

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2014**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Doug Cain, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented for review and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

The warrants were presented for review and Councilman Cain moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam read a proclamation recognizing January 24, 2014 as "Alzheimer's Awareness Day". Gini Cunningham, a member of the local Alzheimer's support group, stated that an Alzheimer's task force has been established and is recognized by the Nevada Legislature. She provided a hand-out and reported on the Nevada State plan to address Alzheimer's disease. The local Alzheimer's support group is sponsoring a "Tie One On" event during half-time of the Lowry Basketball varsity game Friday night. Cunningham provided purple bow ties to the Mayor, Council, staff and audience members, and invited all to attend the event where they will be collecting donations to be used toward respite care and educational material relating to Alzheimer's.

PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS & 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 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 Tipton 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.

CODE OF THE WEST REVIEW

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, stated the Code of the West report was prepared in response to increased inquiries regarding vacant land sales in Humboldt County and rural Nevada. Councilman Tipton said with the increase of land offered for sale via the internet, people need to inquire about the property they are considering buying; find out if the property has a legal access and the services they want, which is what the document addresses. Lawrence stated this mostly affects Humboldt County, but felt the City should be aware the document exists as the City representatives may field land inquiry questions. Mayor Putnam said the document contained some good basic information that people wouldn't necessarily think of or relate to in this area, especially if they are from a metropolitan area.

SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION SERVICES / AGREEMENT RENEWAL / THIRD STREET BISTRO

Mayor Putnam stated Lori Taylor, Third Street Bistro owner, has indicated a desire to extend the current contract for providing food and beverage concession services at the Sports Complex. The current contract ends March 31, 2014 and contains the option of extending it for an additional two years. City Attorney Maher asked if they were requesting any change in the payment amount. City Manager West said the volume of business at the Sports Complex does not warrant increasing the amount paid by the vendor. Councilman Owens asked about their performance. West said the reports are positive. When the services were bid in the past, Taylor was the only person who responded. Councilman Cain moved to extend the contract with Third Street Bistro to provide food and beverage concession services at the Sports Complex for an additional two years on the same terms and conditions as the current contract. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING CODES AMENDMENTS / ORDINANCE ADOPTION / STAFF

Mayor Putnam stated this is the public hearing to consider proposed revisions to the Winnemucca Municipal Code Chapter 15.04 to update and amend the building codes. The meeting packet includes a copy of the letter from Bobby Thomas, Humboldt County Building Inspector, which was sent to all local contractors regarding the proposed code changes. City Attorney Maher noted the codes are uniform codes with local modifications tailored to this jurisdiction; the changes in fees are recommendations. Maher stated that Sherrie Chaplin, City Building Inspector, developed the suggestions which were then put in the ordinance format for review. Councilman Cain stated the proposed code changes were the same as recently adopted by the County. City Manager West stated there has been no response from contractors according to the City Building Inspector. There was some discussion regarding the arc fault protection requirement on all circuits. Chaplin stated the fees become effective immediately but any plans that are currently under review will not be affected. Maher stated the ordinance will not become effective for a time (about three weeks), which will provide a period of time at the current fee rates before the adjusted fees apply. Putnam called for public comment. There was no public comment. Councilman Owens moved to adopt the proposed ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance No. 798.

STAFF / COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West reported that the sewer interceptor project is moving along well. There was an unexpected water main break Saturday night that impacted Ormachea's restaurant. A four-inch water line blew out and the City crew was out for several hours on the break. Staff is

working with consultant Don Smit on the animal shelter design and Smit will make a presentation to the City at the February 4 meeting. The Winnemucca Boulevard intersection project is out to bid. The community arts center committee has made substantial progress with the help of Don Smit. Smit will present an update at the February 4 meeting. A community assessment is currently being done for the recreation complex-Boys and Girls Club project; the results may be ready for the next meeting. West stated there are currently a couple of recreation complex options and staff is currently trying to narrow down the costs for both options. A funding proposal for the project will then be put together and presented to various groups. Mayor Putnam said the first community forum for the proposed Boys and Girls Club-recreation complex will be held in the Humboldt Room of the Winnemucca Inn on January 22 at 6:00 p.m.; the second forum will be held January 29 at the same time and place. The forums seek community input on the proposed Boys and Girls Club-recreation complex.

Councilman Owens asked about the numerous Carriage lights that are out. City Manager West stated that the bulb threads have been worn out by the vibration of the poles, and an electrician has been scheduled to replace the outlets. West stated when the City is notified that a cobra head street light is not working, an email is sent to Sierra Pacific requesting the required repairs. The City pays a monthly lease for the light service and Sierra Pacific maintains them. Owens asked if there was any update from NV Energy on the Railroad Street lights. West replied the lights have been authorized but there is no information when they are scheduled to be installed. Owens attended the sage grouse meeting and said he hopes there is a unified agreement and comments on the subject.

Councilman Tipton remarked how quickly and professionally Public Works Supervisor Sutton and the City crew handled the water break which occurred during Ormachea's dinner hours. Sutton notified Ormachea's of the problem but waited until they had finished serving their patrons before shutting down the water system to do the repairs.

Councilman Brooks reported she attended the arts meeting and the Frontier Coalition meeting; the community health nurse reported they furnished 2100 flu vaccinations, the homeless count for the 15 rural communities was 180 and dispatch reported they had 37,000 calls. The health fair will be held March 15 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Brooks will attend the landfill committee meeting today. The next NNRC meeting will be held in February.

Mayor Putnam attended the community arts center meeting and said progress is being made. The project is in the very early developmental stage and it will not happen soon. Putnam stated projects must be prioritized in order to assure the financial stability of the City. Putnam and West met with Rob Saunders regarding the Saunders property near the East I-80 off-ramp that has been suggested for a future golf course. The Mayor and West also met with Hospital representatives and CTA Architects, who made a presentation on the Hospital expansion plans, which includes an Alzheimer's unit, an OB/GYN unit, expansion of the surgery unit, improving the ER and putting in an underground parking facility that will facilitate approximately 48 vehicles. The City emphasized at the meeting that the continued use of on-street parking is not acceptable long term, and that locating parking on the other side of Haskell Street is, in the opinion of the City, not desirable. Putnam attended the sage grouse meeting and will be attending the Council of Mayors meeting on February 4 via telephone.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Michael Meagher advised of a growing trend he is seeing in the foreclosures in this area. He indicated that many individuals who purchase homes from private individuals are finding

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themselves in a foreclosure situation. This occurs even though the purchaser is making their payments to the person from whom they purchased the property; the original owner (who sold it to the person who in turn sold it to the purchaser) fails to make the mortgage payments on the home. City Attorney Maher stated the situation occurs typically when people are doing private do-it-yourself sales without professional assistance or proper due diligence.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: February 4, 2014

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES:	Councilmen	Cain, Owens, Tipton, Billingsley, Brooks
NAYS:	Councilmen	_____
NOT VOTING:	Councilman	_____
ABSENT:	Councilman	_____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk