

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The Winnemucca City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Richard Stone; Council members Mike Owens, Theresa Mavity, Vince Mendiola, Jim Billingsley and Paige Brooks; and, City Manager/Engineer Alicia Heiser, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Lorrie Haaglund.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Betty Lawrence thanked Council member Mike Owens (owner of the local movie theater) for his donation of movie theater tickets to the Age and Dementia Friendly of Winnemucca.

MINUTES:

The December 16, 2019 City Council-County Commission-WCVA special meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Brooks moved to approve as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

The January 21, 2020 City Council regular meeting minutes were reviewed and Council member Mendiola moved to approve as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS-EXPENSES:

The payments for warrants and expense reports were reviewed and Council member Brooks moved for approval as submitted. Motion carried unanimously with Council member Billingsley abstaining from voting on the Jim Dandy Productions warrants as he is the owner of the business.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS-PRESENTATIONS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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 Council member 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.

VARIANCE REQUEST / VW-19-09 / BUILDING HEIGHT INCREASE / NAGRA

Betty Lawrence, Planning Department, presented a variance submitted by Karandeep (Kenny) Nagra to increase the maximum building height allowance to 53 feet 6¾ inches for the construction of a 4-story hotel. The site is located on the former Reliable hardware store

property at 930 W Winnemucca Boulevard. Sam Duggan, City Building Official, commented there are no building code restrictions. Jeff Johnson, County Assessor, recommended a reversion to acreage map to incorporate the small parcel along Winnemucca Boulevard into the larger interior parcel to eliminate the possibility of building over a parcel line. There were no other comments. Lawrence mentioned now that the fire department has the ladder truck there are no issues with increased building heights. Council member Mavity moved to approve, based on the application, staff findings and recommendations, the variance request to increase the maximum building height allowance to 53 feet 6¾ inches for the construction of a 4-story hotel at 930 W. Winnemucca Boulevard, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 15-0372-05 and 15-0372-15. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST / PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FORUM / HRC

Dana Toth, representing the Historic Resources Commission (HRC), said a grant application for payment of part of the expenses to attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) forum in Tacoma, Washington was submitted because the deadline passed before this Council meeting; the award will be made this spring. The grant is a 60/40 split and Toth suggested the remainder can be paid by the City and the museum. This request is for approval to submit the application. If successful, the additional funding for the split will be requested at a future meeting. Council member Owens moved to authorize submittal of the grant application to attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions forum in Tacoma, Washington as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITY EASEMENT REQUEST / ELECTRICAL POWER / 3340 BENGOCHEA CIRCLE

City Manager Heiser explained this request is from NV Energy for grant of a utility easement to provide electrical service for a pole barn being constructed on property jointly owned by the City of Winnemucca and Humboldt County. Council member Owens moved to approve the utility easement to NV Energy at 3340 Bengochea Circle, Assessor's Parcel Number 10-0214-03, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant of easement to NV Energy. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION / PROPOSED WATER METER FEE INCREASE

Council member Owens moved to introduce and set for public hearing at the next available Council meeting an ordinance amending Title 13 of the Winnemucca Municipal Code to increase the basic monthly meter fee for City water system users. Motion carried unanimously.

BODE HOWARD MEMORIAL POOL

City Manager Heiser reported the RFP (request for proposals) for the feasibility study has been released to the following consulting firms: Counsilman Hunsaker; Aquatic Facility Design Inc.; P3 Partners; Aquatic Design Group; Themed Future Concepts; Aquatic Design Consultants; Waters Edge; and, Summit Engineering. The deadline for submission of the proposals is February 21, 2020.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS:

City Manager Heiser reported: (i) the BLM review of the Railroad Spring pipeline project is in progress; (ii) the Well No. 8 exploratory borehole work will start this week; (iii) there are no updates on the Airport property acquisition project; (iv) the Second Street storm drain project will

resume and there is some paving that will not be finished until spring; (v) the Alleys sewer project will start soon; (vi) discussions with the party interested in constructing a transloading facility at the Airport Industrial Park are continuing; and, (vii) she met with Robin Gray about adding Mormon cricket treatment to the black fly-mosquito treatment program. Gray expressed interest and will do some research on training requirements and private lands treatment.

Council member Owens complimented HDA on the Winnemucca Futures Forum, which was attended by the Mayor and other Council members. Owens attended the Mainstreet meeting and the Lithium open house, which was also attended by Council member Brooks.

Council member Brooks reported on the Landfill Committee meeting.

Captain Garrison noted the retirement party for Chief Dalley will be held March 14, 2020.

Mayor Stone attended the Mainstreet meeting, the Four Chaplins ceremony, and the County Commission meeting at which the diesel tax proposal was discussed. Stone commented that interviews for the Chief of Police position will be conducted soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED: February 18, 2020

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES: Owens, Mavity, Mendiola, Billingsley, Brooks _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Richard Stone
Mayor

Lorrie Haaglund
City Clerk