

August 26, 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 John Garry  
Council Members Jerry Bryant, Selena Catalano, Shane Martin and Terceira Schunke  
City Manager Robert Switzer  
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft  
Public Works Director Jay Flakus  
Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw

Absent: Chief of Police Darren Wagner

Guests: Chief Scott Draper of the Mason Valley Fire District, Tim Dyhr and David Swisher of Nevada Copper, Ashley Creel and Adam Duffenbach of Pool/Pact

#### Agenda Approval

Councilwoman Schunke made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Minutes

Councilwoman Schunke made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 Regular meeting minutes and the August 15, 2019 Special meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Martin. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and carried unanimously.

#### Business Licenses

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

- A. Weiss Consulting, LLC, Consulting, 61 E. Pursel Lane Yerington, NV 89447-New
- B. Karen L. Howard dba Bathhouse For Pets, 36B Main St. Yerington, NV 89447-Renewal

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

#### Presentation: Tim Dyhr will give an Update on the Current Operations at Nevada Copper.

Mr. David Swisher, Vice President of Operations for Nevada Copper gave an over view of current operations at Nevada Copper.

Mr. Swisher stated that the goals of Nevada Copper have not changed. The first focus is the underground project. Mr. Swisher stated that they are looking at open pit mining, but only from a feasibility level. They are also looking at future exploration potential as well.

Mr. Swisher stated that Nevada Copper's schedule has remained unchanged and they expect to be in operation by the end of this year. Mr. Swisher stated that they expect to advance the open pit feasibility by the end of next year and look at potential construction activity in 2022, provided all continues on track.

Mr. Swisher stated that they are making very strong development on the underground side. They have advanced over 6,000 feet of lateral development. In the east/north shaft they are just shy of 11,000 feet down.

Mr. Swisher stated that the pumping arrangements at the 2850 shaft station is about 2,000 feet underground. That station pumps all of the water out of the mine and discharges it into the infiltration system on the surface or to their farming area.

Mr. Swisher thanked the council for their time and asked if there any questions.

Mayor Garry asked what resources Nevada Copper would need from the City of Yerington in the event of an emergency. Mr. Swisher stated that Nevada Copper has training and is prepared for emergency situations. The worst case is if someone gets hurt; there is the possibility that local fire protection services would be needed. Mr. Swisher stated that Larry Simms is the Safety Manager for Nevada Copper and would be in touch with Chief Draper of the Mason Valley Fire District to coordinate fire training.

Mr. Tim Dyhr of Nevada Copper stated that they have formed an advisory council and has quarterly meeting to discuss issues and opportunities in Yerington.

Mr. Dyhr stated that Nevada Copper views their relationship with the City of Yerington as a partnership and they would like to continue that relationship. Currently the biggest revenue for the city is for the building permits required. Due to current operations the motels are normally full. Mr. Dyhr stated that housing continues to be a big issue. Over the next 12 to 18 months there will be a need for more housing and there will also be more traffic.

Mr. Dyhr stated that Nevada Copper works with local suppliers and vendors. Currently they are using over 30 local businesses.

Mr. Dyhr stated that all job openings are posted on their website, currently they are looking to hire technical professionals. Mr. Dyhr stated that there is a blog with constant updates and a community page. Mr. Dyhr stated that there is also an issue and concern form that can be submitted to report issues and ask questions.

Mr. Dyhr stated that they expect to hire about 400 people. Currently onsite there are approximately 40 people working directly for Nevada Copper, with a total of 474 people onsite.

Chief Draper of the Mason Valley Fire District asked when net proceeds of the mine would kick in. Mr. Dyhr stated that with regard to tax revenue; you take your onsite operational cost and your onsite gross revenue which is all calculated under a state formula. Once you are making money then they will pay net proceeds.

Chief Draper asked if the City would be in a better position at that time. Mr. Dyhr stated that the biggest impact for the city will be in property taxes and sales net proceeds.

Mr. Swisher stated that this is a very fluid situation and there are things outside of Nevada Copper's control, such as copper prices. Mr. Swisher stated that we still have a ways to go and things change month to month.

Councilman Bryant complemented Nevada Copper. Their employees are purchasing local and their community involvement has been great.

No action was taken.

Renew Membership with Northern Nevada Development Authority in the Amount of \$2,500 for the Period of September 2019 through August 2020.

City Manager Switzer reported that this item is to renew the membership with Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDA) and to pay the membership dues of \$2,500. City Manager Switzer stated that council should consider if the membership is paying off for the city.

Councilman Bryant stated that NNDA just hired a business support manager which will support this area and he is in favor of continuing with the membership. Councilwoman Catalano agreed.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve Renewing the membership with Northern Nevada Development Authority in the amount of \$2,500 for the period of September 2019

through August 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Catalano. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Zumpft excused himself from the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Purchase a Backup Pump for the Airport Lift Station Not to Exceed \$9,000.00.

City Manager Switzer stated that the airport lift station is a critical choke point for our system. Should that system go down we would have to manually pump out and truck to our sewer facility.

Public Works Director Flakus stated that this would be standard pump. There are two pumps in the lift station. They alternate lead and lag. The first pump has been ordered and this is the second pump. If council approves this purchase we will be in good shape.

Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to approve the purchase of a backup pump for the Airport Lift Station not to exceed \$9,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke.

Contract with Valley Collection to Collect Final Billed Customers with Balances from 2007 through 2017

City Manager Switzer stated that this item will approve the contract with Valley Collections and allow us to send all accounts with outstanding amounts from 2007 through 2017 to them.

City Manager Switzer stated that we have advertised in the local paper and have had a few people make payment on those old accounts; however, the time period to pay those billings has expired and we need to move forward. City Attorney Zumpft has reviewed the contract is good with it.

Councilman Bryant made a motion to contract with Valley Collection to collect final billed customers with balances from 2007 through 2017, seconded by Councilwoman Catalano. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion only: Administration Action to Direct the City Attorney to Bring Litigation for Weed Abatement on Select Properties.

City Manager Switzer stated that this item is on the agenda for informational purposes only. Each of the properties were noticed to clean the property. Quail Run Meadows and the others are north of Goldfield Family Dollar and the property west of Raley's have overgrown weeds and vegetation. We will direct the City Attorney to bring litigation for weed abatement on those properties to the Yerington Municipal Court. If found guilty they could be fined up to \$1,000.00, hopefully we will get compliance before it gets to that notice.

Councilman Bryant asked when we will get to our alleys and remove the weeds. Public Works Director Flakus stated that we have one more week of work left on the Police Department Building. Public Works Director Flakus stated that the hydrants are the highest priority.

No action was taken.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	8-7-2019	31310 through 31346
	8-13-2019	31355 through 31371
	8-19-2019	31372 through 31402
Payroll Vouchers	8-12-2019	8151901 through 815923

Payroll Checks	8-12-2019	31347 through 31352
Transmittal Vouchers	8-12-2019	8121901
Transmittal Checks	8-12-2019	31353 & 31354

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Flakus reported:

- The Lyon County Fair and Rodeo Parade went well
- The Police Department will be ready for an open house on Friday
- Public Works holds their safety meetings on Mondays @ 12:30
- The issue on Main & Surprise will be taken care of by Chief Wagner
- City sign is broken. At some point we need to upgrade the sign
- We need to address the Airport Fuel system at the next budget
- We will have an auction in October for old equipment

City Manager Switzer Reported:

- There is continued interest in the airport. We have someone that wants to build a hangar and one that is looking at an FBO
- The City of Yerington is the final one on the FAA list for a Master Plan. Will bring that before the council at a future meeting.
- Met with the Police Department Association and will have on the agenda for September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Waiting to hear from the Armory. Requested copies of the blueprints so that we can make an informed decision

Mayor Garry stated that he will be out of town for the next 8 to 10 days.

**Time Specific 1:00 p.m.**

Presentation/Training By Wayne Carlson of Pool/Pact on Ethics in Government, Open Meeting Law and Governance – No Action Will Be Taken

Mr. Carlson provided training on Ethics in Government, Open Meeting Law and Governance for the City Council.

No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

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Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk