

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Ken Tipton, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Absent: Councilman Theresa Mavity. 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 June 1, 2015 joint City Council-County Commission meeting were reviewed and Councilman Billingsley moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Owens abstaining from voting as he was absent from the June 1, 2015 meeting.

The minutes of the June 9, 2015 regular City Council meeting were reviewed and Councilman Billingsley moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Owens abstaining from voting as he was absent from the June 9, 2015 meeting.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved for approval as submitted. Councilman Billingsley abstained from voting on the warrant for Jim Dandy Productions as he is the owner of the business. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS / EMPLOYEE AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam presented Ray Olsen with a service plaque in recognition of 15 years of service on the Regional Planning Commission.

PUBLIC / PERSONAL COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public or personal communication 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 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.

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ABANDONMENT REQUEST / PORTION OF AIKEN STREET

John Milton, Desert Mountain Surveying, the agent for property owners Joseph and Nikki Quilici, and Joan Errea, requested the City initiate abandonment proceedings for a twenty feet in width strip of the northerly side of the Aiken Street right-of-way between West Sixth Street and the alley in the middle of Block "G" of Upper Winnemucca, all being adjacent to Lot 12 in the block. In 2003, the City abandoned a twenty feet in width strip of the Aiken Street right-of-way on the other half of the same block, and this abandonment will line up the property lines for the entire side of the block. Mayor Putnam, with the consensus of the Council, directed staff to proceed with the abandonment procedure and set the matter for public hearing at the July 14, 2015 meeting.

ANNEXATION REQUEST / 3065 SAGE HEIGHTS DRIVE

John Milton, Desert Mountain Surveying, the agent for property owners Jerry and Pattie Fox, requested the voluntary annexation of property located at 3065 Sage Heights Drive. The owners intend to combine their property after annexation with a parcel inside the City limits which abuts their property. Councilman Owens moved to authorize staff to proceed with the annexation process. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO MOVE VENUE / FARMERS MARKET

Mindi Leflar, representing the Winnemucca Farmers Market, requested to use Bridge Street between Fourth Street and Winnemucca Blvd. each Saturday beginning on July 11 and ending on October 3 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the Farmers Market venue. Mayor Putnam said she has an issue with closing one of the main streets every Saturday morning. Councilman Owens stated it would be labor intensive every week to get cars to move from the street, and to set up and tear down traffic control. Putnam noted it is nice to encourage people to use the downtown area, but the City doesn't have money in the budget for public works personnel to set up and tear down the traffic control barricades every Saturday. Councilman Brooks said she spoke with some of the business owners on Fourth Street and many are agreeable to having the event held once a month, but not every week, as it could adversely affect their business. Putnam said it will also impact the downtown parking availability. After additional discussion, Leflar said they were happy to stay at Riverside Park this year and maybe next year they could try Bridge Street once a month. Putnam said they should have good exposure at Riverside Park and will be able to place signs so that people traveling on US 95 are aware of the event. No action was taken.

ZONING DISTRICT RECLASSIFICATION / R-2 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO NC (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) / 590 WEST SECOND STREET

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, presented a zone change application submitted by Astrid and Robert Schweigert to change zoning from R-2 (Multiple-Family Residential) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) for property located at 590 West Second Street. Mayor Putnam called for public comment. There was no public comment. Councilman Owens moved to approve the zoning district reclassification at 590 West Second Street from R-2 (Multiple-Family Residential) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Ordinance Number 809.

PROPERTY PURCHASE PROPOSAL / AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK / NEVADA MINING RESOURCES

Jimmy Trikeriotis, President and Chief Operating Officer of Nevada Mining Resources, stated his company is interested in purchasing 20 acres of land at the Winnemucca Airport Industrial Park in order to build the first of six regional gold ore storage, processing and refining plants. Trikeriotis said his company plans to build a multi-purpose site which will include processing buildings, offices, testing and ore laboratory, block and brick production, production storage facilities, tailings and incoming ore storage. They estimate they will employ 15 people on site plus additional employees at the mine sites. Trikeriotis stated they are interested in this location because the infrastructure they require is already in place. The processing is a dry process that is chemical free. The ore is crushed, the dust is removed and through a gravity process the gold is separated out allowing the finest particles of gold to be captured. Mayor Putnam asked if the tailings will be stored outside and if there will be the possibility of any dust hazard. Trikeriotis said yes, there could be a possible dust hazard. The tailings could be covered and they will follow NDEP rules for dust suppression. Putnam asked if Nevada Mining Resources had looked at any other properties in the area that may not be so close to residential housing. Trikeriotis stated yes but they didn't have any amenities; it's a matter of cost vs. size and how long it will take to put in the infrastructure. Putnam asked how much truck volume is anticipated. Trikeriotis replied there could be many trucks for the first month or two. Councilman Tipton asked if they had done this processing in other countries. Trikeriotis stated they have done it in Asia but this is new to Nevada. Trikeriotis has been working on this processing technique since 2004. Councilman Billingsley asked if Trikeriotis had already secured commitments from any mines. Trikeriotis stated he has been discussing the processing technique with several mines. Councilman Owens asked if there would be a crusher on site and if it will be loud. Trikeriotis said that the process included a crusher, but the noise will be minimal. There would be no on-site smelting. Putnam stated she is concerned how much truck traffic and dust this will create in the area. Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, stated they will have to obtain a conditional use permit before they can do anything. Lawrence added it is questionable if this type of business will be allowed in an M-1 zoning district. City Attorney Maher stated the sale of City-owned property is not a quick process, and the statutory procedure requires appraisals and public hearings. Putnam suggested the first step is to make sure the proposal will be allowed in the area (through the conditional use permit procedure). No action was taken.

REPORT / BLM LAND ACQUISITION FOR SEWER PROJECT

This item was postponed until the July 14, 2015 meeting.

BID REVIEW-AWARD / EAST WINNEMUCCA BOULEVARD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

City Manager West reported only one bid was received for the East Winnemucca Boulevard enhancement project from Hunewill Construction for \$492,956.29, which included the additive alternate bid (for two driveway sections and the removal and replacement of 420 LF of concrete sidewalk) in the amount of \$52,950. West said removing and replacing the four feet in width sidewalk with a five feet in width sidewalk could be eliminated from the additive alternate bid, reducing the cost by \$25,620, but that will be a NDOT decision. The project includes funding from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) which is a federal program with many requirements, which increased the cost of the project more than staff predicted. In particular, the disadvantaged business preference requirement and the prevailing wage rate requirement

significantly added to the cost. In addition, the curbs have to be hand formed, rather than using a slip-form machine, due to the requirement of matching the existing pavement edge. The project came in much higher than budget but West feels this is a fair bid and it wouldn't make sense to re-bid. The local match is \$182,000, but if the sidewalk replacement is eliminated from the bid amount, the local match will be reduced to \$156,000. Mayor Putnam noted that the City has been working on the grant project for two years and the grant is for \$335,000, with the State contributing an additional \$35,000 towards the project to help with the cost of the additive alternate bid portion. Councilman Owens asked how much the City had budgeted for the project. West answered that the local match was budgeted for \$50,000. The capital reserve has over \$1M in the street reserve account that could be used if Council so desired, or RTC funds could be utilized. Councilman Tipton moved to accept the Hunewill Construction bid in the amount of between \$467,336 and \$492,956, depending upon the NDOT final approval. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Billingsley abstaining from voting as he has family members who own property in the area that could possibly benefit from the project.

K-9 DEMONSTRATION / INTRODUCTION OF KILO

The meeting was recessed at 3:13 p.m. for a K-9 demonstration of the Winnemucca Police Department dog, Kilo, presented by Officer Joel Martin.

Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West presented the proposed Pedestrian Safety Project priority list (NDOT right-of-ways) and asked the Council to let him know if they had any suggested revisions/additions. A submittal letter with the Mayor's signature is to be forwarded to NDOT with the priority list. The Museum Lane property deed has been signed and will be recorded early next week. The Animal Control Shelter punch-list has been nearly completed and the kennels are scheduled for delivery on July 15. The Golf Course pond project sign has been installed and was paid for by the men's and women's golf clubs. The Recreation Complex is coming along on schedule; the landscaping is almost complete and the connection road has been completed. The property deed for the second piece of property from New Vision Development to the City is anticipated to be recorded before the end of the month. The water meter replacement project is ahead of schedule.

Councilman Tipton attended the HDA meeting and reported that a chicken producing company is looking for a site.

Councilman Billingsley attended the WCVA meeting last week.

Councilman Brooks attended the Cyanco 25th anniversary celebration.

Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club Director Chad Peters reported the first session of swimming lessons is going well. Peters said his staff is currently helping the Battle Mountain lifeguards with training. Day Camp has started and has between nine and thirty children per day in attendance. The fundraiser golf tournament has been changed to August 29 and 30. Peters will meet July 7 with the Northern Nevada Arts Council to discuss the black box theater and the

stage planned in the Boys and Girls Club. Peters met with the architect in Reno regarding the floor plan and reported the selection of the CMAR for the project will be on July 7.

Mayor Putnam attended the Mining Association dinner and the Newmont breakfast and reported the mining industry indicated they are stable. Putnam reminded that the Nevada League of Cities conference will be held in Wendover in October. Building Official interviews will be conducted tomorrow.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public or personal communications or correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: July 14, 2015

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES:	Councilmen	<u>Owens, Tipton, Billingsley, Brooks</u>
NAYS:	Councilmen	<u></u>
NOT VOTING:	Councilman	<u>Mavity</u>
ABSENT:	Councilman	<u></u>

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk