

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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:

There were no public comments, personal communication or correspondence.

MINUTES:

The August 22, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

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

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.

VARIANCE REQUEST / REDUCE SIDE YARD SETBACK / TWICHELL

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, presented a variance application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying, as agent for property owner Doris Twichell, to reduce the required east side yard setback from five (5) feet to two (2) feet to allow replacement of an 8'x10' shed on an existing pad located at 111 Kendall Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 16-0054-15. The Planning Department received no comments on the request. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the variance request based on staff findings and recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

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GOLF COURSE FEE WAIVER REQUEST / MUMA SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jayne Gabiola requested a waiver of the golf course fees for the annual "Muma Scramble" golf tournament fund raiser to be held on Friday September 8, 2017. All proceeds will go to the local Alzheimer's Fund in memory of "Muma" Julie Echevarria Bertz. Mayor Putnam commented that the request meets the waiver criteria since the proceeds are used entirely in the community. Gabiola said they had 11 teams last year and, so far, they have 16 teams signed up this year. All players will still pay the applicable greens fees. Councilman Owens moved to approve the request to waive the course fee for the "Muma" Scramble Golf Tournament on Friday, September 8, 2017. 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 Monday September 18, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the Wildlife and Young Life 3rd annual paint war. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the Wildlife and Young Life request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FORMER YOUTH CENTER BUILDING USE PROPOSAL / VETERANS

Craig Becker, VFW representative, stated they have not secured all their funding because the State and Federal VFW do not have sufficient funds available. Home Depot has a program to provide funding and building supplies to help Veterans organizations around the country, and Becker will contact them. Darlene Thon, American Legion Auxiliary representative, commented their organization has some funds available to contribute to the Veterans. Thon's group has also looked at the building and will use it because the building is more suitable and located in a more convenient location. Mayor Putnam said the City needs an organizational plan from the Veterans that include what changes the building needs and how they will go about implementing those changes. Becker said they are currently in the process of organizing a limited liability company, which is what the City requested. Becker said according to the County Assessor's records, there are 1,800 Veterans located in the City and Humboldt County. The Veterans organizations have 1000 members on their rolls. City Attorney Maher commented that after they get their plan together, the City will consider an agreement with them for use of the facility. Becker said the Veterans will be hosting an appreciation BBQ in Vesco Park this weekend and everyone is invited to attend. No action was taken.

CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAM "BILL" D. DALLEY AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Putnam said Police Chief Eric Silva will retire on October 4, 2017 and pass the command on September 29, 2017. Putnam submitted a letter with her selection for Silva's replacement. Putnam said it was an honor and privilege to ask the Council to confirm Bill Dalley as Chief of Police. Putnam said Dalley is well qualified to represent the Police Department and the City as the next Chief of Police. Councilman Mavity moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bill Dalley as the City of Winnemucca Chief of Police. Motion carried unanimously.

NV ENERGY EASEMENT GRANT / CITY

City Manager West presented a draft easement document provided by NV Energy for an existing overhead power line that crosses the newly acquired City sewer plant property near Cyanco Road. The City previously agreed to provide easements for all existing utility lines on the two sections of BLM property purchased for the new sewage treatment plant. Councilman

Brooks moved to approve the grant of an easement to NV Energy for their existing power line as presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported: (i) the upper Kluncy Canyon Road project is complete and is in the closeout phase; (ii) the grading and curbs project has been completed and paving should take place in September on the Highland Drive and Recreation Complex parking lot RTC projects; (iii) construction work is about 50% complete on the street intersection RTC project; (iv) construction work has not begun on the Cemetery expansion project; (v) construction work has not begun on the Fourth Street water and Second Street storm drain projects; (vi) the First Street utility mains construction work has not begun due to high water; (vii) the survey work has been completed for the Humboldt River floodplain sewer main project; (viii) preliminary discussions with the BLM and surveyor have been completed on the Railroad Springs pipeline project; (ix) final inspections will take place this week to develop a remaining work and correction punch-list on the Sewage Treatment Plant project which started clean water operations on 8/28 with startup scheduled for 9/6, and contract operations scheduled from 9/6 through 10/21, with project close out scheduled for 10/21 through 12/20; (x) the site for Well #8 has been selected with the property owner's approval and the City is waiting for the required mapping in order to move forward with the test hole; (xi) construction work on the Airport wind-cone and taxiway construction has been completed and the project is in the closeout phase; and, (xii) the Airport taxiway overlay project has been awarded and the construction work will begin soon.

Councilman Mavity reported there will be a Centennial presentation at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon and three classrooms next Tuesday.

Councilman Mendiola reported on the HDA, NNRDA, Paradise Sonoma Conservation District and Humboldt River Water Basin Authority meetings. The NNRDA retreat will be held in Elko on September 11, 2017. Harold Gudmundsen has been appointed to the Humboldt Development Authority board.

Councilman Brooks attended the Dementia Friendly meeting and noted the Labor Day fair and parade were well attended.

Mayor Putnam stated Alicia Heiser was offered and accepted the Assistant City Engineer position, and will begin September 25, 2017. Putnam mailed letters to the state Congressional representatives expressing the City's feelings about the possibility of losing AMTRACK services in Winnemucca. Putnam met with U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto. Putnam judged the youth awards at the fair. Putnam commended the Winnemucca PD for the capture of the suspect from Sacramento that attacked a woman and her two children with a hammer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: October 3, 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