

WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2006

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on October 17, 2006. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

Council Members Present: Emily Carter, Jimmy Carter, Jamey Christie, Johnny Gorum and Mike Miera

Others Present: Corinne Copelan, Ron Supp, Dale Lotspeich, Jeff Knudtson, Sandy Kelsey, Beverly Goheen, Bryce Kimber, Aleta Kimber, Mel Duke, Kerry Robinson, Thad Ballard, Jason Vance, Michelle Giovo, Roy Briggs, 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:**
Dale Lotspeich, candidate for Elko County Sheriff, stated that would not forget where Wendover is and would reorganize and restructure staff. Dale also stated that the expenses in the jail would be looked at when he takes office.
4. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Council Member Christie had changes to the minutes of October 10, 2006, under Department Updates for City Manager; the first change is as follows: "*Chris stated that on October 25, 2006 there would be a CDBG workshop and in November the CDBG hearings will be on the agenda.*" The next change to the same section is as follows: "*Chris explained that on October 16, 2006 the Nevada Economic Development Commission had met regarding the grant application that had been submitted.*" Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2006 and the regular meeting of October 10, 2006 with the changes as noted above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - *a. **Discussion and Decision to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Appropriate and Required USDA Forms with Regard to the Letter of Conditions Issued on September 27, 2006 by the USDA-RD for Financial Assistance to Construct the West Wendover City Hall Government Complex**
Chris Melville explained that this was requested by USDA official approval is needed. Council Member Miera made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the appropriate and required USDA forms with regard to the letter of conditions issued on September 27, 2006 by the USDA-RD for financial assistance to construct the West Wendover City Hall

Government Complex. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

***b. Discussion and Decision to Approve the Final Site Plan for Peppermill Hotel Expansion 2006 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville stated that the Engineer found no changes to the conceptual preliminary site plan and therefore the final site plan is in order. Chris stated that the motion would need to reference the storm water retention facilities that are related to the Tuscan Event Center.

Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the final site plan for Peppermill Hotel Expansion 2006 with the noted condition that the additional storm drainage necessary for this project are being met by the proposed retention facilities on the Peppermill property south side of Wendover Boulevard as noted on the attached plans G-3 and U-3 of the Tuscan Event Center. Council Members Gorum, J. Carter and E. Carter disclosed that they work for Peppermill Properties but would not personally gain by this project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

***c. Discussion and Decision to Approve the Settlement Agreement with Regard to Nevada Equal Rights Commission No. 0801-06-0126R, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission No. 34B-2006-01256, Stephanie Long v. City of West Wendover**

Council Member Miera made the motion to approve the settlement agreement with regard to Nevada Equal Rights Commission No. 0801-06-0216R, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission No. 34B-2006-01256, Stephanie Long v. City of West Wendover. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and Decision with Regard to Proceeding with the Proposed Purchase of Nevada Rural Housing Lots; Village One Phase One and Village One Phase Two Subdivisions**

Chris Melville asked how he should proceed with the projects, lots, and program. Council Member Christie asked when the lots would be ready. Chris stated that with the work that needs to be done and required appraisals it would probably be in the summer around June. Council Member Christie made the motion to authorize Chris Melville to proceed and to make a counter offer of not more than \$450,000.00 for this property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

***e. Discussion and Decision to Proceed with the Drafting of Amendments to City Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Aesthetic Review with Regard to Improvements Except Single Family Homes and Residential Accessory Buildings**

Chris Melville explained that this would deal with commercial buildings, and would require an adjustment and amendment to the existing aesthetic review code. The changes would include as indicated by legal counsel; remodeling, restructure and repainting. Chris stated that currently the existing aesthetic review is done when plans are first presented to the Council. Council Member Christie made the motion to proceed with the drafting of amendments to the city code Title 7, Chapter 8, Aesthetic Review with Regard to Improvements except Single Family Homes and Residential Accessory Buildings. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

Corinne Copelan stated that she had a problem with aesthetic review coming before this Council where three of the Council works for the Peppermill. Corinne stated that if the Casino decides to do something they are not going to jeopardize their job and vote against them. Corinne stated that it does not matter how big, loud or what they advertise on the Peppermill / Rainbow / Montego Bay marquees, never going to vote against them. A little business will come before the Council stating what they want to do, and have 5 people voting on it; but if a casino comes there are only 2 members voting. Corinne wants the Council to take into consideration these new laws that are making and put on the books make sure that stay fair and take into account nobody going to raise voice against Peppermill / Rainbow / Montego Bay no matter what they do. Corinne stated that she knew that this was on the books because one business changed color of building and was threatened with the loss of his

business license because the color was not very nice or aesthetic. Corinne wanted an opinion and that people really consider how fair when they put new law on books.

Council Member Christie stated that the Council is elected and can always change. Council Member Christie also stated that if you feel that the people you elect are unfairly representing certain entities of the community then you should be electing someone else to represent you.

Corinne Copelan stated that the City has no problem attacking small businesses.

Chris Melville stated that the City does aesthetic review of all structures that are built including casinos. Corinne Copelan stated that marquees are many different colors and can hurt your eyes. Chris stated that the signs are covered under a different portion of the code.

Council Member J. Carter stated that his personal opinion that his ethics and ability to make decisions not effected by who he works for. Corinne Copelan stated that that was not true, that his family and income come first. Mayor Thaut stated that that was disrespectful. Council Member J. Carter stated that everyone has to live in town and if they do not like the decisions go and vote.

***f. Discussion and Decision Regarding Sponsoring West Wendover Elementary PTO Trick or Treat Street and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Council Member E. Carter disclosed that she is the Chairperson for the PTO but would not personally gain by this item. Michelle Giovo stated that the Trick or Treat Street would be held at the West Wendover Elementary School on October 31, 2006 from 5-7 p.m. The funds generated would be used to replace the worn out playground equipment and sponsor a field trip for honor students. Council Member Christie stated that this is a great cause and has good goals. Council Member Christie made the motion to sponsor the West Wendover Elementary PTO Trick or Treat Street in the amount of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Gorum asked when the Congressional candidates where coming. Chris Melville explained that it was October 26, 2006 at 11 a.m.

Mayor Thaut stated that the Police department is planning patrols at Trick or Treat Street. Council Member E. Carter stated that the Police are coming and will be explaining to the children to stay on sidewalks, and only going to doors with lights on. Council Member E. Carter stated that the playground equipment is very old and anything that can be done will be good.

Council Member Christie asked if something can be put out reminding people to vote for the election. Council Member Christie stated that the playground is very old.

Mayor Thaut discussed doing a candidates night and have Thad Ballard to moderate.

7. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the claims of October 17, 2006, August Insurance and September Insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

8. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on November 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Fire Station.

Mayor Thaut read a letter from John and Rose Hanson concerning good service done by a city employee. The letter thanked Roland Sharp for his going out of his way to collect their garbage when they had been on vacation. Council Member Gorum also thanked Roland for collecting his trash when he had been on vacation.

Council Member Christie made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer