

Yerington City Council Meeting
January 11, 2021 at 10:00am – City Hall

The regular meeting of the Yerington City Council was held in the Council Chambers with social distancing guidelines in place with the following present:

Mayor John J. Garry
Council Members Jerry Bryant, Selena Catalano, Terceira Schunke and Shane Martin
City Manager Robert Switzer
Chief of Police Darren Wagner
Public Works Director Jay Flakus
City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw
Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Absent: City Attorney Chuck Zumpft

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Ms. Amy Miller with Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDAA), and Mr. Scott Draper with the Mason Valley Fire Department

The meeting was called to order and roll call was reported by Mayor Garry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bryant.

Mayor Garry opened the meeting stating that the Council Chambers are now open for public gatherings and meetings.

Public Participation

Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time from the public.

Agenda Approval

Mayor Garry stated the agenda would be approved as presented unless there are any objections or corrections. City Manager Switzer stated no objections were made at this time and the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes

Mayor Garry stated the minutes of December 14, 2020 regular meeting would be approved as presented unless there are any objections or corrections. No objections were made at this time and the minutes of December 14, 2020 were approved as presented.

New, Renewal and Name Change Business License Applications

- A. Monica Hanley dba Honeybee by the Sea, Photography, 4 Camelot Acres Yerington, NV 89447 – New Single Project
- B. Jose R. Molina dba Eagle's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc., HVAC, 3837 Boyer Rd. Fallon, NV 89406 – New Single Project
- C. James Pagni dba Done Right Set Up & Services, Mobile Home Set Up, 1355 Farm District Rd. Fernley, NV 89408 – New Single Project

Mayor Garry stated the business licenses would be approved as presented unless there are any objections with no objections made at this time. Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to approve the business license applications, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Proposal for Cleaning Services at City Hall, Located at 14 E. Goldfield Avenue, Yerington Police Department at 227 S. Main Street and the Yerington Municipal Airport Pilot's Lounge.

The City of Yerington had a contract with Mason Valley Janitorial and City Manager Switzer requested to table this agenda item until a new quote was received from Kapra Cleaning, LLC. The quote will include three areas, the Police Department, the Airport's Pilot's Lounge, and the new City Hall. Kapra Cleaning's quote came in at \$880.00 per month for all three buildings, while Mason Valley Janitorial's quote came in at \$1,800.00. City Manager Switzer recommends to approve the contract with Kapra Cleaning in the amount of \$880.00 per month for deep, professional cleanings.

Councilman Bryant stated as a Council Member, the City of Yerington needs to encourage local vendors as much as possible. Grants Administrator Moore stated Kapra Cleaning is a local company located within Yerington. City Manager Switzer stated the City of Yerington is working as much as possible to find local vendor and the City has received a much better quote than the first.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve a proposal for cleaning services at City Hall, the Yerington Police Department, and Yerington Municipal Airport Pilot's Lounge in the amount of \$880.00 per month, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval to End Payroll Funding for COVID Related Issues.

City Manager Switzer stated the Coronavirus Act funds had several conditions, one includes COVID-19 mitigation with financial activity needing to be completely expended by December 30,2020. Official information was received regarding the funds, which were extended to December 31, 2021. The City of Yerington can still continue to operate with a little over \$200,000.00 to expend. In near future, the City of Yerington will bring exact amounts before City Council for discussion and approval of the remaining funds.

Councilwoman Catalano asked if the funding was for employees of the City of Yerington. City Manager Switzer stated that is correct unless City Council would like to move forward with other options to help reimburse the City when employees are out relating to COVID-19. Councilman Bryant added with the extension of the funds, could City Council put the amounts towards payroll. City Manager Switzer stated unless City Council would like to end the payroll funding, the City can still continue our current funding and include the payroll. Back in April of 2020, the City of Yerington passed a Resolution stating if employees are absent, the City would reimburse and make sure that the employee remains whole or while under care.

Councilwoman Catalano asked if employees are being tested for COVID-19? If the City wants to keep the employee whole, the leave needs to be COVID-19 related and have an end date. The City of Yerington is approaching a different phase and should move forward with other tiers.

City Manager Switzer stated the City of Yerington has had a number of employees that have had some symptoms. The employees are being tested if they have symptoms or believe to have been exposed to the virus before returning to work.

Mayor Garry stated this agenda item is just for discussion only, correct? City Manager Switzer stated the Resolution that was passed in April of 2020 would still stand today. However, City Manager Switzer would urge to have another meeting very soon as the virus progresses.

Councilwoman Catalano asked if the meeting was held in mid-April or early April, which would be the one-year mark since the Resolution was passed. Vaccines for COVID-19 are starting to come out now and this virus will start becoming less of a pandemic. City Manager Switzer stated this issue can be brought back before City Council and a decision could be made about what direction needs to be taken.

Councilman Bryant asked if any concerns have arisen on the policy being abused by the City's employees. Councilman Bryant suggested to have something in place if the leave is being abused. City Manager Switzer stated the City does have a policy and procedure in place that addresses work environments, a review could be set up if the City needs to add any remaining items.

Update and Discussion on Current Grants

Grants Administrator Moore provided a presentation on the current grants for the City of Yerington.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Master Plan currently has about \$198,000.00 remaining for the Airport. The remaining balance will be applied to the Obstruction Survey, the Biological Survey, the Cultural Resource Survey, the Instrument Approach, and the overall Airport Master Plan. The FAA CARES Act for the Airport currently has about \$28,619.00 remaining to be applied at the

Airport. Grants Administrator Moore needs to submit a few pay requests, after completed, the full \$30,000.00 will be fully expended.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the Coronavirus Relief funding has about \$197,000.00 remaining. Grants Administrator Moore is currently awaiting a few invoices to be submitted.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the CDBG-CV for the Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley has a quarterly report due this week with the progress of the grant. The first draw request needs to be submitted before March of 2021.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the NV Energy ChargePoint is for the electric charging stations grant. Updated quotes have been received from Yerington Electric and Grants Administrator Moore needs to finalize information within the NV Energy applications before the City of Yerington can move forward with the installation.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Restroom Project is moving forward. The restroom was installed on December 11, 2020. The heaters for the restrooms were installed on January 5, 2021. The water connection needs to be hooked up and the concrete needs to be poured around the building, then the Restroom Project will be complete.

Grants Administrator Moore stated the City of Yerington has not submitted anything to date for the FEMA grant. The Rate Study for Farr West Engineering has been moving forward and more documents need to be submitted.

Grants Administrator Moore stated for the Water and Sewer Project, weekly meetings have been taking place with the contractors, Q & D Construction and the engineers, Farr West Engineering.

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

Agreement Between the City and Mayor John Garry for the Display at City Hall of Three Framed Art Prints by Local Artist John F. Frank McGowan.

Mayor Garry stated John F. Frank McGowan has been a long-term local artist in the community. Mr. McGowan owns a green field art studio. The theme for the City is preserving our history and planning for our future. The first painting is of Wovoka, who was born in Yerington in 1956. Wovoka was also known as Jack Wilson; which Wilson Canyon is named after. The tribe communities are the creators that founded the ghost dance. The second painting is a historic photo of downtown main street in Yerington around 1935 to 1938, but a sticker on the back states 1946. The third picture is a painting of Wilson Canyon. Mayor Garry purchased these pieces of art for the City of Yerington to display. Mayor Garry stated if Mr. McGowan passes away, the City of Yerington will have the painting. Mayor Garry stated the art pieces are on loan to the City of Yerington from the Garry household and subject to recall at any time or the City can choose to revoke at

any time. The art remains the property of Mr. and Mrs. Garry or their estate. Mayor Garry would like to have a historical photo of Mr. Lyon (Mr. Yerington) taken; who was the first general killed in the civil war.

Councilwoman Schunke asked if the agreement could state that the City of Yerington can terminate as well. City Manager Switzer stated the agreement would include the City of Yerington and would have the ability to revoke at the City's discretion.

Councilwoman Schunke made a motion to approve an agreement between the City and Mayor Garry for the display at City Hall of three framed art prints by local artist John F. Frank McGowan, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion carried unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	12/08/2020	33063 through 33107
	12/14/2020	33108 through 33113
	12/15/2020	33116 through 33146
	12/16/2020	33147 through 33152
	12/21/2020	33153 through 33165
	12/29/2020	33170 through 33207
	01/04/2021	33208 through 33215
Payroll Vouchers	12/14/2020	12172001 through 12172021
	12/28/2020	12312001 through 12312025
Payroll Checks	12/14/2020	33114
	12/28/2020	33166 through 33167
Transmittal Vouchers	12/14/2020	12142001
	12/28/2020	12282001
Transmittal Checks	12/14/2020	33115
	12/28/2020	33168 through 33169

Councilman Bryant asked if the large sewer payments for Farr West Engineering are for the payments to Q & D Construction for the Water and Sewer Project. City Manager Switzer stated that is correct, the large amounts are for the stored materials that pertain to the sewer portion of the Water and Sewer Project.

Councilwoman Schunke made a motion to approve the bills previously submitted for payment, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for comments, no comments were made at this time and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

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

Department Reports

Chief of Police Wagner stated the Yerington Police Department helped the Lyon County Sheriff's Office in regard to a pursuit into Smith Valley.

Public Works Director Flakus stated the current recording system has more to the system and the City is working to get the system functioning properly with the recording portion. The restroom at Veteran's Park will have the concrete poured around the structure, then it will be ready. The restroom will be functional during the freezing weather, which the community has been waiting for.

Councilman Bryant stated public works did a great job with the current City Hall building.

Mayor Garry stated the Sanford family expresses their gratitude for the drive by condolences for their event.

City Manager Switzer stated the City is in the final stages of the City Hall remodeling, City Council and the public are welcome to take a tour. The City has IT services that are set up and telephone access to follow. Essential elements are in place within the building, but the window for customer service is plexiglass. The plexiglass will not be the final installation. The City ordered bulletproof glass that needed to be special ordered and the City will have the window installed, once received. As Grants Administrator Moore mentioned, the NV Energy grant is the charging stations for electric cars. Two charging stations will be installed at the new City Hall and two also at the Airport.

Mayor Garry asked City Manager Switzer if the City anticipates relocating the drop-off payment box. City Manager Switzer stated yes, the City will be moving the drop-off payment box for the community. Today, the City is closed to the public and tomorrow City Hall will be open at 8:00am.

City Clerk Shaw stated the financial disclosures are due for City Council on January 15, 2020. The ethics on government is one hundred percent online and City Clerk Shaw will do some research to find the information. Once completed, City Clerk Shaw will reach out to City Council. Mayor Garry stated no one within City Council has received the information through email.

Councilman Bryant stated a community committee meeting has not taken place for about six months. During the zoom and Facebook meetings, more public participation was present. Could the City find a way to stream meetings moving forward? The social media platform provided more opportunity for the community to join and interact in the meetings.

Public Works Director Flakus stated that element should not be hard to do with smartboards coming for the City Council meeting area, to watch videos and make presentations more easily.

Councilman Bryant stated public participation has changed a little and the City needs to make it easier for the public to access the meetings.

Councilwoman Catalano stated the City's parade was awesome. The other towns providing a parade called the event a drive-by parade. These events help Councilwoman Catalano to know that not all things in this world are bad.

Councilman Martin would like to thank the City of Yerington and everything looks great.

Mayor Garry stated this appearance within the Council Chambers is very professional with a lot of great things happening for the community. The gym is now the Community Center, City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings. With the wall panels, mini booths could be set up for vendors in the near future to have displays of art or booths of some other sort for events. The City of Yerington will not be in competition with any other Community Centers. The City Hall hallway will have a rotating case eventually for local artists to display their art with business cards, if items were to be for sale. The City of Yerington will never compete with the Lyon County Museum. Mayor Garry stated everyone is only limited by our imagination.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Yerington