

WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2006

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on January 3, 2006. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

Council Members Present: Jimmy Carter, Johnny Gorum, Mike Miera, Jamey Reilly and Viola Troyan

Others Present: Jeff Knudtson, Bryce Kimber, Altea Kimber, Corinne Copelan, Ron Supp, Devan Croasmun, Leon Flinders, Beverly Goheen, Alex Peterson, Dixie Melville, Chris Melville and Anna Bartlome

The following proceedings were had.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
Mayor Thaut called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All those present and excused are noted above.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor Thaut led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**
None offered or received.
4. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Council Member Reilly had a change under New Business item g the sentence should read as follows: *"In addition to employees at the discretion of the department heads could help in this program if their work load would allow it."* Council Member Reilly made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2005 with the changes as noted above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
The presentations will be forwarded to the next meeting.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Discussion in Regards to the West Wendover Government Complex**
Mayor Thaut stated that this item will be on the agenda to answer any questions until a decision is made.

Agenda taken out of order, Department Updates heard next, see below.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE, The City of West Wendover will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering which projects to pursue funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program. **The hearing will be set for Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the**

West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. All persons may attend and be heard. Prior to the meeting, written comments may be filed with the West Wendover City Clerk and will be considered at the hearing.

The Community Development Block Grant Program, (CDBG) is a Federally Funded Program that is administered by the State of Nevada. The national objectives of this program are:

1. To benefit the low and moderate-income persons.
2. To aid in the prevention of and elimination of slums or blight.
3. To meet the Community Developments needs of having a particular urgency when other sources of funding are not available.

In addition, it is the State's goal to give extra consideration to projects addressing documented public health or safety needs or needs identified through a Community Planning Process.

It is anticipated that no displacement of persons will occur as a direct result of these projects: Project Descriptions, Housing Needs Statement, CDBG Requirements, and Past CDBG Project Grant Performance is on file at the City offices and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, from November 21, 2005 to December 20, 2005.

The City of West Wendover does not discriminate on the handicapped status in the admission of access to, treatment, employment or activities in it's federally assisted programs.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting should notify the City Clerks Office at 775-664-3081 or at 801 Alpine Street, West Wendover, Nevada, 89883.

Mayor Thaut closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Chris Melville explained the projects that are currently on going or will be starting. The projects include the Pueblo Boulevard Project, which was partially funded by a NDOT grant, Florence Way Phase I, which was a CDBG project two years ago, and Wendover Boulevard/Wells Avenue Project, which was a CDBG project last year.

Chris Melville explained the two projects that were being presented tonight. The first project is the Florence Way Phase II, which would start at Camper Drive and go to Mesa Street. The project would include curb, gutter, sidewalk, and lighting. Florence Way would have a pavement width of 45 feet, with three travel lanes (1 west, 1 east and a turn lane); bicycle lanes, storm drainage, and some property would need to be acquired. Where Florence Way is now would be torn out and rehabbed. The total cost of the project is approximately \$842,042.50 asking for \$250,000.00 from CDBG. The second project is the Wendover Boulevard/Red Garter Street/ Butte Street Pedestrian Enhancement Project. This project would include curb, gutter, sidewalk, lighting and storm drainage. The project would install sidewalk along Wendover Boulevard to the Red Garter Street to Red Garter Casino, sidewalk would also be added to a portion of Red Garter Street, and sidewalk would also be added to Butte Street from the Eastline Apartments to Red Garter Street. The project would realign and widen the corner at Red Garter Street and Butte Street. The total cost of the project is approximately \$369,555.75 asking for \$178,800.00 from CDBG.

Chris Melville stated that of the two projects the Wendover Boulevard/Red Garter Street/Butte Street is the project that could be done this year with Florence Way being done in the future. Leon Flinders that funds needed to pay for Florence Way project would be taken out of the General Fund if it was selected. Dixie Melville asked if Florence Way would extend all the way to the storage units. It was explained that Florence Way would only go to

Mesa Street just short of the storage units. Corinne Copelan asked why Florence Way was more expensive. It was stated that Florence Way project was such a long section to be done and that is why the cost was so much.

Mayor Thaut closed public hearing and opened the regular portion of the meeting.

***Discussion and Decision for Selection and Approval of Projects for the Community Development Grant Program 2006 and Authorization for Staff to Prepare and Mayor to Execute Any Such Applications, Documents or Agreements as Necessary for the Selected Projects**

Council Member Reilly made the motion to select and approve the Wendover Boulevard/Red Garter Street/Butte Street Pedestrian Enhancement Project for the Community Development Grant Program 2006 and authorize the staff to prepare and Mayor to execute any such applications, documents or agreements as necessary for the selected projects. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief – Jeff Knudtson had nothing to add to memo, which stated that they have been very busy with inspections. The first and second floors of the Montego Bay Hotel addition were ready for occupancy on New Years. On the Peppermill Event Center the walls are going up, the underground electrical and some of the floors are done. Staci Johnson's memo explained her trip to the National Fire Academy class on Chemistry for Emergency Response, which she explained took 2 years of chemistry and condensed it to present them with the skills they will use in the field of HazMat operations. Discussion was had regarding the Santa's Helpers program, it was stated that the program went very well.

Police Chief – Ron Supp explained that New Years went well, there had been a few fights. Ron further stated the process of closing off the evidence room was ongoing. The department policies and procedures were in the process of being revamped. Ron stated that the stats and summary will be provided at a later date.

City Clerk/Records Officer – Anna Bartlome reminded the Council, Mayor and Department Heads that Financial Disclosure Statements are due by January 15, 2006.

Chief Financial Officer – Leon Flinders stated that the answers to the findings to the audit and will then file with the State.

Public Works Director – Bryce Kimber had nothing to add to memo, which stated that since the weather had warmed up a bit Shelton's has been able to get more of the curb, gutter and sidewalk completed along Pueblo Boulevard. The Public Works crew has been working on Florence Way relocating fire hydrants and installing new hydrants in preparation of work to be done in the spring. There has been another water leak on Apache, which is the same problem that had been on Alpine, a service saddle on the main line rusted away. Public Works has been working on the evidence building for the Police Department.

City Manager – Chris Melville stated that at the next meeting there will be a Public Hearing and a Resolution to vacate a right of way along Wendover Boulevard, across from the Peppermill Event Center. Chris stated that the CDBG presentation that is approved at this meeting will be submitted by the January 17, 2006. The hearing and presentations for the CDBG will take place in March with approval by June and signed by the Governor in July. Chris explained that a grant policy is being worked on, so that the individual departments will manage the grants but all paperwork will go through the City Office. Chris stated that the holiday lights have been turned off. Chris explained that the Elko County Commission has contributed \$250.00 to the Wendover Will fund. Council Member Gorum asked what a vacation of a right of way was. Chris explained that it turns the right of way back to the property owner.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Reilly stated that there will be a Nevada League of Cities Board meeting on January 20, 2006 in Las Vegas. Discussion was had regarding the Nevada's State of Emergency due to the flooding by Carson City, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Mayor Thaut explained that a letter of support had been received from the City of Mesquite regarding the proposed bill in Utah concerning limiting advertising of gaming in Utah.

10. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Reilly asked about the audit adjustments concerning room tax. Anna Bartlome stated that there had been an error on the spreadsheet when calculating the amounts to be paid but the problem had been corrected. Council Member Miera made the motion to approve the claims for January 3, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

Mayor Thaut called a break at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Thaut called the meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda taken out of order, Public Hearing heard next, see above.

11. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

General discussion was had regarding the scheduling of a joint meeting with the Recreation District. The next meeting date is a joint meeting with the Recreation District at 6:00 p.m. and a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. both meetings will be held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member Reilly made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer