

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JOINT CITY COUNCIL / HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 18, 2011

The Winnemucca City Council met in a special joint meeting with the Humboldt County Commission on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 10:45 a.m. in the Humboldt County Courthouse meeting room at 25 West Fifth Street. City Officials present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Richard Stone, Doug Cain, Joyce Sheen, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. City Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Eddy Davis. County Officials present: Commission Chairman Garley Amos and Commissioners Tom Fransway, Jim French, Dan Cassinelli and Mike Bell. County Staff present: County Administrator Bill Deist, County Clerk Tami Spero and District Attorney Mike Macdonald.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Putnam called the City Council portion of the joint meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS & OTHER REPORTS:

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION

City Attorney Maher and the Council reviewed and discussed briefly the agenda items and the effect each item could potentially have on a "business" as the term is defined by statute. The Council agreed 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. Councilman Sheen 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.

UPDATE ON 2011 SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE / ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA

Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea said the number one priority during the upcoming legislative session is the budget and re-apportionment is number two. Governor Sandoval is not committed to supporting the proposed re-apportionment at this time. If it occurs, a minimum of two assembly seats and one senate seat will be added. Goicoechea said to relay concerns regarding re-apportionment to the Governor. Sandoval is committed to balancing the budget without creating any new revenue sources. Budget reductions are necessary to match the projected 2007 revenue level. The schools will be largely affected. Goicoechea believes the State cannot access rural county surplus funds because there is a constitutional issue. Rural Nevada is well poised for the upcoming legislative session because there are two leadership rural representatives, that is, Goicoechea and Senate Minority Leader Mike McGinnis. The Governor will be available for questions and concerns after his State of the State address on January 24. Mayor Putnam said she is concerned with the impact on social services through legislative mandates that will cut State funding. Goicoechea does see a possible shift in some services from the State level to counties and cities. On a brighter note, Goicoechea said there are new Legislators in both Houses that have the ability to work across party lines. PEBP and PERS are in good shape but that could change in the future. County Administrator Deist asked how services will be rolled down from the State level to local governments. Goicoechea replied the State will likely close programs and the local government will then have to pick up the

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programs either by contract or by hiring the personnel. Consolidation of departments within the State is possible. Goicoechea doesn't believe the public is confident about the economy. Tax reform is needed in Nevada, but a definite approach has not been established. Commissioner Fransway congratulated Goicoechea on his leadership position in the legislature, expressing the hope that the legislature will work together and keep local governments informed and involved. Fransway said the Nevada Association of Counties will be involved. Goicoechea replied that the legislature, even at the committee level, needs to hear from local governments. Fransway said he hopes the College of Agriculture is left alone, or at least minimally reviewed for budget reductions, because of its importance to the rural counties. Goicoechea said he was an advocate for the College of Agriculture, and he is concerned the State will sell off property holdings and place the funds received into the general fund. Goicoechea suggested the Ag College programs could be relocated to the rural areas where there will be better utilization by students. Clark County will not continue to subsidize the rest of the State and, if necessary, will take from the funding that now is allocated to the rural counties. Goicoechea encouraged everyone to stop by his Carson City office.

RATIFICATION OF WINNEMUCCA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mayor Putnam recommended that the recent Airport Board action to adopt the updated airport rules and regulations be ratified. Councilman Cain said during the process the pilots were involved and all concerns were addressed by all parties. Commissioner Fransway commended everyone for the grass roots effort from the pilots, board, and staff for addressing the issues and favored ratification of the rules. Councilman Sheen moved to adopt the Airport rules and regulations as adopted by the Airport board. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Fransway moved to adopt the Airport rules and regulations as adopted by the Airport board. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR STREET NAME CHANGES

Dana Toth, Humboldt County Planning Department, clarified that the Regional Planning Commission has final approval authority on all street name actions in accordance with the recently adopted Street Naming Manual. The City Council or County Commission would become involved only during an appeal process. The City Council and County Commission acknowledged the clarification.

Mayor Putnam adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. until the next scheduled regular meeting on February 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy D. Davis
City Clerk

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PASSED AND ADOPTED: February 15, 2011

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES:	Councilmen	<u>Stone, Cain, Sheen, Billingsley, Brooks</u>
NAYS:	Councilmen	_____
NOT VOTING:	Councilmen	_____
ABSENT:	Councilmen	_____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Eddy D. Davis
City Clerk