



CITY OF WEST WENDOVER

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WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2008

The West Wendover City Council met for a special meeting on April 29, 2008. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

Council Members Present: Roy Briggs, Emily Carter, Jimmy Carter, Jamey Christie and Johnny Gorum

Others Present: Richard Harig, Carl Heard, Arie Copelan, Kris Andersen, Kimberly Morris, April Petersen, Arloene Gieber, Ira Sly, Jeff Knudtson, Jenny Barquero, Dixie Melville, Ron Supp, Brenda Flinders, Leon Flinders, Bryce Kimber, Heidi Lewis, Tom Woods, Chris Melville and Anna Bartlome

The following proceedings were had.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Thaut called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All those present and excused are noted above.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Thaut led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

None offered or received.

4. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

***a. Discussion and Decision Regarding Renewal of the West Wendover Medical Clinic Contract with Nevada Health Centers, Inc., Community Medical Services Issues and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Mayor Thaut explained that this meeting was to discuss various health care issues of the community and that a new contract could not be negotiated until some issues are taken care of. Dr. Carl Heard gave a brief overview of Nevada Health Centers, Inc., which included that they are a private not for profit company and provide services regardless of ones ability to pay. The overview included how the board for Nevada Health Centers is comprised, percentage of insured versus uninsured patients, and where there funding comes from.

Discussion was had regarding the extensive recruiting process for hiring a doctor, the staffing challenge being a nationwide problem and the cap on the amount of medical positions that can be filled. Discussion was had regarding the sliding scale, how it works and who qualifies for it, and whether it is difficult to hire and keep employees. Mayor Thaut asked who was in charge of the operation of the clinic. Dr. Heard stated that the clinic used a reverse pyramid to manage the care at the clinic. Mayor Thaut asked if Nevada Health Centers has a mission statement and if they felt they were following it. Dr. Heard explained that they do have a mission statement and are following it. General discussion was had regarding the hours of operation, budget for the clinic and if funds are combined from one clinic to the next.

General discussion was had regarding how the Board of Directors are selected (a self selecting board), that the board members are not paid other then reimbursement, length of

term which consists of four 2-year terms that can be extended by a 2/3 majority vote of the board, and how a community selects a member for the Board. Discussion was had regarding whether there were specific questions asked of the patient by the doctor, PA or medical assistant, and how the coding for the billing is done and who does it.

Discussion was had regarding the sports physicals that are held in the summer and the potential of splitting the time they are given to twice a year to help get the sports that start later in the year. General discussion was had regarding whether the community should have an urgent care facility or continue with the clinic as is.

Richard Harig was present to explain the loss of the mental health care for the community and what steps are being taken to get the care that is needed.

5. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on May 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member E. Carter made the motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Christie and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer