

Yerington City Council Meeting
April 25, 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, Matthew Galvin, and Frank Pizzo
City Manager Robert Switzer
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft
City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw
Public Works Director Jay Flakus
Building Official Joel Brown
Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Absent: Chief of Police Darren Wagner

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Mr. Robert Cramer Sr., and Mr. Matt Bowman

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 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. Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were 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 April 11, 2022 would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated the minutes from prior meeting dated April 11, 2022 was approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	04/06/2022	35140 through 35188
	04/11/2022	35189 through 35215
	04/19/2022	35223 through 35246
Payroll Checks	04/21/2022	35216 through 35220

Payroll Vouchers	04/21/2022	4212201 through 4212228
Transmittal Checks	04/18/2022	35221 through 35222
Transmittal Vouchers	04/18/2022	4182201

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment, checks 35140 through 35246 totaling \$2,708,966.54, 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.

Declare property at 508 West Bridge St. (APN 001-171-21) as a nuisance under Yerington City Code 4-2-1 through 4-2-2. The property is owned by Gary Silva SR TRS Et Al, 11540 Clay Station Rd., Herald, CA. The Council may consider the facts of the complaint, take testimony from opponents, and determine if a nuisance exists under City Code. If there is a finding that a nuisance exists, the Council may direct staff to take appropriate remedial action to abate the nuisance.

City Manager Switzer stated this action regarding the property at 508 West Bridge Street has an issue displaying wreckage and junk. Within the Ordinance nuisance, 4-2-1, it defines that a storage of vehicles outside needs to be fully screened from view and fully enclosed from the public. Within the Ordinance nuisance, 4-2-6, paragraph A., the City scheduled a hearing last City Council meeting to look at the evidence. City Council can take a variety of options but the property owner or proprietor can a plan to mitigate the issue.

City Manager Switzer presented the proprietor of the property, Mr. Robert Cramer. Mr. Cramer is the owner of Cramer Automotive and Towing. The company cannot get rid of the vehicles unless proper paperwork is given. Mr. Cramer stated he has some estimates for fencing but the owner of the property does not want to have a fence put up. Mr. Cramer is requesting at least sixty days to remove all of the vehicles.

Mayor Garry asked if the City should contact the owner. City Manager Switzer stated the City has contacted the owner with no response. Mr. Cramer stated the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) was closed for about a year and that could be the issue. Councilman Galvin stated the Judge is no longer handling vehicle issues with the towing companies. Cramer stated Scrap Metal Recycling (SMR) is very backed up right now as well. The owner mentioned that he would want the whole lot open at all times. Mr. Cramer requests a little bit of time and stated he can remove about seventy-five percent of the vehicles within sixty days. Mayor Garry stated the view is an attractiveness nuisance to children. Does Cramer Automotive and Towing employee a security guard. Mr. Cramer stated no. Mayor Garry stated with the owner's resistance to put up a fence on the property, the owner should be responsible and the City should be holding Mr. Gary Silva accountable.

Councilman Bryant stated Mr. Cramer's company is a valuable service to the community but the vehicles are problematic. One major concern for the City are the chemicals that come from the cars and are seeping into the ground. Sixty days is a reasonable amount of time to clean up the vehicles with a privacy fencing in place.

Councilman Galvin suggested renting the fencing. Mr. Cramer stated he will check into renting the privacy fencing.

City Manager Switzer stated City Council is free to craft any plan they choose with a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the proprietor of the property. The agenda item will then be brought back to City Council after the sixty days extension period. Mr. Cramer stated the majority of the vehicles will be removed from the property and the remaining vehicles will be behind a privacy fence that cannot be removed yet. Mayor Garry stated to Mr. Cramer to notify the property owner that the fence is mandatory. City Manager Switzer will follow up on this matter. Councilman Pizzo stated Mr. Cramer should express concern if more time is needed. City Manager Switzer stated if the action has not been mitigated per the conditions, the action will then be brought to City Council again. Councilman Galvin stated the City is looking to see progress and everything will be alright. Mr. Cramer stated if there is a problem with the timeline, he will notify City Manager Switzer.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to defer a sixty-day extension to the property at 508 West Bridge Street with APN 001-171-21, seconded by Councilman Galvin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approve Bill No. 424; Ordinance No. 22-02; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING YERINGTON CITY CODE, TITLE 5 POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 4 ANIMAL CONTROL, ADDING ARTICLE D TITLED "CATS," AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

City Manager Switzer stated the main focus for the Cat Ordinance is to ensure no person should feed stray or feral cat outside of a person's own property.

Councilman Galvin made a motion to accept this action, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approve formation of a five (5) member advisory committee for the Yerington Airport appointed by the City Manager. The Committee would recommend to the Council steps to strengthen the Airport's viability, increase aviation business activity, and meet from time to time.

City Manager Switzer requested to form a five-member advisory committee for the Airport and is hoping to increase the business activity within the community. City Manager Switzer is working with a business in California that wants to expand their business to Nevada and this business will enhance the functions at the Airport. The committee would be appointed to a City Council member and a community member with no minutes to post. The Airport is underutilized right now. Mayor Garry asked if the committee will consist of all volunteers. City Manager Switzer stated yes, it is a voluntary committee.

Councilman Bryant suggested to expand the scope to benefit business development, community attractions, promoting downtown growth, and the Airport as well. City Manager Switzer stated the committee would be focused directly on the Airport with Airports being an economic engine to community growth.

Councilman Galvin made a motion to adopt item number eight, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments. Mr. David Ray stated the City is on the right track with this committee and to keep it going. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion was approved unanimously.

FS-10 Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2022.

City Manager Switzer stated on page four are the revenues over expenditures in an amount of (\$-8,035.00), but a positive number is anticipated around the end of June 2022. Page five is the Ad Valorem Tax in the amount of \$501,372.00 and as of right now is now in the amount of \$691,071.00, which is likely to increase higher. Page sixteen is the Water Fund with total expenditures in the amount of \$1,465,084.00, leaving a positive figure for revenues over expenditures of a little over \$1,000,000.00. Page twenty is the Sewer Fund with total expenditures in the amount of \$734,000.00, leaving a positive figure for revenues over expenditures of over \$5,000,000.00. The City is in a good financial condition with all funds healthy and no audit violations. The Department of Taxation has approved of the City's financial status.

Public Participation

Mayor Garry asked for comments. Mayor Garry stated an anonymous source commented about the fires around Mason Valley. The City of Yerington and the Mason Valley Fire Department should come together to have a Community Extinguisher Day to help with community services their own fire extinguishers.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Flakus stated the City discussed selling the Rio Vista Well, but decommission of the well needs to take place first and is now on hold. Weed spraying is currently in the process and the City should decide to decorate by the new city sign. The access system in City Hall is under construction and will now have key fobs to use access. Movies in the Park will be having events this summer starting with the Tooth Fairy on June 10th, Rookie of the Year on July 8th, and Rio on July 12th. Councilman Galvin asked what it costs Ms. Nancy Park to host Movies in the Park. Public Works Director Flakus stated she pays about \$500.00 out of pocket for each movie.

City Manager Switzer stated he is working with Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDA) and has a conference on Wednesday in Minden to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and economic development.

City Clerk Shaw stated Ms. Park could also apply for a Room Tax grant to help cover the costs of the Movies in the Park events. Action item number six will come back to City Council in a meeting in May and also the final budget meeting.

Councilman Bryant stated Q&D Construction is making their way down Joe Parr Way and Nevin Way and is using the preexisting dirt for trench work. Thank you to Public

Works Director Flakus and the Public Works Department for all of their work. At the Public Safety Committee meeting, some topics were discussed as listed:

1. Chief of Police Wagner stated the Police Department is are on the verge of starting the Neighborhood Watch Program.
2. Two officers will help to mitigate nuisances around town.
3. Homelessness activity behind Raley's is a concern and the Police Department will get in contact with the property owners to see if they are on board to help assist.
4. Digital License Plate Readers would like to be purchased in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the officers.
5. Schedule a special meeting to discuss the location of the Police Department. A five, ten, or twenty-year plan should be discussed within May or June. Public Works Director Flakus added that the City owned some software equipment and the design of a building could be figured out and how much the building will cost as well.

Councilman Galvin stated South Lyon Medical Center (SLMC) is shutting down the on-call Phlebotomist for use by the Police Department, which helps with the blood tests for people who are pulled over for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). As of mid-May 2022, the phlebotomist services are ending and the on-call will no longer be available to use.

Mayor Garry a case is coming up in Supreme Court about a coach saying a prayer to his players before a game starts. Mayor Garry prays that the Supreme Court will come to a decision about this case.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Yerington

