

September 9, 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, and Terceira Schunke  
City Manager Robert Switzer  
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft  
Chief of Police Darren Wagner  
Public Works Director Jay Flakus  
Bookkeeper Pamela Argo

Absent: Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw, Councilmember Shane Martin

Guests: Jason B. Cooper, Karen Dini, Dave & Deb DeGrendele and Holly O'Toole

#### Agenda Approval

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

#### Minutes

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2019, with the correction of David Swisher's name, seconded by Councilwoman Catalano. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and carried unanimously.

For Discussion Only: Presentation by Holly O'Toole, Fallon Campus and Rural Outreach Director, will give an Update on Western Nevada College and see Feedback from the Yerington City Council.

Ms. O'Toole of Western Nevada College addressed the council and stated that enrollment is up 30%. The WNC executive team will meet with Nevada Copper on September 19<sup>th</sup>

Ms. O'Toole will leave information regarding the collage at the front desk.

For Possible Action: Presentation by Jeff Collins of Nevada Department of Environmental Protection and Participation by the City of Yerington to Provide Twenty-Six(26) Residents Near Campbell Lane with Water Utility Services.

Mr. Collins addressed the council and stated that the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection is the lead agency in the anaconda mine cleanup. The Airmetco site is the last site to be processed. Mr. Collins stated that there is an issue with fluid management with two leach fields and the old ponds are reaching capacity. The first order was to construct 5 fluid management ponds; 3 ponds were completed 2 weeks ago.

Mr. Collins stated that when they started to investigate the ground water they put people on bottled water, a number of those residents are still on bottled water. Mr. Collins referred to a map and stated those residents with a red dot will be losing their bottled water service since they can hook into the city water system. Those resident with a green dot could be losing their bottled water come winter.

Mr. Collins stated that they have a fact sheet that will be mailed out to all domestic well owners that will be the first outreach before a face to face meeting regarding phasing out bottled water.

Councilwoman Catalano asked how many total have been on bottled water. Mr. Collins stated that there are about 120 to 127 overall and 90 plus on the Yerington Paiute reservation. Councilwoman Catalano stated that some residents of the Yerington Paiute reservation have

stopped receiving bottled water. Mr. Collins stated that there was a misunderstanding with Alhambra. There was a couple of weeks where they did not know if they could deliver it. It was delivered to the edge of the property, not to their doorstep.

City Manager Switzer asked if NDEP has looked into the options that were available. Mr. Collins stated that they want to understand the issues before they present to the owners.

Councilwoman Schunke asked how long has bottled water been provided? Mr. Collins stated 15 years.

Mayor Garry stated that this project is outside the city limits; however we are good neighbors and they could be offered municipal water as an option. Mayor Garry asked if a feasibility study would be completed so that there is no cost to the city. Mr. Collins stated that is his understanding.

Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to table this item for further discussion, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke.

Ms. Karen Dini asked if the 26 property owners that were included in the court action to connect to the city were at no cost. Councilwoman Catalano and City Manager Switzer stated no.

Mr. Dave DeGrendele asked:

- Are all of green dots on the map were outside of the plume.
- What is the concern about taking residents off bottled water, there needs to be a stop date as it has been 15 years.
- The cost should be covered by someone else, not the city.

Councilwoman Catalano agreed that the bottled water needs to come to an end.

Mayor Garry asked for further public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

For Possible Action: Presentation by Jason Cooper of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection to Utilize State Revolving Funds (SRF) to service Residents Near Campbell Lane.

Mr. Jason Cooper of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection addressed the council and stated that his office is a state agency that oversees the clean water fund and would talk to council about funding options. Mr. Cooper stated that his office would fund preliminary reports along with an environmental review up to one-hundred thousand dollars. The city would have a 15% match as this would not be 100% funded. The city would be eligible for up to \$500,000; however, the engineering report is needed to find out what the cost would be. To be eligible the project would need to be listed on a priority list. This would not commit the city to anything. The city has been added to the list; once the list is approved you can move forward with a contract. You will fill out a loan application and have the engineering work completed. Mr. Cooper concluded by stating at this time all that has been done is the city has been added to the list.

Councilman Bryant asked if there was a forgiveness loan. Mr. Cooper stated that statute does not allow giving out the money, it must be a loan. The city will have a 15% required match to the grant. Mr. Cooper stated that the list will be approved in November.

Mr. Dave DeGrendele stated that this project is outside of the city limits. The cost should not be paid by the city.

Councilwoman Catalano made a motion to table this issue for further discussion, seconded by Councilwoman Schunke. Mayor Garry asked for public comments, there were no comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	8-27-2019	31408
	8-27-2019	31409 through 31418
Payroll Vouchers	8-26-2019	3291901 through 8291920
Payroll Checks	8-26-2019	31403 through 31406
Transmittal Vouchers	8-26-2019	8261901
Transmittal Checks	8-26-2019	31407

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

Public Participation

There were no comments

Department Reports

City Attorney Zumpft stated that the design portion of the USDA water/sewer project is mostly complete at this time. The next project meeting is tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

Chief Wagner stated that they are settling into the new offices at 227 S. Main Street.

Public Works Director Flakus stated:

- Planning Commission Meeting today at 4:00 p.m.
- Still some work to do on the Police Department building
- Mini Excavator will cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000. There will be a bidding process.
- Pump for Airport lift station arrived on Friday.

City Manager Switzer Reported:

- Letter to the Nevada National Guard has been prepared for the Mayors signature.
- Preparing for a police committee meeting next week.
- We need to update our Master Plan for the FAA

Councilman Bryant thanked the Public Works Department for the weed cleanup.

Mayor Garry stated that 9/11 is a day that will live in infamy and has altered many things in our country.

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