

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present (at the meeting room): Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks; and, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser, City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund, and City Attorney Kent Maher.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public comment, personal communication or correspondence.

MINUTES:

The October 5, 2020 City Council joint meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting as he was absent from the meeting.

The October 6, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Mavity moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting as he was absent from the meeting.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The reports for payments of warrants and expenses were reviewed and Council member Owens moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting on the Jim Dandy Production warrants as he is the owner.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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 Council member Mendiola 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.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE / VETERANS DAY PARADE / VFW-AMERICAN LEGION

City Manager Alicia Heiser presented a request from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12116 and American Legion Post 5 for the closure of Railroad Street between Lay Street and Bridge Street between Railroad Street and First Street for the Veterans Day Parade scheduled for Wednesday November 11, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade will follow the traffic signal at Winnemucca Boulevard, so no permit is required from NDOT. Council member Brooks moved to approve the temporary street closure of Railroad Street and Bridge Street for the

annual Veterans Day parade on Wednesday November 11, 2020 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK BALLOON LAUNCHING FACILITY / LICENSE AMENDMENT

City Manager Heiser reminded that Loon, LLC previously indicated a desire to increase the licensed area of land used by them at the airport from about 15.5 acres to about 18.5 acres for their balloon launch site and to pay a proportionate increase in the license payment. Rather than amending the existing license agreement (which is in the second year), the City proposed a new license for a one-year term that is renewable for up to five additional one-year terms (identical to the existing license agreement term). The new term will begin November 1, which is the scheduled renewal date of the current license agreement. Council member Owens moved to approve the license agreement and payment terms for Loon, LLC as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

City Manager Heiser reported the first report from the Humboldt County School District Coronavirus Relief Fund expenditures was received. The school district spent approximately \$84,000 of the \$308,000 granted to them. The school district information will be included in the City report to the State. The City is in the process of updating the meeting room video/recording system and the police department is installing a new audio-video system for virtual training. The City Hall meeting room system is estimated to cost about \$11,000 and the police department system will cost approximately \$13,000. Heiser commented that this is a good time to upgrade the technology because the COVID restrictions are continuing and there are funds available for the improvements. No action was taken.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported that GreenPlay and Aquatic Design Consultants submitted some conceptual designs and cost estimates for consideration. One is a minimum design to meet basic needs (“basic option”) and the second design is more upscale (“upgraded option”). Each design will fit in either of the two proposed locations, that is, the existing pool site or the proposed recreation complex site. The basic option at the existing site will require expansion into two of the existing baseball fields in order to keep the current pool open during construction. After construction, the Bode Howard Pool will be decommissioned. The existing site basic option will require a four-plex at the recreation complex to be completed because the City needs the two baseball fields which will be lost. The existing site basic option will cost about \$16.5M and does not include the cost of completing the four-plex. The basic option at the recreation complex will cost about \$13M. The upgraded option at the existing pool site will cost about \$22M and the upgraded option at the recreation complex will cost about \$17M. Heiser commented that the only substantial difference between the two options is the separate sections of the pool where the pool temperature can be different for each section. Heiser indicated that the pool committee has not met and considered the proposals. Heiser commented that she likes the recreation complex basic option. Council member Owens concurred with Heiser’s opinion and noted GreenPlay answered the questions the public voiced at the community meetings. Mayor Stone said the next step is to have the committee meet and review the information. Heiser advised the market analysis and funding mechanism parts of the report from GreenPlay have not been received yet; hopefully, they will have some innovative ideas for funding the project. No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) approval for the Railroad Springs pipeline project is still pending; (ii) parts of the report from Farr West on Well #8 were received; (iii) the Alleys sewer project remains on hold; (iv) the West-side curb and gutter project has not started yet; (v) discussions are continuing with the party interested in constructing a transloading facility at the Airport Industrial Park; (vi) Loon provided a proposed site plan for the Loon expansion at the Airport Industrial Park; (vii) there is nothing new to report on the BLM proposed expansion at the Airport; and, (ix) she spoke with Bob McNichols, the Indian Colony developer, and he indicated the Colony is interested in working with the City on the Water Canyon intersection project if a driveway to the dispensary facility can be provided off the proposed roundabout.

Council member Owens attended the Airport Board meeting and RTC meeting and reported on both.

Council member Mavity reported on the Landfill Committee meeting.

Council member Mendiola reported on the HDA and NNRDA meetings.

Council member Billingsley reported on the Humboldt Foundation and their funding requests.

Council member Brooks reported on FCC.

Recreation Director representative Chad Peters reported there were 32 teams in attendance at the recent softball event which went well and was run professionally.

Mayor Stone reported that the Historical Resource Commission (HRC) appeared before the County Commission and the County agreed to the HRC request to rehab the Hubbard House (next to the County parking lot on Bridge Street). The Nevada League of Cities will be holding a virtual conference on November 9-10, 2020. The registration forms were forwarded to the Council; staff will be providing additional information when it is received. LUCID will be opened with the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

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PASSED AND ADOPTED: November 3, 2020

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Mavity, Mendiola, Billingsley, Brooks
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: Owens

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk