

Yerington City Council Meeting
August 8, 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
Chief of Police Darren Wagner
Building Official Joel Brown (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)
Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Absent: City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw and Public Works Director Jay Flakus

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Mr. Dave DeGrendele, Ms. Deb DeGrendele, Ms. Judy Halterman, Mr. Hiren Bhavsar, Ms. Judy Schlegel, Ms. Hillary Dashiell, and Officer Richard Jennerjohn

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 Chief of Police Wagner.

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 on the agenda. 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 July 25, 2022 would be approved unless there were any objections or corrections. Mayor Garry stated the minutes from prior meeting dated July 25, 2022 were approved as presented and the motion was approved unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	07/18/2022	35617 through 35625
	07/19/2022	35626 through 25640

	07/26/2022	35648 through 35663
	07/27/2022	35664 through 35669
	08/02/2022	35670 through 35701
	08/03/2022	35702 through 35718
Payroll Checks	07/25/2022	35641 through 35645
Payroll Vouchers	07/25/2022	07282201 through 07282228
Transmittal Checks	07/25/2022	35646 through 35647
Transmittal Vouchers	07/28/2022	07252201

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment, checks 35617 through 35718 totaling \$2,269,519.52, 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.

Presentation and Introduction of Hiren Bhavsar, Extension Educator of UNR Lyon County Extension Office.

Mr. Hiren Bhavsar, Lyon County Extension Operator, was hired on July 1, 2022 and would like to introduce the team he works with; Ms. Hillary Dashiell, Ms. Judy Halterman and Ms. Judy Schlegel. The UNR Extension Office fills gaps in education programs by working with kids in 4-H to adult education programs. The Nevada Economic Assistance Program collects data in Lyon County to help state parks and determine economic impacts within the area. Mr. Bhavsar encourages people in the area to come visit the office to help further these programs and connect people to these resources.

Mayor Garry thanked Mr. Bhavsar for his time and the presentation. Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were made at this time.

Recommendation from the Yerington Planning Commission: Blaine Hansen of Hansen Construction, Inc. on behalf of Stuart Drange are proposing a variance of land use for APN 001-258-13.

City Manager Switzer stated the Yerington Planning Commission did review the action before City Council. The Building and Planning regulations state that there needs to be a 20-foot setback in order to add a residential building structure to the property. The Yerington Planning Commission approves the setback measurements, a residential structure to be constructed and recommends approval. The property is on the corner of Emilio Court and Main Street. Councilman Bryant asked if Mr. Drange is seeking the variance for the residential structure. City Manager Switzer stated yes. Councilman Galvin asked Building Official Brown if he sees any issues. Building Official Brown stated he sees no issues.

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

Notice from Nevada Copper regarding Permanent Layoff Notice under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2101 et seq.

City Manager Switzer stated Nevada Copper is a major employer within Yerington and is required to provide notice to the community per the Department of Labor. Nevada Copper laid off a bunch of people but are now hiring again. The City will continue to monitor the situation and keep City Council informed. Mayor Garry stated it is a shame to the community because a great development could lead to a great economy but hopefully the permanent layoff is lifted. Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were made at this time.

Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Yerington and the Yerington Police Officer's Association for the Fiscal Years 2022-2024.

City Manager Switzer stated the revised document includes a clause stating that management shall have sole and full discretion in assignments or removals of the officer and that is currently missing from the document. Page twenty will include that language if the document is approved. Councilman Bryant stated he is in favor of that language to be in the agreement. Page twenty within item P. under special assignment, bilingual positions should not be within this item. Councilman Galvin stated bilingual pay should be a dollar amount instead of categorized under a special assignment. Councilman Bryant stated listed under item M., the 6-month probation period should also be struck out from bilingual pay. Councilman Galvin added under item O., the Investigator position should receive step and grade pay of an additional ten, six, and one-half five percent (10%, 6.5%, and 5.0%) of base salary but the Investigator position is not a special assignment. City Manager Switzer stated the investigator position is not a special assignment and should be crossed out within the document. The 10%, 6.5%, and 5.0% is all crossed out within the management version of the document. What amount or percentage should bilingual pay be at, any suggestions? Councilman Galvin stated it should be a dollar amount. Councilman Bryant stated the Investigator position should be at 2.5%, which is a skill not a special assignment and to strike the language of bilingual or not. City Manager Switzer confirms the Investigator position should be set at 2.5% as a skilled pay. Councilman Bryant and Councilman Galvin agreed. Councilman Bryant stated under item P. to strike bilingual pay as well. If the Investigator position is a non-supervisory position, the pay percentage should be the same as the School Resource Officer (SRO) and the Canine Officer percentage. City Manager Switzer stated the City will leave it up to Chief of Police Wagner if the position is non-supervisory or not. Councilman Bryant stated if it not supervisor pay, it should be lowered to the 2.5%. Councilman Galvin stated the 2.5% and the non-supervisory position needs to also be stated within the agreement. City Manager Switzer stated the motion can be passed today to approve the agreement but it would still need to go back to the Union for their approval.

Councilman Galvin stated within the item for bilingual pay, the six-month probation period should be stricken; item P. bilingual position should be stricken, and the 2.5% for Investigator position with non-supervisory authority should be changed within item O.

Councilman Galvin made a motion to accept the Bargaining Agreement after the above changes are made, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of the Congressional Allocation for the KISS and DROP Project in the amount of \$598,000.00.

City Manager Switzer stated about a year ago, the City received confirmation from Congressman Horsford's Office regarding the Kiss and Drop Project and the approval of funding to the City. The status has been assured to the City that the money has been appropriated for the project. The money was sent to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Congressman Horsford's Office is working with NDOT to get the money sent to the City as soon as possible. The City will give them one to two weeks to send the money, then a discussion with the Nevada representatives might be in order. Mayor Garry stated the City should utilize our relationship with the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. City Manager Switzer stated time is of the essence, California Street sidewalk, curb, and gutter from Littell Street to Broadway Avenue will be constructed within the project. The appropriations should be on hand when the project is completed to pay for the project while Q & D Construction is currently here. Councilman Bryant added this project is very much needed at the City's schools.

Councilman Bryant stated a Public Works Committee meeting will be held this month on the 18th and the one-way streets will probably be talked about. Mayor Garry stated he made personal calls with Congressman Horsford's Office and they assured him that this project is their first priority. Q & D Construction are in town now and the City pays for the mobilization and demobilization for the Water and Sewer Project within the costs. The City could pay an additional \$50,000.00 if Q & D Construction needs to demobilize and come back to Yerington for the Kiss and Drop Project.

Mayor Garry asked for comments. Mr. Dave DeGrendele stated he is in favor of this project, but it is also Lyon County School District's (LCSD) responsibility and they need to be involved in it as well. LCSD should be helping get the money released to the City as well. He is not in favor of the one-way streets and stated that could open up a whole can of worms around the school area. Making the area loading and unloading zones will alleviate most of the problems.

Approval of the "Yerington Fly In" to be held at the Yerington Municipal Airport on October 8, 2022.

City Manager Switzer stated the idea behind the "Yerington Fly In" is to provide a Saturday morning or early afternoon with a fly in and breakfast. The Rotary Club will serve a pancake type breakfast which will attract aviation traffic. The City will be proposing

aviation gas at a reduced rate that morning or afternoon and maybe need a control tower in the near future. The United States Naval Department will fly in as well as the National Guard. The City is looking into having a CH47 helicopter fly in for static display. The fly in will increase the visibility of the Airport, which is underutilized at this time. Mayor Garry stated a federal form, DD245, needs to be approved and submitted to the United States Naval Department and National Guard for the fly ins to occur.

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

Approval of the FY2022-2023 Debt Management Policy and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

City Manager Switzer stated the agenda item is a required report for debt management. The City will be making payments for debt service on the Water and Sewer Project, which is on page one of the schedule of indebtedness report. The City is currently only making interest payments, starting next fiscal year, the City will be making full payments for the 40-year loan with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve agenda item number twelve as presented, seconded by Councilman Galvin. Mayor 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 17 Broadway Avenue is now vacant and boarded up and no one should be entering that building. The trailer park on North Center Street is becoming a nuisance and the trailers have been removed. Vehicles are being moved at another property currently to mitigate a nuisance. The Yerington Police Department is working on a public service announcement to the community. The Problem Oriented Policing (POP) was created to help mitigate property nuisances, the program is going well and also requests public input. Councilman Bryant stated the City is now in the new fiscal budget and the K-9 position should be posted soon. Chief of Police Wagner asked if the position is funded. City Manager Switzer stated yes within the current fiscal budget. Chief of Police Wagner stated the Yerington Police Department just needs to find a vendor and a person to fill the position. Councilman Galvin asked if Chief of Police Wagner is moving forward with purchasing two Tahoe vehicles and the process for the vehicles. Chief of Police Wagner stated the two Tahoe vehicles will be purchased and will follow the same process. The K-9 position needs to be filled with someone dedicated. Councilman Bryant stated the Yerington Police Department is creating these positions are for public safety

and promotion opportunities. The position should be filled internally first, if not then proceed to look externally.

City Manager Switzer stated he is gone this week starting tomorrow for a conference with the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities in Las Vegas and he will be back next Monday to report back.

Councilman Bryant stated the Public Works Committee meeting is on August 18th and ball fields, the dog park, the Kiss and Drop Project, road conditions and the paving plan will be discussed. This Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., a meeting will be held with a representative regarding economic development and downtown revitalization if anyone would like to join.

Councilman Galvin stated the crossing on Main Street should also be apart of the downtown revitalization discussion. The Administrative Committee meeting was held on July 28th and a discussion was made about reallocating the room tax money and using some of the funds for the downtown revitalization and not just for advertisement. Councilman Bryant added Night in the Country is moving next year and room tax money only goes to businesses within the city limits. The City should gain more room tax money in the near future and a plan should be discussed on how to use the extra funds.

Mayor Garry stated he tried to reestablish with the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Chairman last week at the UNR interview for the Water and Sewer Project. Councilman Pizzo also had a birthday just recently on July 17th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Yerington

