

May 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Yerington City Council was held in the Council Chambers and via Zoom.com due to COVID-19 and Social Distancing Measures enacted by Governor Sandoval at 10:00 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor John Garry (Council Chambers)  
Council Members Jerry Bryant (Council Chambers), Selena Catalano, Shane Martin and Terceira Schunke (via Zoom)  
City Manager Robert Switzer (Via Zoom)  
City Attorney Chuck Zumpft (Via Zoom)  
Chief of Police Darren Wagner (Via telephone)  
Public Works Director Jay Flakus (Council Chambers)  
Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw (Via Zoom)  
Angela Moore Grants Director/Deputy Clerk (Via Zoom)

Guests: There were a number of participants via Zoom and by telephone.

Mayor Garry opened the meeting and stated due to the Covid-19 virus our council chambers have been closed to public gatherings; thus, to comply with Nevada Open Meeting Law we are utilizing a Teleconferencing/Video conferencing to allow the public to attend remotely which has been posted in a timely manner. We will also be live streaming on Facebook.

#### Public Participation

City Manager Switzer stated that there were 12 participants at this time via Zoom

County Commissioner Jay Dini stated that Dini's is still planning to have their car show on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Dini asked councils opinion on whether to proceed with the event or not. Mayor Garry stated that he would welcome the event. Councilman Bryant stated an outdoor activity would be welcome so long as everyone kept safety in mind. Councilwoman Catalano had no issues at this time, the event is a month away and she is hoping things will continue on a positive note. Councilwoman Schunke stated that she thought it was a great idea, but would like to see where we are in a month. Councilman Martin thinks it is a great idea.

City Manager Switzer stated it was a great idea and to keep moving forward. City Manager Switzer stated it has the cities full support.

Commissioner Dini thanked council for their advice and support.

Amy Miller stated that the Yerington Chamber of Commerce would continue with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in Yerington. Mayor Garry stated that he would like to donate \$200.00 to the event.

## Agenda Approval

Councilman Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Catalano. 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 April 27, 2020 regular meeting and May 1, 2020 special meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Catalano. Mayor Garry asked for public comments and waited two minutes, there were no comments and carried unanimously.

## Business Licenses

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

- A. Dwight C. Millard dba Millard Realty & Construction Company, Realty & Construction Property Management, 1885 E. Long St. Carson City, NV 89706-New Single Project
- B. Michael Allen Harrison dba Desert Hills Electric, Inc., Security System Installation & Service, 2136 Kleppe Lane Sparks, NV 89431-New
- C. Eric Blakey dba Hotwire Electric, LLC, Electrical Contractor, 310 W. Williams Ave Ste. B Fallon, NV 89406-New
- D. William P. Gates dba Gates Plumbing, Inc., Plumbing Contractor, 30 Strawberry Lane Reno NV 89509-New Single Project
- E. Todd Perry dba Briggs Electric, Inc., Electrical Contractor, 5111 Convair Dr. Carson City, NV 89706-New
- F. Esua Aguilar dba Kapra Cleaning, LLC, Janitorial, 3 Palomino Dr. Yerington, NV 89447-Name Change
- G. Bruce W. Smith dba Capitol Roofing, Inc., Roofing Contractor, 20 Affonso Dr. Mound House, NV 89706-New Single Project
- H. Mike Thompson dba All Out Patio Solutions, LLC, Construction, 1920 Farm District Rd. Fernley, NV 89408-New Single Project
- I. Darrin & Natalie Breger dba Berger Hannafin Architecture, LLP, Architecture, 312 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Carson City, NV 89703-New Single Project
- J. Howard & Laura Arata dba HTA Plumbing & Mechanical, Inc., Plumbing & Mechanical Contractor, 2049 Pabco Rd. Henderson, NV 89011-New Single Project

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

## Discussion on Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21

City Manager Switzer stated that Council approved the tentative budget at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Significant changes have been recommended by the Council to include adding an eight police officer and reducing anticipated revenues by over \$115,000 based on very preliminary revenue projections from the Governor. Since we do not know how much the amount of state shared revenues will be reduced City Manager Switzer believes our best course is developing contingency plans to reduce further spending into the new fiscal year. As the need arises, he will bring before the Council some ideas to slow spending should we see a decrease in state revenues beyond what has already been budgeted.

City Manager Switzer stated that last week we also received notification that our health insurance premiums have increased. In order to preserve the insurance premium cap of \$650 per employee, City Manager Switzer has made further expenditure reductions in every General Fund.

City Manager Switzer concluded by stating the financial health of the City will fluctuate throughout the next fiscal year. One key advantage for now is our healthy General Fund ending balance which may help cushion some of the impacts likely to be headed our way.

Councilman Bryant asked if the SRO (School Resource Officer) program will be suspended. City Manager Switzer stated that he has not heard anything to that effect.

Mayor Garry stated that we would need to be flexible throughout the next year. We should remain optimistic, but careful.

Mayor Garry called for public participation and waited two minutes. There were no comments.

No action taken.

## Address the Impact to Local Businesses as a Result of COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Directive

Councilman Bryant stated that a meeting was held last week regarding COVID-19. Those in attendance were; Councilman Bryant, Councilwoman Catalano, City Manager Switzer, Interim City Clerk Shaw, Toni Inserra of South Lyon Medical Center and Lyon County Manager Jeff Page.

Councilman Bryant stated that a lot of good information came out of this meeting regarding what is going on and the impact to our community. Fortunately, Governor Sisolak came out the same afternoon with revised guidelines for our state which were more in line with what we were hoping for.

Councilwoman Catalano asked Lyon County Manager Page if the Governor was allowing the Counties to make some decisions for the County and if so, would the County consider

allowing gyms to open. Lyon County Manager Page stated that while the Governor has given the County the authority to make some decisions, those decisions allow the county to be more restrictive in their guidelines.

City Manager Switzer stated that Council could use this agenda item for discussion only on COVID-19 or they could choose to send a letter to the Governor asking to open businesses. One of the items discussed at the meeting last week was religious establishments.

Councilman Bryant stated that he personally, whether directed by the Governor or not, felt the city had no right to interfere with any religious gathering and that some religious rights were being violated.

Councilwoman Catalano stated that we should stay within the guidelines the governor has outlined. Our Police Department has spoken to representatives of the churches; however, we will not go in and cite or arrest. Councilwoman Catalano stated that she is hoping that citizens are following the guidelines and doing their part so we do not take any major steps back.

Mayor Garry stated that all religions are protected. There is no directive from the Governor or President that can take that right away. We have done our best for the community. Preserving the rights of our citizens is important.

City Manager Switzer stated that he believes the rights of a Governor will be in debate in the next session.

Mayor Garry asked for public comments and waited two minutes, there were no comments.

No action was taken

#### Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

##### Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	4-22-2020	32303 through 32330
	4-29-2020	32331 through 32346
Payroll Vouchers	5-5-2020	50701 through 50721
Transmittal Vouchers	5-5-2020	5052001
Transmittal Checks	5/5/2020	32347

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

## Public Participation

Ms. Sheri Van Ness asked why the streetlights were not working. Public Works Director Flakus stated that the decorative lights on Main Street are the only streetlights that are the responsibility of the City. The ambient lighting from the businesses on Main Street causes the lights to go out, along with old technology in the lights.

Public Works Director Flakus stated that the city has budgeted \$25,000 in next years budget for repairs and updates to these lights.

## Department Reports

Chief Wagner stated that the new Tahoe would be ready in just a few days for service. The applicant for the police department is currently in background and it is coming along. There has been an up kick in the number of calls for domestic violence and break ins during the COVID-19 period.

City Manager Switzer stated that we have earned \$5,980.02 on our investment with LGIP. Deputy Clerk Angela Moore has been researching grants and is in the process of applying for a USDA grant for \$50,000 for a restroom at Veterans Park.

City Manager Switzer Stated that we are in the final stages of the Design portion of the Water and Sewer Project. Bid opening date is tentatively scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilwoman Schunke thanked the city staff for doing an amazing job. Councilwoman Schunke asked the citizens of the community to continue doing what they can to help all of us get through this time. Remember to patient and compassionate toward your neighbors.

Mayor Garry read into the record a letter he had received from Mr. Michael White in regards to COVID-19.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

---

Mayor of the City of Yerington

ATTEST:

---

Administrative Director/Interim City Clerk