

## **WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on November 7, 2006. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Fire Station. Mayor Thaut presided.

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

Others Present: Jeff Knudtson, Bryce Kimber, Aleta Kimber, Corinne Copelan, Jason Vance, Devan Croasmun, Dora Spell, Gary Corona, Ron Supp, Brenda Flinders, Leon Flinders, Keri Hillstead, Roy Briggs, Sandy Kelsey, Beverly Goheen, 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 Miera made the motion to forward the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2006 and the joint meeting with the Recreation District of October 17, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - \*a. **First Reading and Filing of Ordinance #2006-05; An Ordinance Amending Aesthetic Review Code, Title 7, Chapter 8, by Adding a New Section Entitled "Remodeling and Reconstruction" Which Provides Aesthetic Review for Remodeling, Reconstruction, Repainting or Resurfacing of the Exterior of Any Building, Structure or Improvement**  
Mayor Thaut read the above entitled ordinance and filed it with the City Clerk.

Jason Vance asked who was going to be the aesthetic review board and what the standards would be set. Chris Melville explained that the City Council would be the aesthetic review board and standards that are set in Title 7, Chapter 8 and by the submittal of plans of what is to be done. Jason stated that this was all done because of the painting of his business Va Va Voom and would like to see what other standards and code requirements. Jason further stated that Va Va Voom is grandfathered in but when eventually do change would be filing a 1983 Commercial Speech Action against the City to be able to paint building any color because of the aesthetic review is subjective to what ever you want. Jason is also going to make sure that the residents of the town know who votes this in and how much money is going to be wasted

on this. Jason stated that he has no problem following the laws but when they are written to specifically target a business like Va Va Voom he is not going to stand for it.

**\*b. Discussion and Decision to Adopt Resolution #2006-21; A Resolution Pertaining to the Issuance of an Interim Debenture and Revenue Bond for the Purpose of Financing a Building Project; Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Arrange for the Sale of Interim Debenture and the Bond for the Purpose of Defraying Wholly or in Part the Cost of the Project; and Providing Other Details in Connection Therewith**

Chris Melville explained that it has been provided by bond counsel and is part of the process. Chris stated that there had been one change in the last whereas, which will read as follows: *WHEREAS, such Obligations will be secured by a pledge of revenues comprised of up to 15% of the City's consolidated tax revenues received and allowed to be pledged pursuant to NRS Section 360.698 (the "Pledged Revenues").* Leon Flinders stated that this has to do with the interim financing during the construction. Council Member Christie made the motion to adopt Resolution #2006-21; a resolution pertaining to the issuance of an interim debenture and revenue bond for the purpose of financing a building project; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to arrange for the sale of interim debenture and the bond for the purpose of defraying wholly or in part the cost of the project; and providing other details in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**\*a. Discussion and Decision to Grant Extension of Unpaid Leave Through February 12, 2007 to Keridwen Hillstead**

Council Member Christie made the motion to grant an extension of unpaid leave through February 12, 2007 to Keridwen Hillstead. The motion was seconded by J. Carter and passed unanimously.

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, November 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Wendover Fire Station.** 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 8, 2006 to December 5, 2006.

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

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

Chris Melville explained that this was the first of two public hearings for the CDBG process. Chris explained the projects that are currently on the list to consider are a Physical Fitness Center, Florence Way Phase 2 and ADA Accessibility for City Hall. The next public hearing will be December 5, 2006.

The Physical Fitness Center has support from the public but also concerns with the center being located on school property. There has been discussion with the School District concerning this project and possibly get a letter of support for the project. Chris Melville stated that concern for the center dealt with the school being open to the public and access to the children. Chris also stated that the cost of this project is considerable. Discussion was had about possibly moving this project to a different location, maybe combining it with the Recreation District. Corinne Copelan asked if it was in the plans to make the swimming pool part indoors. Council Member Christie stated that it had been considered to maybe put a bubble over it instead of totally enclose it.

Chris Melville stated that the importance of CDBG funding should be mentioned to the Governor, Senators, and Congressman to keep the program going.

Chris Melville explained that Florence Way Phase 2, which would start with the upgrade to Florence Way beginning at Camper Drive to Mesa Street. The project is the continuation of the work that was begun with Phase 1, and includes curb, gutter, sidewalk, lighting, street improvements. The cost for the project was around \$600,000.00 and would include the purchasing of some property.

Chris Melville stated that the last project was the ADA Accessibility for the City Hall Complex. Chris explained that this would include any ramps, elevators and automatic doors for the new facility. Chris explained that with this project the City would already be making its match for the project.

Chris Melville stated that any projects that the public wants to bring up between now and December 5<sup>th</sup> can be brought up to see if they will qualify. Council Member Gorum stated that would like to see the ADA Accessibility for the new city complex. Corinne Copelan stated that a need she sees is public transportation. It was discussed that CDBG does not cover transportation, and that when transportation was previously provided it was subsidized by the Casinos. Corinne Copelan stated that if the Council really saw how important transportation was to the citizen's maybe city could work with casinos to subsidize a route. Council Member Christie stated that when the transportation services were discontinued before it was looked into and for the amount of people that were riding the bus a car could be purchased for each of the riders for the cost of the busing. The amount of ridership for the transportation services was provided by the bus company.

Chris Melville explained the current ongoing CDBG projects. The 2004-2005 CDBG project was the improvements from Butte Street on Wells Avenue to Wendover Boulevard, including sidewalk and lighting. Also the improvements from Wells Avenue to Red Garter Street, which included a new lane, sidewalk, curb, gutter and lighting, was awarded to Shelton's Construction on October 17, 2006. We have received \$100,000.00 funding for the 2005-2006 CDBG project, which took Red Garter Street from Desert Liquor sidewalk to the Red Garter, would have new sidewalk, curb, gutter and lighting. The lighting along Florence Way project is underway and should be completed soon.

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

Agenda taken out of order, Approval of the Claims heard next, see below.

## 8. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**Fire Chief** – Jeff Knudtson stated that he had given a list of incidents up to date.

Corinne Copelan had a question and comment. Corinne stated that she is amazed at the difference in the meetings between Utah and Nevada; nobody talks about the items on the West Wendover agenda. Corinne wanted to know if discussion was happening before the meetings. Corinne stated that nobody ever says anything unless its how good an event was, she wanted to know if they had anything to say about the information given by the Fire Chief. **Police Chief** – Ron Supp had nothing to add to memo, which stated that during the month of October the department responded to 449 calls for service, made 22 adult arrests, 0 juvenile arrests, served 9 arrest warrants, issued 109 citations, conducted 7 field interviews and served 99 civil papers. The memo also stated that the department is still in search of new police officers and dispatch. The memo further stated that the department computer system would need to be replaced; hopefully it will make it to the next budget cycle.

**City Clerk/Records Officer** – Nothing.

**Chief Financial Officer** – Nothing.

**Public Works Director** – Bryce Kimber had nothing to add to memo, which stated that the crack sealing for the streets has not begun due to prior commitments and lack of people. There have been some problems with reuse due to power issues, loss of two variable frequency drives and burned up wiring in the conduits. The memo further stated that Annette Slagowski last day will be November 22, 2006. The clinic project is almost finished, a handicap ramp has been poured with the railing and steps almost finished. The new cell for the landfill is currently underway.

**City Manager** – Chris Melville stated that CDBG forum will be November 13<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas and will there he would also attend an economic development infrastructure to discuss the grant that had been submitted. The grant was for \$350,000.00 for the infrastructure of the 81 acre land purchase. Chris also stated that Leon Flinders and Anna Bartlome would be on vacation November 13<sup>th</sup> thru November 17<sup>th</sup>. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> a going away lunch would be held at the Fire Station for Annette Slagowski. On November 30<sup>th</sup> the lighting at the City Offices will take place and on December 1<sup>st</sup> the lighting at the Welcome Center will happen.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Gorum stated that he does read the packet before the meeting so that he is aware of what is on the agenda. Corinne Copelan stated that that is one on one work and do not discuss anything at the meeting, have no idea what you are thinking. Corinne stated that the public wants to hear you talk about the items and discuss them. Corinne stated that it is the Councils job to discuss what is going on. Corinne stated that she has been taping the meetings for two years and the meetings take forever and nothing important is every discussed.

Council Member J. Carter stated that the candidate night went well, not as large of turnout as was hoping for.

Council Member Christie was interested if anyone was going to attend the National League of Cities in Reno in December. Council Member Christie asked about the police chase with the transport van. Ron Supp stated that measures were being taken so that this type of incident would not happen again. Council Member Christie asked what the new businesses were in

town. Anna Bartlome stated that most of the new ones were subcontractors and one was a change of ownership for the Chevron Station.

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

Mayor Thaut called the meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing heard next, see above.

**10. \*APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:**

Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the claims of November 7, 2006 and the October Hand Checks. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

**11. \*NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on November 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member J. Carter made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Christie and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome  
City Clerk/Records Officer