

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 20, 2011**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Councilmen Richard Stone, Doug Cain, Joyce Sheen, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Absent: Mayor Di An Putnam. Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Eddy Davis.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Pro Tem Sheen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The September 6, 2011 regular City Council meeting minutes were presented for review and Councilman Cain moved for approval with a minor correction (to change the month of November to the month of October) in the wording of the Mayor's comments regarding the NLC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

The warrants were presented for review and Councilman Cain moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining from voting on the warrants for Jim Dandy Productions, which is owned by him.

**PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or employee awards.

**PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public, personal communications or correspondence.

**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 Stone 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.

**STREET CLOSURE / CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS**

Debbie Stone, Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce, requested closing a portion of Bridge Street for the annual Christmas Parade of Lights. Stone noted this is the 15th year for the parade. Stone said the parade route and staging areas remain the same as last year. All businesses have been notified and are ready for the parade. Hospice is placing a memorial

Christmas tree on the Nixon Lawn as part of a fund raising event. A light can be lit on the tree in memory of loved ones that have passed away. Santa Claus and Christmas carolers will be present. Stone requested the Mayor and City Council ride on the fire truck again and that the City hang the annual holiday banners on the street light poles. Councilman Cain moved to approve the request made by the Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce to close Bridge Street between Railroad Street and Giroux Street for the annual Christmas Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NO TRUCK PARKING SIGNS / GARRISON STREET**

City Manager West reminded the Council that they previously approved diagonal parking on this block. According to Tom Fransway, a property owner in the area, large semi-trucks have been parking across the diagonal parking and he wants "No Truck Parking" signs on the street. Councilmen Cain, Stone and Brooks discussed their own observations concerning semi-truck parking while unloading deliveries to businesses in the area. The item was postponed until the next meeting so that Fransway can be present to answer questions.

#### **CITY PHONE SYSTEM-PHONES DONATION / HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney Maher said with this type of request (the Winnemucca Police Department (WPD) wants to donate the old City telephone equipment and telephones currently installed and located at the Humboldt County Courthouse to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department which is located at the Courthouse), the Council determination is whether the equipment to be donated has any further useful life to the City and, if donated, will it benefit the City inhabitants. Police Chief Silva added that AG Telephone Company advised the Winnemucca Police Department (WPD) that transferring any of the old City telephone equipment and telephones currently located at the Humboldt County Courthouse to the new City police station is not possible because the old system is not compatible with the new system. Humboldt County Sheriff Kilgore stated the City telephone system and telephones will greatly benefit the Sheriff's Department because the City system provides voicemail which the Sheriff's Department does not currently have available. Councilman Brooks moved to find that the WPD telephone system and telephones that were left in place at the County Courthouse are of no further use to the City and, if donated to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, the equipment will benefit the City and County inhabitants. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution Number 2011-22.

#### **VEHICLE LIGHT BARS-CONTROL BOXES DONATION / HUMBOLDT COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Sheen explained the request by the Winnemucca Police Department (WPD) to donate vehicle light bars and control boxes (that were originally obtained through Nevada State Purchasing) to the Humboldt County Rural Fire Department (HCRFD). Sheen disclosed that her husband is the Assistant Fire Chief for the HCRFD. Police Chief Silva said these particular light bars and control boxes were not compatible with the electrical systems in the newer police cars that are used today. The rural fire department may be able to construct two or three working light bars for their vehicles. The assistant rural fire chief (Torrey Sheen) advised that this equipment would be a huge upgrade for the department. Councilman Brooks moved to find that the WPD vehicle light bars and control boxes are of no further use to the City and, if

donated to the Humboldt County Rural Fire Department, the equipment will benefit the City and County inhabitants. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution Number 2011-23.

### **RATIFICATION OF FAA GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Sheen noted that the Council had previously authorized the pavement maintenance contract award subject to receipt of FAA grant funding. City Manager West said the actual funds available were \$502,803, which is slightly higher than the expected \$485,000. West said hopefully Congress will award additional funding in the 2012 fiscal year. Staff recommends approval of acceptance of the FAA grant. Councilman Stone moved to ratify, based upon staff recommendation, the acceptance of the FAA grant for the airport paving maintenance project in the amount of \$502,803. Motion carried unanimously.

### **STAFF / COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Stone said the HDA did not have a quorum at their last meeting.

Councilman Cain met with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) regarding the possibility of establishing a fishing pond on the Reinhart Lane. The proposed project is moving forward.

Councilman Sheen noted that the landfill issues were addressed at the joint meeting on September 19.

Councilman Billingsley said he felt that, after talking with Police Chief Silva, things were going well at the WPD. A benefit will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Las Margaritas Restaurant on behalf of Police Officer Mitch Hinton's unborn child.

Councilman Brooks reported she had attended the 9-11 ceremony and the local American Red Cross Hero's dinner. RESPECT day is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 at the Bloody Shins Trailhead. Brooks enjoyed a ride-a-long with the WPD last Friday and noted it was good to watch the WPD and Sheriff's Department officers working together.

### **PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no public, personal communications or correspondence.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheen adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m. until the next meeting on October 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy D. Davis  
City Clerk

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED:** October 4, 2011

**VOTE OF COUNCIL:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Councilmen</b>	<u>Stone, Cain, Sheen, 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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Eddy D. Davis  
City Clerk