

WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2005

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on November 1, 2005. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

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

Others Present: Ron Supp, Craig Neeley, Dixie Melville, Toni Corona, Sandra Gunter, John & Rose Hanson, Tony Ventura, Sonny Longson, Corinne Copelan, Claude Fratto, Steve Lawrence, Beverly Goheen, Laura Grant, Devan Croasmun, Suzan Erickson, Brian Erickson, Brenda Flinders, Leon Flinders, Bryce Kimber, Aleta Kimber, Cassie Fratto, Michelle Blake, Kelly Stratton, Denise Lisk, Terry Hanson, Sandy Kelsey, Leroy Lutes, Roland Sharp, Jeff Knudtson, Nancy Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Ann Rose, 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 made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2005 and forward the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATION**
 Discussion in Regards to the West Wendover Government Complex
Mayor Thaut explained that 2005 has been a great year for West Wendover. The skyline has changed, the supply and demand of housing has equalized itself after the bankruptcy, small businesses have started to sprout, the City has purchased 81 acres with hopes to diversify its economy, and Elko County now ranks number 3 in the State in gaming revenues. Mayor Thaut continued stating that West Wendover has also faced challenges in 2005, which provided a very special set of circumstances to allow her to move forward with proposing the Government Complex. Mayor Thaut thanked the City Staff for helping to provide the statistics for the presentation.

Chris Melville explained that in 1999-2000 work was done on the Downtown Master Plan to create a vision for the community. The plan had been adopted and slowly pieces of the plan are being put into effect. Chris explained why a government complex, which included

maintaining momentum for the future, continuation of new construction and growth, land acquisitions, outside interest in the community from developers to real estate agents, and projects that were not foreseeable even 2 years ago. For the City to keep growing we must plan and keep planning, the zoning and RP&P lease are done in planning for the City so that the right zoning for the facilities for public use as well as commercial entities that will be around it. The City must move forward with the RP&P lease to acquire the property to build on. Chris stated that we must give our City the “look and feel” of what we want and need. Chris explained that the City complex would consolidate 4 facilities into 1, which include Administration, Police, Fire and the Court. By having the facilities consolidated would provide a one stop/shop for city functions, including business licensing. By consolidating the facilities would open additional areas in the city for development. Chris further stated that while we have momentum for growth we must take advantage because once it stops it is hard to get it going again and takes more effort. Chris went through the graphs concerning the population growth, gaming revenue and city assessed valuation. Chris stated that it when costs of temporarily correcting a problem in one of the facilities costs almost as much as in building the facility and the facilities are maxed out, is the appropriate time to considered this type of project.

Ron Supp went through the current police facilities; he explained the use of each of the different spaces and showed how the department is outgrowing the buildings.

Jeff Knudtson went through the current fire department facilities; the presentation showed that there is not a lot of room between all the equipment/fire trucks at the station. Jeff also explained that because of the limited room some equipment must be stored outside.

Judge Laura Grant explained the court facilities, which included the limited space used by the court clerks and the courtroom. Judge Grant stated that the benefits of a government complex would be security and a more organized room layout.

Chris Melville went through the administration facilities, showing how cramped the offices are becoming and the need for more storage.

Peter Burjes with Valentin Crane Architects explained that starting with the master plan gives the community focus and unifies it. Peter further went through the different concepts for the exterior of the building, which included a look like western style and a Spanish style.

Craig Neeley went through the cost of the complex and the square footage for the different departments.

Leon Flinders explained the budget, how the project would be financed (a USDA 30 year loan of \$4.8 million @ 5% and \$600,000 from General fund). Leon explained that his numbers were based on an 8% increase in revenue for the General fund. Leon further stated what the projection of growth of the General fund would be.

Mayor Thaut ended the presentation with a quote from President Abraham Lincoln: *“Government cannot function with out public sentiment. With it, all things succeed; with out it all things fail.”* Mayor Thaut stated that at the next meeting the presentation could be given again and a decision would be made on December 6, 2005.

Mayor Thaut called for a recess at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Thaut called the meeting back to order at 9:06 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

***a. Discussion and Decision for Approval to Send Jamie Sharp to Advanced Emergency Dispatch Training in Salt Lake City Utah on November 21-23, 2005 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Ron Supp explained that this was a new dispatcher and is included in the budget. Council Member Miera made the motion to approve to send Jamie Sharp to Advanced Emergency Dispatch Training in Salt Lake City Utah on November 21-23, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Troyan and passed unanimously.

***b. Discussion and Decision for Approval to Send Detective Sergeant Burnum to the Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation Training in Salt Lake City Utah on November 8-10, 2005 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Ron Supp stated that this course would be helpful to the new detective. Council Member Troyan made the motion to approve to send Detective Sergeant Burnum to the Reid Technique of Interview and Interrogation Training in Salt Lake City Utah on November 8-10, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

***c. Discussion and Decision for Approval for Chief Financial Officer to Attend the UACPA Annual Tax Symposium in Salt Lake City Utah on November 17-18, 2005 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Leon Flinders explained that in order to maintain his certification he must have so many hours of training. Council Member Miera made the motion to approve for Chief Financial Officer to attend the UACPA Annual Tax Symposium in Salt Lake City Utah on November 17-18, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gunter and passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and Decision for Approval for Chief Financial Officer to Attend the UACPA Winter Conference in Salt Lake City Utah on December 15-16, 2005 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Council Member Reilly made the motion to approve for Chief Financial Officer to attend the UACPA Winter Conference in Salt Lake City Utah on December 15-16, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

7. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief – Nothing to add to memo, which stated that inspections have become a major part of time. The Greater Nevada Credit Union should be opening soon and all of the inspections required to this point have been done. Department training is still going on as normal every week, and there are three new people doing Entry Level to Firefighting. Further Jeff received a letter from Governor Guinn's office requesting his attendance at a special Emergency Managers meeting with the Interim Finance Committee in Carson City on November 9th.

Police Chief – Nothing further to add to memo.

City Clerk/Records Officer – Nothing further than what was in the packet, which included the changes to the open meeting law and a description of a minute maker program.

Chief Financial Officer – Nothing to present.

Public Works Director – Nothing to memo, this stated that the Butte Street paving project has been completed. Work on Pueblo Boulevard includes putting in the new storm drain and four new catch basins. Further the State of Nevada has done a sanitary survey on the water distribution system and everything went well. The garbage service is still very busy.

City Manager – Nothing.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Troyan asked if the decision on the government complex to the second meeting in December due to her going to be absent for the first meeting. Council Member Troyan further stated that she would be going to Eureka on November 2nd for the POOL/PACT Retreat.

9. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Reilly made the motion to approve the claims for November 1, 2005. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

10. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on November 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. A joint meeting needs to be set with the West Wendover Recreation District in December.

Mayor Thaut mentioned the Employee Christmas party on December 8, 2005; it will include a mystery theater.

Council Member Reilly made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer