

## WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on September 5, 2006. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

Council Members Present: Jimmy Carter, Jamey Christie, Mike Miera and Emily Carter arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Council Members Absent: Johnny Gorum

Others Present: Antoinette Cavanaugh, Dawn Hagness, Neil Harris, Ron Supp, Bryant Blake, Dixie Melville, Boyd Burke, Corinne Copelan, Joe Swabb, Bruce Dean, Jeff Knudtson, Claude Fratto, Cassie Fratto, Toni Fratto, Brenda Flinders, Leon Flinders, Bryce Kimber, Aleta Kimber, Kerry Robinson, Devan Croasmun, 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:**  
Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris mentioned some of the changes that have taken place in the City over the years. Sheriff Harris also discussed the working relationship with the City's Police Department.
4. **\*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**  
Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of July 18, 2006 and August 15, 2006, and to forward the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**  
**Antoinette Cavanaugh, Superintendent, Elko County School District**
  - a. **To Thank the Council for Support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant**  
See below.
  - b. **Recognize West Wendover Elementary Teachers and Staff**  
Antoinette Cavanaugh thanked the Council and the City for all work they do for the School, which included the donation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Program. Antoinette also explained that the West Wendover Elementary had made safe harbor in math at the end of the 2004-2005 school year. At the end of the 2005-2006 the school made adequate yearly progress in

math, and made safe harbor in English language arts. Certificates of Recognition were given to the 2005-2006 staff of West Wendover Elementary. Antoinette thanked everyone and hoped for continued improvement. Mayor Thaut thanked everyone for preparing the children for the future.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### **\*a. Discussion and Decision to Approve Amendment Number 1 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of West Wendover and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 West Wendover Police Officers Association of July 1, 2005**

Chris Melville asked that the agreement be approved as presented and agreed to. Council Member Miera made the motion to approve amendment number 1 of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of West Wendover and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 West Wendover Police Officers Association of July 1, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

### **\*b. Discussion and Decision Regarding Waiving the Penalties for Room Tax for the Rainbow Hotel and Casino and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Bruce Dean explained that he has been responsible for room tax for a number of years and has never been late, also the person who does the room tax has turned over 3 times. Council Member E. Carter and Council Member J. Carter disclosed that they work for the Peppermill Properties but would not have anything to gain by this item. Council Member Miera made the motion to waive the penalties for room tax for the Rainbow Hotel and Casino. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed. Council Member Christie voted nay.

### **\*c. Discussion and Decision Regarding Whether City Facilities and Vehicles will be Smoking or Non-Smoking and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Mayor Thaut explained that when the new complex was considered it has been discussed whether it should be a smoking or non-smoking facility. Mayor Thaut stated that city vehicles should also be considered either smoking or non-smoking. General discussion was had regarding whether city buildings should be smoking or non-smoking, and if the policy would include city vehicles. Council Member Christie made the motion that effective January 1<sup>st</sup> all city facilities (all buildings) will be smoke free as well as the transport van, admin van or any other communal use vehicle, and any individually assigned vehicles may be smoked in if adhere to current city policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

### **\*d. Discussion and Decision to Approve Appointive Offices Salary Increase Fiscal Year 2006-2007 per City Code 1-21-1A**

Chris Melville explained that a memo had been provided requesting a 2% increase. Council Member Christie made the motion to approve a 2% increase as per City Code 1-21-1A for Appointive Officers effective July 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

### **\*e. Discussion and Decision to Award the Bid for the Wendover Boulevard/Wells Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project, CDBG No. 05-10 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville asked that this item be tabled. Council Member Miera made the motion to table item e. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

### **\*f. Discussion and Decision to Approve the Conceptual Preliminary Site Plan for Peppermill Hotel Expansion 2006 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville explained that this is the conceptual preliminary site plan. Council Member Miera made the motion to approve the conceptual preliminary site plan for Peppermill Hotel Expansion 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

## 7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**Fire Chief** – Jeff Knudtson gave an incident breakdown for the year. Discussion was had regarding the fire at the Wendover Christian Fellowship Church.

**Police Chief** – Ron Supp stated that the only thing to add to the memo was if something was brought to the Council or Mayors attention please let him know so that it can be addressed.

The memo stated that during the month of August the department responded to 426 calls for service, 12 adult arrests, 19 arrest warrants, 71 citations, 7 field interviews and 85 civil papers. The memo further stated that department still searching for new officers as well as dispatch. The new patrol vehicles should be available soon. Work is continuing on the refurbishment of the Animal Shelter.

**City Clerk/Records Officer** – Anna Bartlome stated that the Region VIII Clerks Conference dealt with how different types of people work together, how to handle change, and organization.

**Chief Financial Officer** – Nothing.

**Public Works Director** – Bryce Kimber had nothing to add to memo, which stated that the wind did affect some of the banners along Pueblo Boulevard but they were being repaired. The former Women’s Clinic is being worked on with some 30 odd repairs on the water lines so far.

**City Manager** – Chris Melville stated that the auditors would be here September 18<sup>th</sup>. Chris also stated that he would be taking some vacation time next week through the end of the month. The memo stated that two meetings with the Department Heads and the Architects have taken place and the architects are finalizing the programming for the facility. Work is continuing with USDA and Nevada State Bank on long term and construction financing. A proposal has been submitted to Nevada Rural Housing concerning the lots along Tibbets Boulevard.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Christie stated that she attended the Debt Management meeting with Leon Flinders. Council Member Christie wanted to show appreciation to Cassie Fratto for her time and devotion for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program.

Mayor Thaut asked for an update on the 9/11 Committee. Leon Flinders stated that the 9/11 Committee would met on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Library at 7 p.m.

Council Member E. Carter stated that the 9/11 Program should be a good event. Council Member E. Carter stated that the Red Garter sponsored half of the dinner for the Orchestra for the event.

Mayor Thaut asked about the Nevada League of Cities Conference, if the rooms were booked and who was going. It was stated that the rooms had been booked and that the Mayor, City Council, Police Chief and City Clerk were attending.

Council Member Miera thanked the staff for the employee party. Council Member Miera stated that he would be absent for the next meeting.

Mayor Thaut stated that the first football game under the lights would be on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. \*APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:**

Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the claims for September 5, 2006, June Insurance and July Insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

## **10. \*NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member E. Carter made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome  
City Clerk/Records Officer