

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2017**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Attorney Kent Maher, City Manager Steve West and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - PERSONAL COMMUNICATION - CORRESPONDENCE:

David Leahy, representing Winger's Restaurant, commented that when events are held at the Events Center and Fairgrounds Road is closed for those events, it has an impact on their business on the east end of town. Leahy said when Fairgrounds Road was closed for the fair last year, business was down 18% over the 2015 year. Leahy suggested that Council consider the impact the Fairgrounds Road closure has on businesses at the other (east) end of town. Leahy understands there are safety concerns but if this is determined not to be the case, he would like the Council to consider not closing the road during the rodeo and fair. Mayor Putnam said the fair activities are now located at the Events Center and not at the west end of the fairgrounds, and they really can't have vehicle traffic going through Fairgrounds Road. Putnam noted parking is still available on the east side. City Attorney Maher said the concern is the mix of vehicles with foot traffic. Putnam said they will keep Leahy in mind but the decision has already been made for the 2017 fair, so Fairgrounds Road will be closed.

MINUTES:

The May 1, 2017 joint City Council-County Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and Council Mavity moved for approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The May 9, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed and Councilman Owens moved to approval as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The May 23, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes were reviewed. A correction to the minutes was made: Buckaroo Radio was changed to Mix 102.7 Radio. Councilman Billingsley moved to approve with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were reviewed and Councilman Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION-AWARDS:

Mayor Putnam said the City recognizes Danny Ham for the golf course clubhouse tree carving project of Chief Winnemucca, Sarah Winnemucca and a golfer. Putnam said Ham did this as his contribution to give back to the community and making the community look better. In recognition, the City will be placing a plaque on one of the trees which reads "Tree carvings by Danny Ham 2017." Putnam also mentioned that Ham had donated a carved eagle for display at the police station.

BUSINESS ITEMS - 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 and Councilman Mavity 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.

RIVERVIEW PARK USE REQUEST / WINNEMUCCA FARMERS MARKET

Mindi Leflar, representing the Winnemucca Farmers Market, requested to use Riverview Park each Saturday beginning on June 17, 2017 through August 26, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Thursday September 21, 2017 and Thursday October 19, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the Winnemucca Farmers Market venue. Councilman Mendiola asked about the safety of children with the high volume of river water. Leflar said they are planning on having the youth activities in center of the park with the vendors surrounding the center on the outside. Leflar said they are purchasing a PA system and plan on having poetry reading, possibly live music and Mix 102.7 radio. Leflar confirmed with City Manager West that power is available at the park. Councilman Mendiola moved to approve the use of Riverview Park for the Winnemucca Farmers Market every Saturday from June 17, 2017 through August 26, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and on Thursday September 21, 2017 and Thursday October 19, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

WAIVER OF GOLF TOURNAMENT FEES / LADY’S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Mayor Putnam recused herself from this item as she is a member of the Winnemucca Women’s Golf Association. Mayor Pro Tem Brooks said the request is for waiver of the tournament fees for the couples golf tournament on June 10-11, 2017. Melissa Murphy, president of the Association, said they are requesting the waiver of fees because their event meets the waiver criteria, that is, more than half the players are from out of town. The money is used towards their scholarship program, they donate monies back to the City to help with improvements at the golf course and the Association runs the junior golf program. Councilman Billingsley said this event meets the waiver criteria and moved to approve the Winnemucca Women’s Golf Association request to waive the golf tournament fees for the June 10-11, 2017 couples tournament event. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT / AIRPORT TAXIWAY PAVING PROJECT

Mayor Putnam said Armstrong Consultants, the airport engineering consultants for over 20 years, are seeking approval of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement. City Attorney Maher said this amendment adds additional services to the existing services agreement with Armstrong. Putnam said the amendment will add a total of \$177,100 for engineering services. Councilman Owens moved to approve the engineering total of \$177,100 amendment to the professional services agreement with Armstrong Consultants for the Airport taxiway paving project. Motion carried unanimously.

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CITY YOUTH CENTER BUILDING CLOSURE

Mayor Putnam proposed closing the City Youth Center building on June 30, 2017 because the Boys & Girls Club administration is managing the recreation activities and with the Club being open it will be more convenient to operate all activities and meetings at the Boys & Girls Club. There are maintenance issues with the Youth Center building and issues with who has keys and making sure the building is kept locked when it should be. The local Veterans organizations have expressed their need for a building with office areas and meeting rooms. Staff recently met with Veterans representative Jim Driscoll who said there may be some grants available to make the building usable by the Veterans organizations and the City is waiting for the Veterans to come back with a proposal for using the building. Barbara Jacobsen, representing NAMI and DCFS, said they have meetings scheduled in the building during June and July. Jacobsen said the building is extensively used by different non-profit organizations and it would be a great loss if they can't use the building. Jacobsen suggested the meetings at the building bring a lot of people into town and most trainings are more than one day events. Councilman Brooks asked about utilities, cleaning of the building, etc. Jacobsen said she cleans and has steamed cleaned the carpets more than once at her expense. Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club, said they will give organizations a financial break if they help out at the Club, such as with the cleaning. City Manager West said the City provides most of the maintenance for the building with some help by some of the users. Peters said Jacobsen's organizations could use the meeting facilities at Boys & Girls Club and the Club is not going to nickel and dime non-profit organizations that provide valuable services for the community. Peters noted it is not feasible to maintain both the Boys & Girls Club and the Youth Center building. Jacobsen agreed. Councilman Billingsley reiterated they are non-profit organizations and Jacobsen is concerned about the cost. Peters said they don't want to kick anyone out of the Youth Center building with no place to go; they are trying to figure out ways to take the organizations in and will make sure there is a place for them to go. West said City Council will ultimately make the decision whether the Veterans will use the building and, if so, there will be an agreement drafted for the use of the building. Peters said he will collaborate with Jacobsen for the July meetings as well as future meetings. Putnam said this item was informational only and that no action is necessary today.

RESCISION OF NIXON HALL FIRE LOSS FUND OFFER TO ICON / DEDICATION OF NIXON HALL FIRE LOSS FUNDS TO THE AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT

Mayor Putnam reminded that \$1M of the Nixon Hall fire loss fund had been tentatively pledged to go to the ICON Foundation for the construction of their proposed auditorium building. It now appears that the auditorium building is to be included in a future phase of the project and the City funding is no longer necessary. Some of the Nixon Hall fire loss fund has already been used toward the multi-purpose room/theater in the Boys & Girls Club and there is money set aside for the planned amphitheater at the recreation complex. In addition, some of the Nixon monies were used for the HVAC system at the high school theater. Putnam believes there will be no use for the funds by ICON any time soon and is proposing to allocate the remaining Nixon funds for the planned swimming pool for the citizens of Winnemucca. The Whitworth family donated \$1M towards the aquatic center and with the addition of the City \$1M plus the resulting \$2M plus local match will allow for better competition for grants towards this estimated \$7M project. Putnam suggested the ¼ cent sales tax increase needs to be revisited to provide an ongoing source of funding for the recreational complex that needs to be completed, including baseball fields, tennis courts and a water park for children. Councilman Mavity said she would rather see the money used for recreation in general; have it remain fluid where it could be used. Councilman Billingsley moved to rescind the commitment to ICON in the amount of \$1M dollars

from the Nixon Hall fire loss funds. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the dedication of the funds.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS

City Manager West said there is a proposal to have a July 10 joint meeting with the County to discuss a community cat program. A non-profit organization is proposing to run a cat program that will be partly supported by annual financial contributions from the City and County.

Council Owens complimented the stamped concrete on the islands located at the Fourth Street and Winnemucca Blvd. intersection and the stucco and painting project at the Public Works Building on Bridge Street. Owens suggested that more service organizations should be contacted for the next Community Cleanup Day but felt that this year's event was successful.

Councilman Mavity made a City Centennial presentation at the Froggy Café at Winnemucca Grammar School and presented a City Centennial power point presentation at the Rotary Club meeting.

Mendiola attended a special meeting for the NNRDA yesterday. NNRDA will begin filming for the Humboldt County and Winnemucca promotional video on June 12, 2017. The Paradise Sonoma Conservation Board meeting was cancelled.

Councilman Billingsley reported that Winnemucca Wheels visited with downtown businesses about what they are trying to do in making that day a festive event and suggested ways they can participate. Billingsley said they got a positive response.

Mayor Putnam said the Basque committee is requesting the Council participate in the parade. Putnam reported that the Age Friendly Winnemucca for Dementia group has received a \$10K grant. Dana Toth will have a Centennial celebration booth at the June 17 Show & Shine in Vesco Park. Putnam said City Manager West submitted his official retirement letter today. His last full day will be on October 4. She commented on what a tremendous job West has done for the City and that it will be hard to see him go.

Chad Peters, Executive Director of the Winnemucca Boys & Girls Club, reported that adult softball league will start tonight and will run until the end of July with a league tournament planned for July 28. Peters reported on the shutdown of the Sage Heights pool boiler for the winter, which saved the City approximately \$13-14K dollars. Peters said he has been approached by an entity to host a possible 44-hour softball tournament. The Boys & Girls Club is hosting the drug free graduation party this year. The club will host the NIAA Athletic Directors meeting in August. There will be a boys and girls early soccer tournament held at the soccer complex with 2A and 3A teams. The zone soccer tournament will be hosted in Winnemucca again. August 12 will be the Boys & Girls Club dinner dance and it will be held at the club this year. Peters announced the fitness center is now open with limited hours of operation. The Boys & Girls summer programming starts June 12.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harold Gundmundsen commented about participation in the Special Olympic torch run on Friday, June 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

