

October 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Yerington City Council was held in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor John Garry
Council Members Jerry Bryant, Matt Galvin, Shane Martin and Frank Pizzo
City Manager Robert Switzer
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft
Chief of Police Darren Wagner
Public Works Director Jay Flakus
Building Inspector Joel Brown

Absent: City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw

Guests: David Ray, Tashina Galvin, Jim Sanford, Earl and Barbara Freet, Ken Damon, John Spillman, Nancy Salido, Angela Sciarani, Josh Foli, Billie Bartels, Jeannine Gardella, Anthony Edge, Samantha Arrison, Amanda Vincent, Homan Bains, Shannon Coombs, Tom Logan, Erin M. Singley, Scott Draper, Mandi Drake, Justin Drake, Omar Lopez, and Chrissy Haas. M. Patterson joined via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order within the James Sanford Community Center and roll call was reported by Mayor Garry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Pizzo.

Public Participation

Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were made at this time.

Agenda Approval

Mayor Garry stated the agenda would be approved as presented unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Mayor Garry stated the minutes from the prior meeting dated September 26, 2022 would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Councilman Bryant stated that Councilman Pizzo's name was spelled incorrectly on Item 11. Mayor Garry stated the minutes from the prior meeting dated September 26, 2022 were acceptable with the correction of Councilman Pizzo's name and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Business Licenses

The following business license applications were presented for review and approval:

- A. Tearance Brannon dba ChaseMobile Support, Repair & Transportation, LLC., Mobile Mechanic and Freight Transport, 483 S. Whitacre Street, Yerington, NV 89447 – NEW
- B. Jeffrey Thompson dba Sport Build/Sport Striping, LLC., Construction – Athletic Running Track Surfaces, 14621 SW 126th Ave., Tigard, OR 97224 – NEW
- C. Jack McCormick dba Ameriscape Landscaping, Landscaping, 4250 Park Place, Winnemucca, NV 89445
- D. Imelda and Viviana Hernandez Cornejo dba San Miquel, LLC. Db a Antojitos Mexicanos, Food and Snack Bar, 315 Dayton Street, Yerington, NV 89447 – NEW
- E. Linda and Abraham Naranjo-Estrada dba Artesanias Naranjo, LLC. db a Novedades Naranjo, Novelty Store, 36 N. Main Street, Suite A, Yerington, NV 89447 – NEW
- F. Scott Gray dba Stewart Title Corporation, Title Insurance/Residential Home Closing, 215 Bridge Street, #1, Yerington, NV 89447 - RENEWAL

Mayor Garry stated the business license applications would be approved as presented unless there were any objections or corrections. Councilman Bryant noted that A, B, and C were approved at the September 26, 2022 meeting. Mayor Garry stated no objections were made at this time and the business license applications were approved unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	09-21-2022	35894 through 35931
	09-22-2022	35932 through 35938
	09-27-2022	35939 through 35957
Payroll Vouchers	09-19-2022	9222201 through 9222228
Payroll Checks	09-19-2022	35886 through 35891
Payroll Vouchers	10-03-2022	10062201 through 10062226
Payroll Checks	10-03-2022	35958
Transmittal Vouchers	09-19-2022	9192201
Transmittal Checks	09-19-2022	35892 through 35893

Transmittal Vouchers	10-03-2022	10032201
Transmittal Checks	10-03-2022	35959

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment, checks 35886 through 35959 totaling \$ 236,210.47, would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated no comments were made at this time and the bills previously submitted for payment were approved unanimously.

Public Hearing on designating California and Oregon Streets, bordered by Pearl St. and Broadway Ave. to the north and south as one-way streets. The Council is considering this action based on concerns for pedestrian safety around school campuses, and along with the “Kiss and Drop” project, is a comprehensive approach to pedestrian school safety.

City Manager Switzer opened the discussion by noting prior discussions on student and pedestrian safety on the school campuses and the topic was set for today as an agenda item for public comments. He noted the “Kiss and Drop” project is a separate item from the one-way streets, and is not on the agenda today.

Councilman Bryant stated with the school growing, action should be taken now to make it safer for children and vehicles. There was one child hit last year and several near misses have occurred as well. The Council is open to discuss any ideas for safety. It is easier to make changes now during construction.

Councilman Galvin, who lives in the area, suggested that the school could make some changes as well, such as the ladies paying more attention at the school crossings and fixing the gaps between the school busses when they are parked so kids can run out between them.

Councilman Pizzo suggested a six-month trial.

Public Comments

Mayor Garry opened the discussion to the public by reading a letter received from Robert Sherlock, 31 California Street, who is opposed to the idea of the one-way street configuration around the school.

Mandi Drake, Corner of Littell and N California, read a prepared statement. She is not in favor of the one-way street proposal.

Angela Sciarani, a teacher at Yerington Elementary School, is opposed to this. She has four years’ experience at YES and in those four years, there has only been one accident. All schools have this problem. Also mentioned cons of the “Kiss & Drop” program, which was at a school in Reno where she taught. She recommends an increase in patrol cars, repainted

crosswalks for better visibility and better signage. She also recommends educational programs on bicycle safety, crosswalk safety and stranger danger.

Tashina Galvin commented that she thought the 300-foot range is too small to reach those impacted. She feels the 10-minute drop off time prior to school starting is too short, causing parents to be rushed and be less cautious. Not in favor.

Josh Foli researched one-way streets and found that it does not solve the problem we are trying to solve. People drive faster down one-way streets and increased congestion can result as well. He suggests additional crosswalks, stop signs, etc. Not in favor.

Billie Bartels is not in favor as we are a farming community and Oregon is the only street wide enough for farm equipment. Main Street and California are not wide enough. Parking lots beside her property are empty. Teachers could park there.

Nancy Salido is against the proposal. No matter what changes are made, it is not going to change the way some people drive. The congestion at the schools is 10 – 20 minutes 2 times a day. The residents live there 24 hours, 7 days a week. More police presence is needed.

Jim Sanford is not in favor. People drive faster on one-way streets. Asked where is the school district on this. Why aren't they weighing in on what needs to be done? Commented that this will not work for extra-curricular activities – football games and events at the gymnasium.

Public Works Director Flakus advised it is the City's responsibility for the streets, not the School District's.

Councilman Bryant stated that in the last year he has had conversations with the school staff, neighbors and others asking for their input. The response was about 50/50. He noted the school does training for kids and that it needs to continue at home.

Tim Logan, Deputy Superintendent with the School District, mentioned again that the School District does not manage the roads. Their priority is to keep kids safe. They have safety concerns for the staff as well. The sidewalks and stop signs have made a big difference.

No Zoom comments were noted.

Mayor Garry asked for a show of hands from the Public of those that opposed the project. All were opposed.

City Manager Switzer noted that the Council had several options at this point. Take action now; table for a later date; send it back to staff to research further.

Councilman Galvin noted that other options such as speed bumps (big ones) and crosswalks could be considered.

Councilman Bryant offered a Public Safety Committee meeting held in the evening after people get off work. Public response was positive to that idea.

City Manager Switzer suggested a full council meeting held in the evening rather than just the Public Safety Committee so all council could attend.

Mayor Gary concluded that this topic is returned to staff for further research to come back to City Council to discuss and review later.

Approval of a request by the Yerington Chamber of Commerce to waive all fees associated with renting the James Sanford Community Center for a Meet the Candidates Forum to be held Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 PM. The event will be open to the public. The Council may waive all fees, or some fees, or none of the fees charged for use of the facility. Total fees waived would amount to \$600.00, not including a cleaning deposit of \$250.00.

Omar Lopez, representing the Chamber of Commerce stated that this is a free event, open to the public. The Chamber requests the waiver of fees, as they are a non-profit organization. Some state officials will attend.

City Manager Switzer stated that staff is not opposed to the waiver of fees. Mayor Garry also fully supports.

Councilman Galvin motioned to approve waiving the fees for the Meet the Candidates Forum, to be held Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 pm. not including the \$250 cleaning deposit. Councilman Martin seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a quote for installation of electrical outlets in the front of the City Hall building. The outlets would provide power for seasonal displays and low-voltage lighting including floodlights and pathway lighting. Staff had a challenging time finding an electrical contractor who would submit a proposal for this project. Vinnie's Electric, 16 Salvadore Dr., Suite #H, Fernley, NV 89408, was the sole quote in the amount of \$4,700.00. Funding for this project is part of a budgeted allocation of \$25,000.00 from ARPA funds for City Hall improvements.

City Manager Switzer noted that this quote is within the budgeted amount for this project. This will allow accent lighting and security lighting to be utilized in the front parking area.

Councilman Bryant motioned to approve the installation of electrical outlets in front of the City Hall building utilizing Vinnie's Electric, Fernley, NV 89408 for a cost of \$4,700.00. Councilman Pizzo seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a Fourth Amendment to the Ground and Tower Lease with Sacramento-Valley Limited Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, to add a microwave dish to the City's water tank located at 20 South California St., adjacent to the water treatment facility. If approved, the annual lease payment would be \$4,800.00, payable in monthly installments.

City Manager Switzer commented that this additional microwave dish would increase coverage in our area. The cost of \$4,800 is a negotiated amount and is the industry standard. They will be adding more receptors. City staff has no objections.

City Attorney Zumpft recommended listing out all agreements. The paragraph should include all agreements, not just this amendment.

Councilman Bryant motioned to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Ground and Tower Lease with Verizon Wireless after making the changes noted by City Attorney Zumpft at an annual lease payment of \$4,800.00, payable in monthly installments. Councilman Martin seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase a pre-built restroom facility from Structure Cast, 8261 McCutchen Road, Bakersfield, CA 93311 for Mountain View Park for \$148,000. Staff received quotes from three manufacturers; Public Restrooms, Minden NV, Modular Connections LLC, Bessemer, AL, and Structure Cast. With Council concurrence, staff had recommended at our budget meetings a pre-built restroom facility from companies that specialize in that type of manufacturing. Structure Cast met the City's standards and was the lowest quote. The City's budgeted allocation for this project is \$200,000 from ARPA funds.

City Manager Switzer noted that Structure Cast met requirements and gave the lowest quote, which was well under budget.

Councilman Pizzo noted the good savings with this quote.

Councilman Bryant questioned if this included shipping and set up like before. City Manager Switzer responded yes.

Councilman Pizzo motioned to approve the Structure Cast pre-built restroom facility for Mountain View Park in the amount of \$148,000. Councilman Bryant seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase a field lighting system from Land Sustainability, 106 Judah St., Roseville, CA 95678, for Reviglio Baseball Park in the amount of \$69,377.24. Staff received quotes from three vendors; Techline Sports Lighting, Austin, TX, Sentry Sports A to Z, LLC, Bessemer, AL, and Land Sustainability which met the City's standards and was the lowest quote. Since installation of the light poles and electrical connections are not part of this quote, a subsequent action item will address those issues. The City's budgeted allocation for this and other projects is \$125,000 from ARPA funds.

City Manager Switzer noted that Land Sustainability was the lowest for the materials. The lights are high-powered LED lights, which is current technology.

Mayor Garry inquired if research was done on this company.

City Manager Switzer indicated the D&B rating was good and he saw no anomalies on this firm.

Councilman Galvin motioned to approve the purchase of the field lighting system from Land Sustainability for Reviglio Baseball Park in the amount of 67,377.24. Councilman Martin seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a quote for installation of light poles and electrical connections for a lighting system at Reviglio baseball park to Vinnie's Electric, 16 Salvadore Dr., Suite #H, Fernley, NV 89408, in the amount of \$26,700.00. The City's budgeted allocation for this and other projects is \$125,000 from ARPA funds.

City Manager Switzer noted the installation of light poles and electrical connections for the lighting system at Reviglio Park are two separate bid items. The total of both the lights and the installation of lights and electrical system is \$96,000 and is well under the amount budgeted for this project.

Councilman Galvin motioned to approve the installation of light poles and electrical connections at Reviglio Baseball Park by Vinnie's Electric, Fernley, NV in the amount of \$26,700.00. Councilman Martin seconded this motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mayor Garry read notes from a conference call with Duane Halgrimson who has property at 401 Pearl and 311 Kathy. He wanted water and sewer connections that were beyond the scope of the project. He planned to provide his own contractor; however, he wasn't home when Q&D did the work per the W&S project plan. He was not happy, but is willing to give it a couple of years.

Department Reports

City Attorney had no items to report.

Chief of Police Wagner noted that Officer Kosak and Officer Mendoza received positive feedback from an incident where it was deemed they went "above and beyond". Homecoming went well. Planning participation in Trunk or Treat.

Public Works Director Flakus would like to be invited to Public Safety Committee meetings.

Building Inspector Brown reported 14 building permits for September totaling \$6,157.89.

City Manager Switzer indicated an agenda item for the next meeting should be scheduling one meeting in November and one meeting December due to the holidays.

Councilman Pizzo reported the Fly-in was a success. The event improved awareness and visibility of the airport. Twenty-eight planes fueled up. Others came and did not get fuel. There were no safety issues. The committee was great and the food was good. May schedule two events per year (spring and fall). Also noted there was an issue at the Food Pantry. PD was right on it.

Councilman Bryant commented that renewed focus on safety and police presence is good. It is the two-year anniversary of Q&D breaking ground on the Water / Sewer project. Asked if we should invite a Q&D representative to City Council meetings.

Public Works Director Flakus commented that would get ugly. He suggested that Councilman Bryant attend the bi-weekly meetings. He noted that real issues come up daily that have to be responded to. There are contractual limitations. They determine the streets and the order in which they are done. If we change the schedule, we pay more money.

Councilman Martin had no items.

Councilman Galvin had no comments.

Mayor Garry acknowledged it was Christopher Columbus Day. He commented on the strategic placement of utility trucks as a prepared response to the million customers without power. 90% were restored within 24 hours. He also advised of a Rotary Scholarship available. \$5,000 for a skilled trade / trade school. Asked that all let people know so that it can be used. He also took a tour of the Anaconda Mine with NDEP. Mayor Garry noted that Fly In was really well received.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

City Clerk