

March 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Yerington City Council was held in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor George Dini
Council Members Selena Catalano, John Garry and Terceira Schunke
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft
Chief of Police Darren Wagner
Public Works Director Jay Flakus
Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw

Absent: Councilman Larry Reynolds

Guests: David Ray, Dave & Deb DeGrendele, Chief Scott Draper of the Mason Valley Fire District, Rob Dunbar of Lyon County, Tim Dyhr of Nevada Copper and Amy Geddes of the Yerington Rotary Club.

Agenda Approval

Councilman Garry made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke and passed unanimously.

Business Licenses

The following business license applications were presented for review and approval:

- A. AQ&B, LLC, Set up and Tear Down of Mobile Homes, 5470 Sidehill Drive, Sun Valley CA, 89433 - Mobile-New
- B. Kathleen Kilbourne, Internet, 203 S. Center Street Yerington NV 89447-New

Councilman Garry made a motion to approve the business license applications as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke. Mayor Dini asked for public comment, there were no public comments and the motion passed unanimously.

Direct Agreement Among the City of Yerington (the “Contracting Party”) and Nevada Copper, Inc. a Corporation Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Nevada (the “Borrower”), and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH, as Collateral Agent (together with its Successors, Designees and Assigns in such Capacity, the “Collateral Agent”) to Grant Successor Interests to KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH on the NCI-City Water

Mr. Tim Dyhr of Nevada Copper addressed the council and stated that he has been in contact with City Attorney Zumpft regarding the Direct Agreement.

Mr. Dyhr stated that Nevada Copper is currently doing a refinance and the Direct Agreement is a collateral agreement on the water agreement that Nevada Copper has with the City of Yerington. Should Nevada Copper go under, the bank would be able to succeed that interest.

Mr. Dyhr stated that the agreement should be ready for council approval at the March 25th meeting. City Attorney Zumpft agreed.

Mr. Dyhr stated that Nevada Copper currently has 10 positions open at this time. All openings are on the Nevada Copper website.

No action taken

Social Media Policy to the Personnel Policy Manual

City Manager Switzer stated that we currently have an abbreviated social media policy in our Personnel Policy Manual.

City Manager Switzer stated that the policy that he is proposing today was put together by Pool/Pact. City Manager Switzer stated that the proposed policy clearly spells out employee responsibilities as it relates to social media. The policy does not restrict employees from using social media for personal uses; however, there must be a clear delineation between their opinions and what the city's official opinion is.

City Manager Switzer stated that the second part is to allow the city to have a presence on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and so forth. City Manager Switzer stated that he envisions that the city will have one or two employees authorized to be on social media, from an employer perspective, and to be the gatekeeper and access to providing information.

City Manager Switzer stated that there are two aspects to social media. There is a positive, where we are able to get out information very quickly, such as an emergency.

City Manager Switzer stated that the down side is that we have to be careful of the material and information that we put out. The comments should be monitored so that it doesn't reflect negatively on the City. City Manager Switzer believes a social media presence will have a positive impact on the community.

Mayor Dini stated that he felt we need to do something, our website is weak. City Manager Switzer stated that our website will expire in May and that we will need to update our site with Civic Plus or perhaps look into other options.

City Attorney Zumpft stated that the policy developed by Pool/Pact is a sound policy. City Manager Switzer stated that he has changed the name in the policy to "City of Yerington" no other changes were made.

Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to approve adding a social media policy to the personnel policy manual, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke. Mayor Dini asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Councilwoman Catalano asked what the payment to Clean Harbors was for. City Manager Switzer stated that the payment was for work that was completed. City Manager Switzer stated that he was able to negotiate the change order for the completing of the sludge removal to \$40,000 and the work for that project is currently being completed.

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	2-21-2019	30583 through 30630
	2-27-2019	30637 through 30641
	3-5-2019	30642 through 30655
Payroll Vouchers	2-25-2019	2281901 through 2281924
Payroll Checks	2-25-2019	30631 through 30633
Transmittal Vouchers	2-25-2019	2251901
Transmittal Checks	2-25-2019	30634 through 30636

Councilwoman Schunke made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Councilman Garry. Mayor Dini asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Mr. Rob Dunbar of Lyon County stated that Lyon County has approved a bid from Desert Engineering for the demolition of the old jail house and demolition for asbestos begins on April 8, 2019. The Yerington Police Department will need to vacate the building before that date.

Mayor Dini asked if the parking lot at the complex will increase. Mr. Dunbar stated that it would. Mr. Dunbar stated that there is also some talk about adding another justice court in the complex.

Mr. Dunbar stated that Lyon County is working on an agreement to put up a radio tower on Y hill. The tower would not be higher than 40 feet and would be used by the Sheriffs, Fire and Police departments. Mr. Dunbar stated that Lyon County has done some testing throughout the county and Y hill is the best spot for the tower.

Councilwoman Catalano asked how this would affect the health nurse offices in the next building. Mr. Dunbar stated that the health nurse is located in a separate building and it would not affect those offices.

Chief Draper of the Mason Valley Fire District stated as the Chief of the Fire District this is a great advantage; however, as a private citizen he has concerns about an antenna going on the Y hill as he would not like to see the hill covered with antennas

Ms. Amy Geddes of the Yerington Rotary Club stated that they will be hosting their annual Barn Dance on April 6th at Snyder's Onion Barn. Tickets are available throughout town.

Department Reports

City Attorney Zumpft reported that Mr. Mouchou has paid the tied-own fees on his aircraft. City Attorney Zumpft stated that has changed our approach on this matter.

Mayor Dini stated that he understands that people like the plane and its uniqueness and he has been an advocate for years to keep the plane; however, on social media there were photos inside the plane at the airport. In order to get photos of the inside of the plane someone was had to be in the plane, trespassing on city property.

Mayor Dini stated that the plane is not secure and therefore anyone can get into it to take up residence. The plane is dilapidated and could cause injury to anyone getting into it. Mayor Dini stated that he would like to see the plane stay; however, it must be made secure.

Mayor Dini stated that we have been dealing with Mr. Mouchou for 20 years. We had to take down the house on his property on Center Street for being a nuisance and a danger to the public .

City Attorney Zumpft stated that disabled aircraft are not allowed to be kept where that one is. We have the ability under our airport rules to move it and if moving it requires it to be sold, then that is what we will have to do.

Councilwoman Catalano stated that she knows someone that is a photographer and perhaps we can get some amazing photos to preserve the memories.

Chief Wagner reported that last week he had attended an Opioid summit at Lyon County. It was a good conversation and awareness on the issue is growing.

Chief Wagner reported that he will be testing another candidate for his department today.

Public Works Director Flakus stated that most of his crew will be attending the Nevada Rural Water Conference this week and will be testing on Friday. Some of the employees are taking D-1 Distribution and others are taking Treatment 1. Public Works Director Flakus stated that there is one conference a year and three opportunities to test.

Councilwoman Catalano asked Public Works Director Flakus to check the playground equipment at Mountain View Park. The rope bridge needs some attention. Public Works Director Flakus stated that if there is danger he will have it removed.

Public Works Director Flakus stated that the contractor that was hired to complete the dugouts at Reviglio ballfield has been given a deadline of Friday to complete the roof or we will do it ourselves. Public Works Director Flakus stated that he will be coming to council for some funding to put in some sidewalks in front of the dugouts.

Mayor Dini stated that he saw some gators on the grass during the games this weekend and they should not be on the grass. Public Works Director Flakus stated that he is not sure what the solution is to keep those types of vehicles off the grass. Chief Wagner stated that the gators are used to rake off the fields and if used correctly do not cause any issues. You need to know where you can and cannot drive one.

City Manager Switzer reported that he is reviewing the building permit process including plan review and inspection. City Manager Switzer reported that he is also reviewing the regulations for water shut-offs. City Manager Switzer stated that he has sent a proposed model ordinance to City Attorney Zumpft for his review and hopes to bring that to the council in the near future.

City Manager Switzer reported that he has scheduled bi-weekly calls with Farr West Engineering on the water and sewer project along with any other matters that may arise. City Manager Switzer stated that the communication is necessary with the upcoming projects. City Attorney Zumpft asked to be included on those teleconferences.

City Manager Switzer reported that we are on track with the utility billing cards. We have received several sample cards to review.

City Manager Switzer stated that he is currently reviewing the bridge financing for the water and sewer project. City Manager Switzer stated that he is working with a finance company to put together a package for the city.

City Manager Switzer reported that he sent a demand letter to Skyfiber for the equipment that they have on our tank and will be meeting with a representative this week.

City Manager Switzer reported that Clean Harbors is back on the job and a representative from Farr West Engineering will be onsite.

Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk Shaw reported that elections are fast approaching and candidate filing opens next month.

Mayor Dini stated that the legislature is discussing switching our elections to the November elections. There are only a few cities that do their elections in-house. Mayor Dini stated that he is not in favor of our elections being held during a presidential election.

Mayor Dini stated that they are saying it is about cost savings; however, the costs of our elections are minimal, less than \$1800.

Mayor Dini stated that “We are not Las Vegas, We are Yerington” we have 3000 people living in the city limits.

Councilman Garry noted the passing of Judge Charles Springer who served on the Nevada Supreme Court for a number of years. He was a World War II Veteran and served as a paratrooper during the Japanese occupational forces term. He was raised partially by his grandparents. Judge Charles Springer’s grandfather was a bailiff for the Washoe County court system.

Councilwoman Schunke thanked Public Works Director Flakus for taking her on a tour of the sewer ponds, water treatment plant and parks.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk