**

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

**PROCLAMATION-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards.

**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.

**SPORTS COMPLEX USE REQUEST / WINNEMUCCA BALLOON FESTIVAL 2017**

Jeremy Crosby, Winnemucca Balloon Festival 2017 coordinator, requested to use the Sports Complex from Friday May 19 through Sunday May 21, 2017 for the 6th annual Winnemucca Balloon Festival. Crosby checked the Sports Complex calendar and there are no conflicting events. Crosby said they are planning a night glow Friday evening. He will contact the WCVA to place the event on the community calendar. Councilman Owens moved to approve the request to use the Sports Complex for the Winnemucca Balloon Festival 2017 hot air balloon launch site from Friday May 19 through Sunday May 21, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SEWER PLANT AERATORS NON-USE DECLARATION / DONATION REQUEST**

City Manager West said that when the new wastewater treatment plant is completed, the existing lagoon aerators at the old sewer plant will no longer be needed. The Urban Pond project is requesting the aerators be donated to them for their use. West explained that the aerators are both solar and electrical powered, and that the circulating blades aerate and mix the water. The City will have no further use for these units when the lagoons are abandoned. West said the pond project will have the option to continue with the maintenance contract. There are a total of six aerators but the fishing pond would probably require only one. The others could be used for parts. Councilman Brooks moved to find that the six floating aerators at the old sewer plant will have no further public use by the City upon completion of the new sewage treatment plant and to authorize donation of the aerators to the Urban Pond project. Motion carried unanimously.

## **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager West reported the City had another water main break on Haskell Street last week and only the HGH clinic is affected. Public works is still working on the repair. The wastewater treatment plant project is going along well but they have recently experienced many weather delays. Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Barton announced her retirement effective April 21, 2017. Staff will begin the process to fill the position.

Councilman Owens participated in the LEPC Table Top exercise held January 19, which was well attended. Owens will be taking FEMA training courses online.

Councilman Mavity attended the Landfill Committee meeting.

Councilman Mendiola attended the HDA meeting. HDA will donate money to the program "Explore Your Future" offered to Lowry sophomores. HDA is in support of the I-II corridor; they want to be a part of the process. HDA declined to purchase the Stitzer airport property due to the asking price being much higher than the three appraisals received. HDA expressed concern as to why they had not been included in the joint City Council/County Commission meeting for the NNRDA presentation/decision. After discussion at the HDA meeting, it was agreed that there were no other options to offer besides the two presented. City Manager West said Pam Borda, Executive Director of NNRDA, plans to attend the next HDA meeting to explain in detail what NNRDA will provide to the community. It appears that a communication problem occurred, as the original intent was for the HDA to make a recommendation to the City/County at the joint meeting. West said it was unfortunate the HDA meeting was scheduled after the joint meeting and that HDA was not able to attend the joint meeting.

Councilman Billingsley attended the WCVA meeting and reported the Event Center covered arena will be torn down in preparation for construction of a new facility. There will be an Archery Shoot event scheduled for March and a Horseshoe tournament will be coming to Winnemucca. The Winnemucca Wheels Committee is moving forward with plans.

Councilman Brooks attended the Landfill Committee meeting and the Frontier Coalition meeting.

Police Chief Silva participated in a domestic violence training which was well attended. The three WPD cadets attending POST passed their entrance exams. Silva is on the board of the Family Support Center and explained the "Living Room Project" that is being implemented at the center to take families for a short term when they have been displaced or are in need of

counseling. The family support center will soon provide on-scene counseling for domestic abuse situations.

Mayor Putnam announced there will be a suicide prevention town hall meeting held February 10, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the County Commission meeting room. Congressman Amodei will be at the Humboldt County Library on February 10 from 1-3 p.m. The ICON group has agreed to build a 500 seat auditorium in conjunction with their proposed hydroponics venture. They will be requesting support funding from the City at a future Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** February 7, 2017

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

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