

**Yerington City Council Meeting**  
**April 10, 2023 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 (Via Telephone) and Frank Pizzo  
City Manager Robert Switzer  
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft  
City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw  
Chief of Police Darren Wagner  
Public Works Director Jay Flakus  
Building Official Joel Brown

Absent: Councilman Matthew Galvin and Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Ms. Cheryl Giomi, Mr. Jim Sanford, Ms. Jenna Dykes, Ms. Kandice Mortenson, Ms. Chantae Lessard, Mr. Stephen Rye and Ms. Mary Smith

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 Mayor Garry.

**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. City Manager Switzer stated no corrections need to be made at this time. Mayor Garry stated the agenda was approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Minutes**

Mayor Garry stated the minutes from prior meeting dated March 24, 2023 Budget Workshop and the March 27, 2023 regular meeting would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated no objections were made at this time, the minutes from prior meeting dated March 24, 2023 Budget Workshop and the March 27, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment**

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	03/21/2023	36730 through 36759
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03/28/2023

36760 through 36775

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment, checks 36730 through 36775 totaling \$61,915.40, and 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.

Approve a request from the Yerington Rotary/Interact Club to allow a student group, sponsored by the Yerington Rotary Club to paint "Lion Paws" on Pearl Street in front of YHS once paving has been completed.

Ms. Cheryl Giomi on behalf of the Yerington Interact Club for Yerington Rotary was available for questions.

Councilman Bryant asked if the paint is more permanent or temporary. Ms. Giomi stated that has not been decided. YHS students would like to make this event a yearly tradition. Councilman Bryant requested to have a consistent pattern. Ms. Giomi stated the paw prints will only be on one side of the road and white temporary paint will be used.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve agenda item number seven for Yerington Rotary Club to paint white lion paws on Pearl Street for a one-time event and City Council to reevaluate each year, seconded by Councilman Pizzo. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approve additional expenditures for paving already completed on Cartwright, Kathy and Nevada Alley in the amount of \$27,963.74.

City Manager Switzer stated the cost for paving has increased and the base for subgrade was not in good quality. In addition to the \$25,000.00 originally agreed upon by City Council, an additional amount needs to be approved as well.

Councilman Bryant asked if the additional funding will be coming out the roads and maintenance line item within the ARPA funding. City Manager Switzer stated yes.

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

Approve a recommendation from the Planning Commission: Eric Bodenstein on behalf of J. Kirk Bodenstein, is proposing a Special Use Permit Application with APN 001-411-24.

City Manager Switzer stated the agenda item is recommended from the Yerington Planning Commission to approve of a Special Use Permit Application to build a storage unit. The area is a mixed used area per the City of Yerington zoning.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve agenda item number nine as presented, seconded by Councilman Pizzo. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approve an extended Ten (10) Year Lease between the City of Yerington and Richard & Bonnie Blakley for Hangar Number 307 located at the Yerington Municipal Airport.

Mayor Garry stated the ten-year lease extension for Hangar number 307 would be approved as presented unless there were any objections or corrections. No objections were made and the ten-year lease extension for Hangar number 307 was approved unanimously.

Approve a Ten (10) Year Lease Agreement between the City of Yerington and Greg Chico for Hangar Number 202 located at the Yerington Municipal Airport.

Mayor Garry stated the ten-year lease agreement for Hangar number 202 would be approved as presented unless there were any objections or corrections. No objections were made and the ten-year lease extension for Hangar number 202 was approved unanimously.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lyon County School District and the Yerington Police Department for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Chief of Police Wagner stated the agreement from last year is the same as this year's and the only difference are the dates.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve agenda item number twelve as presented, seconded by Councilman Pizzo. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion was approved unanimously.

A Proclamation recognizing April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month", a month to highlight the problem of child abuse and to educate the public in methods of prevention. Lyon County Human Services will give a presentation on Child Abuse Prevention month.

Ms. Jenna Dykes, Division Manager with Lyon County Human Services provided a presentation on the many services that Lyon County offers for the community. Ms. Kandice Mortenson stated very few foster homes are available for children within Lyon County. Mr. Stephen Rye, Lyon County District Attorney, stated the pinwheel planting occurred last week. An important part of the District Attorney's office is help children in child abuse and neglect cases to protect the victims. Ms. Mary Smith stated if a child is removed from a home, the whole process that's about eighteen months to finalize. Last year, eighty-nine children were on Lyon County's case load.

Mayor Garry stated the issue with very few foster homes within Northern Nevada was addressed to the Governor of Nevada last month and hopefully some solutions will

be in the horizon. Thank you to Lyon County Human Services for the many services that are provided. Councilman Bryant also thanked Lyon County Human Services.

A Proclamation recognizing “Yerington Youth Law-Awareness Day”, a day to instruct any young people in their lives on the importance of thinking within the context of the law.

Mr. Rye, Lyon County District Attorney stated he can help in any way with questions. Mayor Garry thanked Lyon County for their presentation.

Councilman Bryant asked if extra activities or participation could be added for the School Resource Officer (SRO) to be involved in. Chief of Police Wagner stated the Lyon County School District would be in charge of that event but yes, the SRO could be involved in those events at the school.

Approve the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

City Manager Switzer stated this action is the first iteration of the budget for the City of Yerington. The Council can insert or modify any items. The City will be going into a transition year with federal funding no longer coming in this year. The property tax and ad valorem tax will be going up. Consolidated tax revenues will show a decrease which are levied at the state level. This budget proposes a four percent increase for all of the employees. The City will be beginning to start making loan payments for the Water and Sewer Project. The City's operational costs are increasing and the rates might need to be adjusted again. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will no longer be budgeted after this year since the funding needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully spent by December 31, 2026.

City Manager Switzer stated the Water Fund is budgeted in the amount of \$115,438.00 and the Sewer Fund is budgeted in the amount of \$116,753.00. An amount of \$325,000.00 will be carried over for the ARPA funding that has not been obligated. One change that will occur within the tentative budget, the figure may be closer to about \$570,252.29 instead of the \$325,000.00 carry over. Quotes are being received to purchase or lease with maintenance a street sweeper for the Public Works Department.

City Manager Switzer stated the budgeted net income for both the Water and Sewer Fund is in the amount of \$232,191.00. The state demographer estimated the population is about 3,423 in the City of Yerington. The General Funds estimated value is about \$11,492,347.00 and the revenues and expenditures do balance. The City will be in deficit spending this year. The Mason Valley Fire Department contract has increased to \$551,032.00. The Room Tax revenue was increased up to \$110,000.00.

City Manager Switzer stated the figure has gone up for the payments collected for water utilities and the same with the sewer utilities. The Nevada Copper standpipe fees are still being collected and is in effect until 2050.

Councilman Bryant asked if the City has enough cash reserves on both the water and sewer funds. City Manager Switzer stated yes but the water fund might be in the negative by next budget year.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve agenda item number six as presented, seconded by Councilman Pizzo. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### Public Participation

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

#### Department Reports

Chief of Police Wagner stated Friday Main Street will be closed for the VORRA races. The selection of the K-9 Handler position will be selected soon. The two new Tahoe's are almost completed and will be on the road shortly. The vape and tobacco products with children under the age of eighteen is a big topic to discuss and will be discussed at the Public Safety meeting.

Public Works Director Flakus stated up and down Main Street on the sidewalks will be repaired soon by Q&D Construction. VORRA went up and repaired the Y-Hill road washout in advance of their event. Planters, benches and trashcans will be going on Main Street soon. The future T-Ball field is underway currently. The Mountain View Park location for the restroom does not work because the crane will not fit to place the new restroom. The water is now on at the ball fields and the parks.

City Manager Switzer stated a quote will be received soon for the road in front of City Hall for a new street, curb, gutter and sidewalks.

Councilman Bryant stated on May 8<sup>th</sup>, he will be absent at the City Council meeting.

Mayor Garry stated he will be promoting the interests of the City by meeting with a business owner in Sparks that wants to have a franchise within Yerington.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

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City Clerk of the City of Yerington

