

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2018**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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; and, City Attorney Kent Maher, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser 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:**

Mayor Putnam read a letter from Hofsommer Excavating, the company hired to bore under I-80 to install sewer line casing for the Flood Plain project, thanking the City, Public Works Supervisor Sutton and the Public Works crew for use of the City vacuum truck and assistance in pumping out the bore pit.

Mayor Putnam read a letter from Margaret Sandbak complimenting the staff and improvements at the Bode Howard Memorial Pool, and sharing an opinion on swim team practice schedules.

**MINUTES:**

The February 6, 2018 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The February 20, 2018 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Billingsley moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**WARRANTS:**

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Owens 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 the 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.

**STREET-PARK USE REQUEST / "COLOR THE MUCC" EVENT / CHAMBER-WDVS**

Debbie Stone, Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce, and Stephanie Johnson, Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services (WDVS), requested the use of various City streets and Vesco Park for the fifth annual "Color The Mucc" event on Saturday April 28, 2018. The event route is the

same as last year and ends at Vesco Park where WDVS will sponsor their "Party in the Park" event to thank the community for supporting WDVS throughout the year. Johnson also asked to use the power at Vesco Park and to close the parking lot. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the request to use various City streets and Vesco City Park, including closing the parking lot, on Saturday April 28, 2018 for the "Color The Mucc" running event. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FACILITY USE-FEE WAIVER REQUEST / YOUNG LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Jose Galvan and Mike Timko, representing Young Life, requested the fees be waived for the fourth annual Young Life Golf Tournament on Saturday April 21, 2018. Timko commented a lot of locals participate in the tournament as well as some individuals from Elko and Reno; it's been a good turnout every year. Mayor Putnam said one of the criteria for waiving the fees is support of the community and Young Life gives back to the youth of the community. Timko commented that local business and community support has grown and it is positively impacting local youth. Councilman Owens moved to approve the request from Young Life to use the golf course on Saturday April 21, 2018 and to waive the golf course fees. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SPORTS COMPLEX USE REQUEST / BADGER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Michael Formby, Badger Baseball League representative, requested use of the Sports Complex for the annual Mother's Day baseball tournament on Friday-Saturday-Sunday May 11, 12, and 13, 2018. Thirty-five boy teams, ranging from 9U to 16U, participated last year, which was the best turn out to date; games were played at Lowry, the four fields at the Sports Complex, and one field at the major league field. The tournament brings in close to 500 participants. There are five teams from Winnemucca, with the remainder primarily from Elko, Fernley, Reno, Dayton, Carson City, etc. A fund raiser for breast cancer awareness will be held in conjunction with the tournament. Any money over \$2,000 made from the tournament will be donated to an organization selected by the tournament organizers. The league takes care of the trash, field prep and chalking. There was some discussion of the RV's camping by the Sports Complex. Formby said it is something they are aware of and may have to address in the future. Formby said they try to get the number of the RV's anticipated prior to the event. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the request by the Badger Baseball League to use the Sports Complex and waive the fees for the annual Mother's Day Baseball Tournament on May 11, 12, and 13, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **WILL-SERVE COMMITMENT / 1050 HANSON ST. / BENGOA EYE CARE**

Mayor Putnam presented a request from Big G Construction for a will-serve commitment for the new Bengoa Eye Care premises at 1050 Hanson Street (APN 16-0251-36). City Manager Heiser said the sewer connection for this project will be located next to the driveway that leads into the apartment complex at 1100 Hanson Street. The water connection will be located on Hanson Street and will probably require some traffic control. The total sewer units are five. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the water-sewer will-serve commitment for Bengoa Eye Care at 1050 Hanson Street. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ENDORSEMENT / MARSY'S LAW FOR NEVADA**

Sean Frignor and Brady Griffiths, representing Marsy's Law for Nevada, presented information about the Marsy's Law ballot measure which will be voted on in November to elevate the rights of victims and enhance the process and resources that victims currently have in Nevada, including the rights of: (1) notification; (ii) privacy; (iii) a voice where the victim and family are

allowed to tell their story in court, sentencing or parole hearings; and, (iv) restitution. Marsy's Law has already been passed in six states. Support is being solicited from statewide agencies and local governments. Frignor said Mayor Putnam was the first in Humboldt County to endorse Marsy's Law for Nevada. Putnam said Marsy's Law is a means to support victims and let them know they have rights, and that the perpetrator does not have all the rights. Councilman Mendiola moved to authorize the City to endorse Marsy's Law and the Mayor to sign the endorsement on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

## **STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS**

City Manager Heiser reported that the O&M manual required by NDEP may be something that can be produced in-house at a large cost savings. McCarthy will be here next week to install an orifice at the outfall of the well pump which will hopefully fix the issues with the pneumatic pump water system. Construction of the River Floodplain sewer main between I-80 and the river is complete with the exception of a few manhole lids. The appropriate tests have been completed on the First Street utility mains project. The services will be connected this week and Hunewill will be working on some curb and sidewalk repairs. Re-paving of First Street will occur as soon as the weather permits. Well #8 is not doable at this time as the water fund is depleted. If the Railroad Springs pipeline can be completed, it will provide some backup should there be a problem with Well #7. The Airport Taxiway overlay construction work will take place when the weather permits. The Airport area property appraisals have been completed and reviewed. Armstrong Consultants is working on an offer letter and contract for use in acquiring the properties. The RFP has been finalized for the playground equipment. Proposals are due April 6, 2018. Staff is in the planning phase for the remaining projects at the Recreation Complex (play area, amphitheater, four-plex, etc.) and is completing estimates for site work, construction and installation to determine the project costs.

Councilman Owens commented if the Badger Tournament keeps increasing in participants, the Council may want to address the RV parking at the Sports Complex possibly with a policy providing conditions for fee waivers.

Councilman Mavity will meet with Brett Worsham next week for an update on the Community Garden.

Councilman Mendiola participated in an NNRDA phone conference; the Director and staff were given permission to attend various trade shows to attempt to bring people to the community. HDA gave \$80,000 towards the creation of a strategic plan for Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca. There will be a teleconference on a high speed rail freight way. Mendiola attended a discussion of the Futures Forum. They want to get more non-profits and more exhibitors to participate in next year's forum.

Councilman Billingsley reported the WCVA has been focusing on getting the new building at the events center up and running. It was recently used for a large barrel race event held in conjunction with the Ranch Hand Rodeo. The event brought a lot of people in and was a huge success. An archery shoot will be held at the Events Center this weekend. WCVA donated \$10,000 for the purchase of new targets. There will now be some 3D targets available at the Humboldt County Shooting Park. Winnemucca Wheels is working on recruiting more vendors for their event. Room tax revenue is up.

Councilman Brooks attended a broadband meeting with Mayor Putnam and City Manager Heiser. The Lions Club-HGH Health Fair will be held March 17, 2018.

Mayor Putnam reminded of the budget workshop meeting next week and commented that the Consolidated Tax revenues are down. Donovan Sullivan wants to create a metal plaque acknowledging all first responder organizations. Putnam said there is a metal Buckaroo sculpture available for \$400 that could be placed on the graveled City lot located at the corner of Winnemucca Blvd. and Melarkey. Harold Gudmundsen commented that he will donate \$400 for the purchase of the sculpture. Putnam attended the FAA dinner and the meeting to discuss bringing more broadband service to the area. Putnam will be speaking at Shooting The West event this Friday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund  
City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** March 20, 2018

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

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