

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2018**

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

There were no public comments, personal communication or correspondence.

MINUTES:

The May 22, 2018 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed, and Councilman Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining from voting because he was not present at the meeting.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The payments for warrants and the expense reports 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.

PRIVATE ACTIVITY VOLUME BOND CAP TRANSFER REQUEST / NRHA

William Brewer, Deputy Director of Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA), requested the City authorize transfer of the City tax exempt private activity volume bond cap to the NRHA to use to finance single family residences for low to moderate income families. Brewer explained that the private activity bond cap (PABC) is not money but the opportunity to issue debt. The U.S. Treasury allocates an amount of PABC to each state every year based on population. Nevada receives about \$300M a year. About one-half of the allocation is assigned to smaller counties and cities based on population. Winnemucca receives about \$425,000. NRHA combines the PABC from the small communities to fund NRHA's Single-Family Housing program. Councilman Owens moved to approve the request to transfer to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) the unused portion of the 2018 tax exempt private activity volume bond cap allocated to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

VARIANCE REQUEST VW-18-04 / DECREASE NORTH SIDE FRONT SETBACK / SCHOMMER

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, presented a variance request submitted by Patrick Schommer to decrease the north side front (Sixth Street) setback from twenty (20) feet to five (5) feet to allow construction of an additional touch less car wash bay to the existing car wash facility. Lawrence commented the Planning Department received no comments. The property is located at 751 W. Sixth Street, APN 15-037-10. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve the variance request based on staff findings and recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY STREETS USE-GOLF COURSE FEE WAIVER REQUESTS / JOSHUA ROSE WALK-GOLF TOURNAMENT

Andree Rose, representing the Joshua Rose Memorial Walk and Golf Tournament, requested use of City streets for the walk route. Rose commented she will provide the Police Department and NDOT with maps of the route. The 5K event is scheduled to be held on June 29, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Rose also requested use of the golf course and waiver of the tournament fees for the fifth annual Joshua Rose Memorial Golf Tournament to be held July 1, 2018. All proceeds go towards the Joshua Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund which will benefit graduating seniors in 2019. Twenty-two students were the recipients of \$20,500 from the 2018 scholarship funds. Mayor Putnam said this is a great thing to give back this much in scholarship money. Councilman Brooks moved to approve the request to use the City streets for the Joshua Rose Scholarship Walk June 29, 2018 and to waive the golf tournament fees for the Joshua Rose memorial Golf tournament on July 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

ANTI-SIPHON BACKFLOW PREVENTER DEVICE REQUEST / COMMUNITY GARDEN

Brett Worsham, Executive Director of the Community Garden, reported they are working on a master design for a major renovation in 2019 at the Community Garden. At the time of the renovation, they are proposing to install a second irrigation line which will require an anti-siphon backflow preventer for the 2" irrigation line. Currently, Worsham is not requesting the City to purchase or install the valve. Worsham commented that the concrete apron approach is highly degraded making it a trip/fall hazard. The Community Garden is working with the Winnemucca Age and Dementia Friendly group in trying to make the Community Garden more accessible and ADA compliant. City Manager Heiser said the City is planning another RTC funded valley gutter project for next year and may be able to include the concrete apron(s) on the project. Worsham also explained that the 2019 planned renovation at the Community Garden will cost around \$50,000. Worsham is not asking the City to fund the project, but would like the City to consider doing a \$10,000 matching amount. Mayor Putnam said the City has already finalized the FY 18-19 budget and any request will have to be considered at next year's budget session (FY 19-20). City Attorney Maher suggested that Worsham contact staff early in 2019 in order to submit the budget request. Worsham thanked the City for the continued use of their backhoe. Worsham reiterated the primary issues and concerns are the repair of the concrete apron and the anti-siphon backflow preventer. Putnam suggested that Worsham meet with Public Works Supervisor Sutton and City Manager Heiser to decide what the Community Garden needs and then bring the request back to Council. No action was taken.

1967 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK / SURPLUS PROPERTY DETERMINATION

City Manager Heiser said the 1967 International Load Star 1700 truck located at the Airport does not run and a couple of the truck's tires are rotted off. Robison Metal Recycling will look at the truck today to determine if they are interested in disposing of the vehicle. Another option is to wait for the next County auction. Councilman Owens moved to determine there is no further public use of the 1967 International Load Star 1700 truck and to authorize staff to dispose of it. Motion carried unanimously.

SAGE HEIGHTS POOL / CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Putnam commented there are major problems with the boiler and there are significant health code compliance issues at the Sage Heights Pool; the time has come for the City to make a determination about the future of the pool. Putnam said she believes it will take several hundred thousand dollars to put the pool back into operation and it is, in her opinion, more prudent to put that money aside to promote a new pool or use it for upkeep of the indoor pool. Chad Peters, Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, said it has come to the point that it's not cost effective to open and maintain the Sage Heights pool and that the Bode Howard Pool is not without its issues. Peters said the useful life of the Bode Howard Memorial Pool is probably three years. Staff recommends not opening Sage Heights swimming pool for the summer because the cost to repair the boiler and bring the pool up to the required health code standards will be a significant economic burden to the City. Councilman Mendiola moved to permanently close Sage Heights Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) the construction work is about 90% complete on the Street intersections project and staff hopes to have another intersection project approved by RTC for the upcoming fiscal year to finish all of the remaining valley gutters in the City; (ii) Hunewill Construction is working to place the concrete blocks, finish the grading, and construct the concrete curbs prior to June 30, 2018; (iii) the River Floodplain sewer main project is complete; (iv) the Airport Taxiway overlay project is complete; (v) the new playground equipment has arrived and work is expected to be complete by June 8, 2018; (vi) on the Airport Property acquisition project the owner has accepted the City offer for the purchase of the property and staff is working with the City Attorney to close on the properties, however, there is a titling issue with the mobile home on the property that is also being addressed; and, (vii) the embedded concrete components and the equipment enclosure for the splash pad have arrived, Hunewill has started the prep work and a July 4 opening is the goal.

Councilman Owens said he attended the Humboldt School District Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony for Paul Criddle and acknowledged Criddle's contributions as a mentor for Lowry and Humboldt County, noting he will be missed.

Councilman Mendiola commented the Paradise Sonoma Conservation District meeting will be held June 14, 2018 and the Humboldt Foundation meets June 11, 2018.

Councilman Billingsley reported the expansion of the RV spaces at the Events Center Complex is anticipated to be complete before the Silver State International Rodeo event begins.

Chad Peters, Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club Executive Director, said Adult Co-Ed Softball is starting and 10 teams are signed up to play. Peters also discussed the RV parking situation at the softball field during tournaments and suggested the practice should not be allowed to continue. Peters said they will inform RV owners that there are RV spaces in Winnemucca where they can stay.

Mayor Putnam commented that employee and police negotiations are continuing. Putnam attended the Golf Course meeting. She presented the Soldier of the Year award over Memorial Day. Putnam and City Manager Heiser, via phone, attended the League of Cities board meeting yesterday.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Claire Buchanan, Pretty Pony LLC, recently moved to the Winnemucca area and asked for suggestions on how to become involved in the community. City Manager Heiser told Buchanan there are the two current City appointed openings for the Regional Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: June 19, 2018

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