

**Yerington City Council Meeting**  
**August 23, 2021 at 10:00am – City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Yerington City Council was held in the Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor John J. Garry  
Council Members Jerry Bryant, Selena Catalano, and Terceira Schunke  
City Manager Robert Switzer  
Public Works Director Jay Flakus  
Grants Administrator Angela Moore

Absent: City Clerk Sheema D. Shaw, Councilman Shane Martin, City Attorney Chuck Zumpft, Chief of Police Darren Wagner, and Building Official Joel Brown

Guests: Mr. David Ray, Mr. Dave DeGrendele, and Ms. Deb DeGrendele

The meeting was called to order and roll call was reported by Mayor Garry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Catalano.

**Public Participation**

Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were made at this time.

**Agenda Approval**

Mayor Garry stated the agenda would be approved as presented unless there were any objections or corrections. City Manager Switzer requested to delete agenda item number five regarding approval of the quote for parking lot lights. Discussion on the item will be brought up in the next City Council meeting for approval. Mayor Garry stated City Manager Switzer made corrections and the agenda was approved as corrected.

**Minutes**

Mayor Garry stated the minutes of August 9, 2021 regular meeting would be approved as presented unless there are any objections or corrections. No corrections were made and the minutes of August 9, 2021 were approved as presented.

**Approve a Quote for Parking Lot Lights at an Estimated Cost of \$95,000.00; Contingent on the Ability to Utilize ARPA Funds for the Project.**

City Manager Switzer stated the City is seeking approval to utilize funds for parking lot lights under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City received another quote for the parking lot lights after the agenda was posted. The agenda item will be presented on the next City Council meeting.

## Review Bills Previously Submitted for Payment

### Bills, Salaries and Vouchers:

Accounts Payable Checks	8/09/2021	34065 through 34093
	8/16/2021	34094 through 34125
	8/17/2021	34126 through 34129
Payroll Checks	8/09/2021	34059 through 34063
Payroll Vouchers	8/09/2021	08122101 through 08122121
Transmittal Checks	8/09/2021	34064
Transmittal Vouchers	8/09/2021	08092101

Mayor Garry stated the bills previously submitted for payment would be approved unless there are any objections or corrections. No comments were made at this time and the bills previously submitted for payment were approved unanimously.

### Department Reports

Councilwoman Catalano asked Public Works Director Flakus about the City's potholing plans. Public Works Director Flakus stated the holes will be fixed during the Water and Sewer Project with full paving. The Public Works Department requested a trailer to drive out of town to pick up hot mix for potholing with the closest place being in Gardnerville.

City Manager Switzer stated per the direction of City Council, City staff is working on scheduling the Cross-Connection Control Program meeting for businesses who have questions on the new policy. City Manager Switzer requests a small working committee to review the ARPA funding recommendations. Within the small committee, the Mayor, one City Council member and City staff should review suggestions and decide on a solid plan to use the ARPA funding. Weed issues have been rising and some property owners have approached City Manager Switzer. A plan has been arranged to have the weeds mitigated on the properties which is a daily task to mitigate weed problems around the community. The City has earned \$96,583.64 in interest within the past two years on the funds within the LGIP account. The City planned to transfer the funds from Zion Bank to the LGIP investment pool. City Manager Switzer worked with the Nevada State Treasurer's Office and City Attorney Zumpft to plan the transfer but the City will not be able to move those funds to the LGIP account.

Councilman Bryant stated children are back to school. For the Kiss and Drop Project, Councilman Bryant requests to set up the committee meetings to discuss the

one-way route around the school and the many problems around that area. Two City police officers were patrolling but the traffic around the school is chaos. Public Works Director Flakus stated a meeting was held with the Lyon County School District, Farr West Engineering, and City staff. The next step would be to have a meeting in the future with City Council members and nothing was put in stone yet. The City received very positive feedback on the one-way street topic. City Manager Switzer stated the next move on the project is to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in front of City Council and the Lyon County School Board. City Attorney Zumpft is working on a contract about the Kiss and Drop Project.

Councilman Bryant would also like to have a Public Works Committee meeting scheduled soon. Councilwoman Catalano stated she would have liked to have been present at the meeting regarding the Kiss and Drop Project. City Council needs to review the MOU first before approval. Public Works Director Flakus stated the City spent about \$10,000.00 and the Lyon County School District spent about \$10,000.00 to have Farr West Engineering design the project. The City asked the Lyon County School District if they approve of the current design. City Manager Switzer stated on the financial side, The Congressional Appropriations funding in the amount of \$598,000.00, the City will probably not see the funds until the next federal fiscal year which is October 1, 2021. Councilman Bryant stated both projects, the Water and Sewer Project and the Kiss and Drop Project will be difficult to flow together. Councilwoman Catalano asked if any of the projects overlap. Public Works Director Flakus stated the City will work hard to make sure that all parties are working together and to prevent impacts to the school and keeping everyone out of the danger zones. The Lyon County School District would like to have a school safety campaign and the City will assist.

Mr. Dave DeGrendele watched the flow of traffic around the school and the major issue is on the south end of school by the Jeannie Dini Theater. People are leaving their vehicles on the east side of the street and blocking the traffic flow. That area should only be a loading and unloading zone during school hours. One-way streets would be a good concept and safer for all parties involved.

Councilman Bryant stated the Fair and Rodeo occurred this past weekend and was a nice reminder of why he moved to Yerington with his children. An applaud is in order for Fire Chief Scott Draper with the Mason Valley Fire Department as well as the Public Works Department. The City should have some representation in the next parade with community involvement during the Parade of Lights. Councilman Bryant asked about the Investigator position for the Police Department and if an update is available. City Manager Switzer stated he has not received an update from Chief of Police Wagner, but the position is something the City is currently working on.

Councilwoman Catalano stated residents should be careful around the smoke. Public Works Director Flakus stated Washoe County is currently closed down due to the smoke.

Councilwoman Schunke would like to thank everybody.

Public Works Director Flakus stated a new hire for the Public Works Department is starting on August 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Tommy Gutierrez. For the first eighteen months on the job, Mr. Gutierrez will be working on his certifications for Public Works.

Mayor Garry stated everyone should stay positive. Mayor Garry received an email this morning and would like to speak of City Manager Switzer's virtues, who would be the perfect candidate for an award from the Nevada League of Cities.

Public Participation

Mayor Garry asked for comments and no comments were made at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor of the City of Yerington

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City Clerk of the City of Yerington