

The Yerington Room Tax Board meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Friday, December 7, 2018 with the following present;

Board members Tom Grady, Ted Rudolph, Dona Tracy and Ross Whitacre
Mayor George Dini, Filling in as Chairman
Interim City Clerk Sheema Shaw
Bookkeeper Pamela Argo

Absent: City Manager Dan Newell

Guests: Terceira Schunke, Sylvia Banta, Amy Orton, Debbie Gilmore, Donna McDonald, Lucy Rechel, Roy Enochson and James Mikudik

Agenda

Board member Ted Rudolph made a motion to approve agenda as presented seconded by Board member Dona Tracy and passed unanimously.

Appoint Councilwoman Terceira Schunke to the Room Tax Board

Mayor Dini stated that Terceira Schunke is the City's chosen appointee and as Mayor Dini's responsibility, he will appoint her to the board. Mayor Dini welcomed her to the Board.

Appoint a Room Tax Board Chairman

Mayor Dini asked if there were any interested participants and Board member Tom Grady volunteered.

Board member Harvey Pinkerton made a motion to appoint Board member Tom Grady to the position of Room Tax Board Chairman seconded by Board member Dona Tracy and passed unanimously.

Mayor Dini thanked the board for their volunteerism.

Chairman Tom Grady stated he had a conversation with Board member Pinkerton regarding there not being much told about what they do or how they do it, especially with new members. At today's meeting we will tell you what we do and how we arrive at

what we do. Chairman Grady asked that any participants chime in with anything that may help them do their jobs better, too.

Chairman Grady stated that we have \$44,000 in requests and we only have \$34,500.00 available. There is no perfect science and we try to be fair to everyone. Each Board member works on what they feel is fair. After all the presentations are heard, we then discuss the dollar amount that is available and we come up with a number. It is not on a percentage of each one, there is no perfect science and we try to be fair. Applicants must be here before the start of the first presentation or their presentation will not be heard.

Chairman Grady stated that if you have any questions to please call Sheema or talk to a board member, as they would be glad to sit down and work with you on it.

Chairman Grady stated that we are getting lax on how we take the applications. As we go through the presentations, we will point out some things that will hopefully help you do a better job to help us do our job.

Minutes

Board member Harvey Pinkerton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2018 meeting as presented seconded by Board member Ted Rudolph and passed unanimously.

Roll Call of all Grant Applicants

Chairman Grady stated that Board member Dona Tracy will represent Night in the Country and will not be able to vote on it.

Funding for Grant Applications

Chairman Grady stated that there may be a problem with the way the applications are being made. Under "Other Funding", the City room tax portion, then the total cost. The City room tax portion should come out in the total cost.

Debbie Gilmore of the Mason Valley Beekeepers stated that some of us apply in each 6 month period. She asked if "prior year" on the application meant the prior 6 months or all-inclusive for the prior year. Interim City Clerk Shaw stated that it is for the previous 6 months and after doing some research, if it is anything other than that, she will be in touch with each applicant after today.

Sylvia Banta of Dini's Lucky Club stated that she was confused about the Other Funding, City Funding and Total on the application.

Chairman Grady stated that we need more total cost information on the application. We need to know that we are not be sponsoring the majority of the event.

Snyder's Livestock/Bulls for the 21st Century by applicant Lucy Rechel was awarded \$8,300.00 by motion of Board Member Tracy and seconded by Board Member Pinkerton and passed unanimously.

Mason Valley Beekeepers by applicant Debbie Gilmore was awarded \$1,700.00 by motion of Board Member Tracy and seconded by Board Member Rudolph and passed unanimously.

Dini's Lucky Club Yerington Main Street Car Show by applicant Sylvia Banta was awarded \$5,000.00 by motion of Board Member Rudolph and seconded by Board Member Pinkerton and passed unanimously.

Yerington Chamber of Commerce 4th of July by applicant Amy Orton was awarded \$850.00 by motion of Board Member Tracy and seconded by Board Member Schunke and passed unanimously.

Yerington Chamber of Commerce Poker Run by applicant Amy Orton was awarded \$850.00 by motion of Board Member Rudolph and seconded by Board Member Pinkerton and passed unanimously.

Lyon County Fair Board by applicant Donna McDonald was awarded \$4,500.00 by motion of Board Member Pinkerton and seconded by Board Member Rudolph and passed unanimously.

Night in the Country Music Festival by applicant Dona Tracy of the Boys & Girls club of Mason Valley was awarded \$8,800.00 by motion of Board Member Rudolph, seconded by Board Member Schunke, Board Member Tracy abstained and the motion carried.

Jeanne Dini Center Advertising by applicant Roy Enochson was awarded \$5,000.00 by motion of Board Member Pinkerton and seconded by Board Member Rudolph and passed unanimously.

Chairman Grady asked Bookkeeper Argo how it came out. Bookkeeper Argo stated we were over by \$500.00

Travis Crowder of Night in the Country volunteered to take \$500.00 off of his awarded amount.

Night in the Country Music Festival by applicant Dona Tracy of the Boys & Girls club of Mason Valley award was amended to \$8,300.00 by motion of Board Member Pinkerton, seconded by Board Member Rudolph, Board Member Tracy abstained and the motion carried.

Public Participation/Comments

Mr. James Mikudik stated that he has experience with the County tax board and as an Officer of the gun club. Mikudik stated that he was instructed by the Chairman that the monies that you might receive from the room tax board are strictly for advertising. Mikudik stated that no one could tell him if that was statute, ordinance or local custom. He stated that he has seen it used for things other than advertising and would like to know what the rules are here. Interim City Clerk Shaw stated that the decision on where and how to use the money was decided by the board when the board was created. Board Member Rudolph stated that would be local custom.

Chairman Grady stated that we do not generate large funds as other jurisdictions do and that is why we try to keep our scope of financing relatively small so that we can give a little bit to the people that do apply.

Mr. Mikudik stated that he respects that and thanked the board for the clarification.

Lucy Rechel of Snyder's Livestock stated that everyone seemed to fill out the application a little bit different and asked for some sort of example form. Interim City Clerk Shaw stated that the City's information was copied from Lyon County's information and will take a look as to how Lyon County is now using each column. At the next application period, she will have a complete explanation of the form with the form as it's mailed out to you.

Interim City Clerk Shaw stated that she will go back and review each of the applications and then reach out to each one individually before the next application period opens.

Chairman Grady asked Board Member Schunke to tell everyone about her background. Board Member Schunke stated she has been on City Council since July and she enjoys it and hopes to run this year. She works in Hawthorne as a Director at the hospital in personal care services, as well as the physical therapy department Manager. She stated she has gone to a few conferences and trainings for city council since being appointed in July.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Interim City Clerk