

Yerington City Council Meeting
February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – City Hall

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 J. Garry
Council Members Jerry Bryant, Shane Martin, and Matthew Galvin
City Manager Robert Switzer
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft
City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw
Public Works Director Jay Flakus
Chief of Police Darren Wagner
Building Official Joel Brown
Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Absent:

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Mr. Duane Halgrimson, Ms. Leia Wells, Mr. Frank Pizzo, Mr. Dave DeGrendele, Ms. Deb DeGrendele, Ms. Shanna Alves, and Mr. Ron Hoard

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and roll call was reported by Mayor Garry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bryant.

Public Participation

Mr. Duane Halgrimson, a Yerington resident since 1973 requests ten to fifteen minutes to present to Mayor Garry and City Council. City Manager Switzer stated Mr. Halgrimson could provide a summary for a future agenda item. Mr. Halgrimson stated he owns a house in the Paul Avenue and Kathy Avenue neighborhood and his sewer pipes for his house were installed in the backyard instead of in the street back in the 1980's. For the Water and Sewer Project, the project engineer wants to modify his house for plumbing. The owner needs to pay for the piping and there could be future sewer problems. Mr. Halgrimson requested a quote from Walker River Utility and it was in the amount of \$2,400.00. Mr. Halgrimson requests to be put on the next City Council agenda. Mayor Garry thanks Mr. Halgrimson and stated a future agenda item will be added to address his concerns about the Water and Sewer Project.

Mr. David Ray stated with sadness, the President of Helping Hands for Senior's, Vernon Miller passed away on February 1, 2022.

Mr. Dave DeGrendele, resident on Paul Avenue for twenty years and would like to give all of our support for the Police Department as much as we can. Regarding the construction and planning for the Water and Sewer Project, people must be flexible, plans change.

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 stated the agenda was approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Mayor Garry stated the minutes from prior meetings dated January 10, 2022 and January 24, 2022 would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated the minutes from prior meetings dated January 10, 2022 and January 24, 2022 were approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	01/24/2022	34787 through 34842
	02/01/2022	34849 through 34891
	02/02/2022	34892 through 34893
Payroll Checks	01/25/2022	34843 through 34846
Payroll Vouchers	01/25/2022	01272201 through 01272226
Transmittal Checks	01/25/2022	34847 through 34848
Transmittal Vouchers	01/25/2022	01252201

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment, checks 34787 through 34893 totaling \$230,829.13, would be approved unless there are any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated no comments were made at this time and the bills previously submitted for payment were approved unanimously.

Read in Full Bill \$423, Ordinance No. 22-01 an Ordinance Amending the Yerington City Code Title 7 Public Ways and Property, Chapter 4 City Boundaries and Annexation, Amending Section 7-4-4 Additions to City Limits and Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto. Pursuant to NRS 268.670, Ordinance 22-01 codifies the annexation by the Council motion action of December 13, 2021, to incorporate 25.27 acres into the city limits. Recommend adoption of Bill No. 423, Ordinance 22-01.

City Manager Switzer stated this is the final reading for Ordinance 22-01 bringing in 25.27 acres into the City limits into the City of Yerington, which is the new Yerington RV Park. City Manager Switzer recommends approval of the agenda item.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda item as presented, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of a request from the Healthy Communities' Yerington Food Pantry for \$20,000.00 from ARPA Funds to assist with food deliveries to senior citizens and other community members designated as low income and "Households that experienced

increased food or housing insecurity.” The funding request is allowable under the Final ARPA rules when addressing impacts to community members who are at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For example, the income limit for a household of three would be at or below \$65,880.00. The request will be on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenses.

City Manager Switzer stated Mr. Frank Pizzo is present to provide a presentation.

Mr. Frank Pizzo with the Yerington Food Pantry stated the Food Pantry provides home deliveries of food for senior citizens and those who are disabled, backpacks for the schools, hygiene products, gas, registration and insurance for deliveries. The amount of all these items comes to about \$17, 977.00 and Mr. Pizzo requested \$20,000.00 to account for inflation.

Councilman Bryant asked if last year’s numbers were \$17,977.00, where did the funds come from? Mr. Pizzo stated some funds were from donations and other resources, which will be looked into this year. Councilman Bryant stated knowing that the funds are from the City, how much is staying within the City? Mr. Pizzo stated mostly all is within the Yerington area and a few in Smith Valley.

Councilman Bryant asked if the Executive Director, Wendy Madson with Healthy Communities’ Coalition, helps with all of Lyon County. Councilman Bryant stated the age demographic provided is between the age of eighteen to fifty-five, which is the working class. The program should be more directly focused on the youth and the elders. For the reimbursement basis, something should be in place that these are the demographics that the program is working with for reimbursement. City Manager Switzer stated the funds need to be expended first with proof of payment and reimbursement will then be provided back to the organization. City Clerk Shaw stated some expenses are unallowable under the guidelines for the ARPA grant, but allowable expenditures will not exceed \$20,000.00.

Councilman Bryant asked when the expiration date will be set to use the funds. City Manager Switzer recommended a cap of one year through February of 2023.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve a grant for the Yerington Food Pantry with an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 from ARPA funds to assist with food deliveries to senior citizens and other community members designated as low income and “households that experienced increased food or housing insecurity.” The request will be on a reimbursement basis only for eligible expenses and the funds will expire by February of 2023, seconded by Councilman Galvin.

Mr. Dave DeGrendele stated he has a problem with the federal guidelines and the poverty level. Councilman Bryant requested Mr. Pizzo to help alleviate the traffic on Bridge Street. Mr. Pizzo stated we will try our best.

Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval to schedule a one-day retreat March 8th or 9th, to discuss and review budget requests for next fiscal year with attendance of City Department Heads and City Council

members. The meeting would be advertised and posted under the Nevada Open Meeting Law statutes.

City Manager Switzer stated the City has not held a retreat in over fifteen years. Discussions need to be made about the City receiving the preliminary figures from the State of Nevada relating to next year's budget and the allocated second round of ARPA funds to be received in July of 2023. City Manager Switzer stated after the budget figures are received, submittals need to be submitted to the Department of Taxation by April 15, 2022. Research has been completed on meeting locations from South Lake Tahoe to Walker River Resort. The public meeting would also be advertised and City Manager Switzer recommends going to The Plaza Hotel and Convention Center.

Mayor Garry finds that the retreats are very productive. Mayor Garry stated looking at the cost is modest and within driving distance, he supports City Manager Switzer's recommendation. Councilman Martin asked how long would the meeting last. City Manager Switzer stated it would start between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. through lunch until about 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Bryant requested to keep the meeting locally. Public Works Director Flakus added he would choose option number three, Red's Old 395 Grill.

Mayor Garry recommended to approve as principal and within the motion to have the flexibility for City Manager Switzer or City Clerk Shaw to pick the location.

Councilman Galvin stated he will not be here for both days. City Manager Switzer offered to leave the dates open and a selection of the new City Council member will on February 28, 2022. City Clerk Shaw stated the City should move the meeting to the week of the fourteenth or later within that week. Councilman Bryant recommends utilizing the Boys and Girls Club at no cost to the City.

Councilman Galvin made a motion to approve agenda item number eight with open ended dates and to give the option to chose the location to City Manager Switzer or City Clerk Shaw, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Department Reports

Chief of Police Wagner stated things are going well with the Police Department. The candidate for new hire has one more meeting on the February 19, 2022, if he passes, he will be on the force. Siren and light controller are holding up the two new Tahoe's. Every agency in the State of Nevada is affected by this and it is only getting worse. A few improvements need to happen at the current facility and they are currently out of room.

Public Works Director Flakus stated a generator for this facility is greatly needed and a Street Sweeper. At the parks, trip hazards with sidewalks are being mitigated and the Public Works Department is currently working on that. Pot hole patrol will be going around town and filling in the pot holes. At the parks meeting for the ball fields, Bluetooth

locks will be used this year to access the fields and additional sanitation requirements. The Dog Park, two bids were requested and both bids came back, Mountain View Park will be lined out. For the sewer ponds, the aerators were ordered and currently the City is waiting to received them. For street lights, Public Works is working on replacing the one by Dini's Lucky Club.

Building Official Brown stated the Carter Hills Homes have finished construction.

City Manager Switzer stated the City is waiting on word from the Congressional Appropriations Committee about the funding for the Kiss and Drop Project in the amount of \$598,000.00.

Councilman Bryant thanked City Clerk Shaw for setting up the City's Fee Schedule. City Manager Switzer added that about half of the fees need to be reviewed and updated. Councilman Bryant stated a process should be in place for performance management and possible raises. City Clerk Shaw stated City Manager Switzer would bring any actions or performance management to City Council. City Clerk Shaw stated the Committee meetings can start being scheduled. Councilman Bryant added for a consideration for Councilman Galvin to join the Police Committee meetings. The streets should be monitored in more areas by the Police Department where traffic is being detoured. A resident approached Councilman Bryant that lives on Grove Street and Center Street about a sidewalk that was not replaced. Pot holing needs to be repaired in front of the Vineyard Church on Broadway Avenue. Public Works Director Flakus stated a complete mill and replacement project needs to occur and is unfixable right now. City Manager Switzer stated the City does not want to spend too much money if it will be replaced within six months already with the Water and Sewer Project. The City is trying to resurface and replace every bit of roadway and other portions not impacted by the Water and Sewer Project.

Councilman Bryant stated the City should approach the Lyon County School District again about the Booth Parr Field and the survey was holding it up. City Manager Switzer stated the last communication with the Lyon County School District was that the City can pound sand, but the City is willing to meet to take care of that issue. Public Works Director Flakus stated the City pays for the power and the water bills. The issue if the City does receive the property back is not allowing a clubhouse, which would now be on City property. Councilman Bryant stated the Yerington Paiute Tribe is working on getting the last three quarters paid for the Marijuana Compact and the last quarter will be paid in full by March of 2022.

Councilman Galvin asked to Chief Wagner about the graphics on the police vehicles and to get those done soon. The alleyway behind the Mason Valley Tire on Joe Parr Way, the City should assist with adding more water and dirt down for the alley. Councilman Galvin stated more animal control should be enforced in Yerington with the feral cats getting terrible in town.

Mayor Garry would like to announce that he asked Councilman Bryant to step up into the position of Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilman Bryant accepted. Mayor Garry thanked, Councilman Bryant, for stepping up and taking the position. The Lyon County Justice Center was renamed on February 5, 2022 as the Donald J. Trump Justice Center. February is Black History Month and Mayor Garry would like to recognize Jack Johnson, who was considered the first African American that was the first heavyweight champion of the world in 1908.

Public Participation

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Yerington