



CITY OF WEST WENDOVER

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WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2007

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on April 3, 2007. 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: John Hanson, Ron Supp, Debbie Smith, Tamera Weyland, Leon Flinders, Brenda Flinders, Claude Fratto, Alex Peterson, Chris Buxton, Devon Croasmun, Raul Naranjo, Jeff Knudtson, 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 7:00 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. *APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Council Member Gorum asked about the Diabetes Walk if there was going to be any signs posted. Chris Melville explained that signs would be going up within the week and would also use the posters done at the elementary school. Council Member Christie had some changes to the minutes of March 6, 2007.

Under Department Updates the changes are as follows:

Police Chief: *"One new officer has been hired but they are still in search of two more officers."*

City Manager: *"The public comment period for the 81-acre land purchase has ended with BLM and the paperwork for the patent for the reversionary clause is starting."*

Council Member Christie had some changes to the minutes of March 13, 2007.

Under Public Hearing the changes are as follows:

"Council Member Gorum asked if the interest is going to be prepaid with the principal paid at the end of five years."

Under New Business the changes are as follows:

Item a: *"Council Member Christie made the motion to name the city center street Gene L. Jones Way."*

Council Member Christie had another change to the minutes of March 6, 2007.

Under Approval of the Claims the changes are as follows:

“Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the claims of March 6, 2007 and the February hand checks.”

Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2007 and the special meeting of March 13, 2007 with the changes noted above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION

Mayor Thaut explained that the presentation was for Employee of the Year and also from the departments. The department awards went to Claude Fratto, Raul Naranjo, Alex Peterson and Debbie Smith. Mayor Thaut explained that there were 2 Employees of the Year, Claude Fratto and Debbie Smith.

Mayor Thaut read the letter for Employee of the Year (see attached) for Claude Fratto by Leon Flinders, which explained the different duties Claude is responsible for. The duties include administering the insurance programs, attending all required training, Human Resources duties, and Accounting Specialist duties.

Mayor Thaut read the letter for Employee of the Year (see attached) for Debbie Smith by Chris Melville, which explained the different duties Debbie is responsible for. The duties include assisting in building permits, plan tracking and research, business licensing, grant administration tracking, supply ordering, receptionist fill-in at both City Office and Welcome Center.

Agenda taken out of order, Department Updates heard next, see below.

6. NEW BUSINESS

***a. Discussion and Decision Regarding Possible Donation to Wendover Babe Ruth Baseball League and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Tammera Weyland explained that this is the 3rd year of the program, which sponsors boys aged 13-15 years old. Tammera explained that last year the 13 year old team took 1st against Elko and an all star team went to Reno for the State tournament. Tammera explained that the donation would help with registration fees for the players and they would also be doing fund raisers. General discussion was had regarding small businesses possibly sponsoring the team, and different fund raisers. Council Member Gorum made the motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Wendover Babe Ruth Baseball League. The motion was seconded by Council Member Christie and passed unanimously. Mayor Thaut asked for a letter of request from the organization.

***b. Discussion and Decision to Accept or Reject Bids for Housing Project Initiative 2007**

Chris Melville asked that the bids be rejected and put back out for 30 days to see if we can get interest from more groups. Chris explained that the two contractors that had submitted bids would be considered in the next round of bidding. Council Member Gorum made the motion to reject the bids for the Housing Project Initiative 2007 and put out for new bidding. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

Mayor Thaut went back to Presentation and read the letters for Employee of the Year, see above.

7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief – Jeff Knudtson stated that the only thing to add to the memo was an emergency meeting in Las Vegas for a meeting with the Department of Energy concerning the grant

funding. Jeff also stated that the City is ahead of some of the others regarding the NIMS testing. The memo stated that the Department of Energy grant has experienced shortages for this year and has been put on hold until middle of 2008.

Police Chief – Ron Supp stated that the only thing to add to the memo was the new transport van would be going in to be fitted for an inner cell. The memo stated that Officer Phillips is at POST, Officer Stai is on field training and Officer Petro is doing computer forensics. The memo also stated that we are still recruiting for both Police Officers and Dispatchers. There has been a great response regarding animal licensing with approximately 100 animals registered so far. The memo states that sexually oriented business work cards are being issued. The memo stated that the department responded to 402 calls for service, made 16 adult arrests, served 7 warrants, made 5 juvenile arrests, issued 105 citations, conducted 9 field interviews and served 96 civil papers.

City Clerk/Records Officer – Nothing.

Chief Financial Officer – Nothing.

Public Works Director – Chris Buxton stated that he had nothing to add to the memo provided by Bryce Kimber. Council Member Gorum asked if the quotes for the mill and pave project at the stoplight on Wendover Boulevard would help with the roughness of the road. It was explained that is what the quotes are for. Council Member Christie asked if the street sweeper was using the vacuum. Chris Buxton stated that the vacuum was used but that there is a large amount of sand on the streets due to the stormy weather. Council Member Gorum asked about the intersection at the stoplight being done in concrete. Chris Melville explained that a different oil grade would be used at the intersection. Council Member Briggs asked when spring cleanup was. Chris Melville explained that spring cleanup would be April 30th thru May 7th, and would be advertised.

City Manager – Chris Melville explained that the City Hall offsite improvements are out to bid with an award of the bid sometime in May. The diabetes walk is April 28th at 10:00 a.m. Chris explained that Leon Flinders is working with NSB Public Finance for the 81 acre land purchase. Chris stated that Linda Brown received a Cowboy Country Tourism Award for Excellence. Chris explained that the release of funds for the Wendover Boulevard/Red Garter CDBG was signed by the Mayor and sent to CDBG, which would publish and wrapped up in two weeks. Once CDBG wrapped up their portion of the Wendover Boulevard/Red Garter Project it would then be put out to bid. Chris stated that a copy of the letter sent by Harry Reid to the Air Force concerning the Air Force property had been placed in the Councils and Mayors boxes. Chris explained that two bills had been passed but no money was earmarked. Chris stated that the ATV flyers would be going out and the annual Arbor Day tree giveaway would be going in the water bills with the giveaway on April 26th.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Christie stated that the Easter Egg Hunt would be Saturday April 7th starting at 10:00 a.m. Chris Melville explained that the senior citizens egg hunt would be at 1:30 p.m. Council Member Christie wanted to tell all of the employees nominated they are doing a great job and appreciate their efforts.

Mayor Thaut explained that Council Member E. Carter and she would be attending some meetings in Carson City. Mayor Thaut asked if either Council Members E. Carter or J. Carter would be able to attend the PACE Collation meeting. Council Members E. Carter and J. Carter could not attend the meeting but Leon and Brenda Flinders would attend.

Council Member Gorum wanted to thanked Alex Peterson, Raul Naranjo, Debbie Smith and Claude Fratto.

9. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the claims for April 3, 2007. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

10. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on April 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member Gorum made the motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Christie and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer