



## **CITY OF WEST WENDOVER**

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### **WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2010**

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on December 21, 2010. The meeting was held at the West Wendover City Hall, Council Chambers #137. Mayor Andersen presided.

Council Members Present: Bryant Blake, Roy Briggs, Emily Carter, Johnny Gorum and Izzy Gutierrez

Others Present: Dixie Melville, Kris Andersen, Kimberly Morris, James Morris, Casey Snyder, Jeff Knudtson, Bryce Kimber, Sondra Schmidt, Howard Copelan, Dave Wiskerchen, Tina Wiskerchen, Tom Bostock, Bobbi Bostock, Aleta Kimber, Roland Sharp, Sandra Gunter, Mike Gunter, Carla Loncar, Bob Loncar, Bonnie Gorton, Ron Supp, Lisa Supp, Chris Melville and Anna Bartlome

The following proceedings were had.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**  
Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All those present and excused are noted above.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Mayor Andersen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**  
Maria Ortega commented on the Wendover Ambulance Dispatch agreement, stating that she volunteers as a coach and the increase in fees will affect the teams that use the ambulance service. She stated that several other entities use dispatch and they should also be charged. She also asked what would happen if the increase goes into effect and then the bill is not paid would the City still dispatch the ambulance.
4. **\*APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**  
Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - \*a. **Discussion and Decision to Accept the Completed Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**  
Michael Michelsen went through the various audit reports, starting with the standard unqualified report, which is what the City wants to receive as part of the audit. Michael Michelsen explained that there were no findings as part of the audit. Council Member Carter made the motion to accept the completed annual audit for fiscal year 2009-2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.
  - \*b. **Discussion and Decision for Selection and Approval of a Project for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2011, and Authorization for Staff to Prepare and**

**Mayor to Execute Any Such Applications, Documents or Agreements as Necessary for the Selected Project and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville explained the four potential projects, which are as follows:

- Camper Drive (west side) – from KOA north property line to Wendover Boulevard includes sidewalk, curb, gutter, lighting, pavement, signage, striping, storm drainage improvements and retaining wall. Estimated cost of \$301,453.51.
  - Pros:
    - Part of current CIP
    - Part of Street Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan
    - Cost is reasonable
    - Satisfy a pedestrian need
    - Finish pedestrian improvements on Camper Drive
  - Cons:
    - Limited match potential
    - No other funding sources available except General Fund
- Florence Way Phase 2 – from Camper Drive to Mesa Street includes sidewalk, curb, gutter, pavement (two traffic lanes, bike lanes and turn lanes), storm drainage improvements, lighting, striping, signage, and acquisition of needed property, earthwork and removal of existing pavement. Estimated cost of \$1,090,469.67.
  - Pros:
    - Part of current CIP
    - Part of Street Master Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan
    - Would increase overall lighting in area
  - Cons:
    - High cost
    - Limited match potential
    - No other funding sources available except General Fund
    - Requires acquisition of property
    - Life of existing pavement still remains
    - Pedestrian access in area with the addition of paved walking paths (part of Florence Way Phase 1)
- Wendover Boulevard Enhancement Phase 1 (NDOT) – from Pueblo Boulevard to N. Gene L. Jones Way includes major arterial street width (two traffic lanes each direction and bike lanes), center landscape islands, lighting, curb, gutter, sidewalk, striping and signage. Estimated cost of \$1,373,648.00.
  - Pros:
    - Part of current CIP
    - Part of Street Master Plan and Pedestrian Plan
    - Grant funds already committed (NDOT \$650,000.000)
    - High match potential
    - Project under engineering design (per NDOT agreement/funding)
    - Additional funds committed through Rural Transportation Commission (RTC) in excess of \$400,000.00
    - Project provides fully developed street frontage and intersection for downtown property development
    - Extension of Pueblo Boulevard beautification/enhancement and continuation of City Center/Downtown Development
  - Cons:
    - High cost
    - Currently limited developments on north side of Wendover Boulevard
- Wells Avenue (east side) – from Butte Street to Wendover Boulevard includes sidewalk, curb, gutter, pavement modification, signage and striping, storm drainage, retaining wall and lighting. Estimated cost of \$531,470.98.

Pros:

- Part of Street Master Plan and Pedestrian Plan
- Increase overall lighting in area
- Provide pedestrian enhancements

Cons:

- Not part of current CIP
- Moderately higher cost
- Limited match potential
- No other funding sources except General Fund

Chris Melville recommended submitting the Wendover Boulevard Enhancement Phase 1 project as there is already grant money in place and multiple agencies are working on project. Mayor Andersen asked if the RTC funds came out of the General Fund. Chris explained that it is fuel tax that the county holds until the City determines what the funds are to be used for. Council Member Gorum made the motion to select the Wendover Boulevard Enhancement Phase 1 project for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2011, and authorize staff to prepare any such applications, documents or agreements as necessary for the selected project. Council Member Gorum amended his motion to also include the Mayor to execute any and all documents or agreements as necessary for the selected project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

**\*c. Decision to Override the Mayors Veto of December 7, 2010 Regarding the West Wendover Ambulance Dispatch Agreement and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Council Member Blake read his explanation into the record (see attached) of why he requested this item on the agenda. Mayor Andersen stated that the ambulance is a necessity, and that everyone can throw different numbers out there. Mayor Andersen further stated that he was not sure why this had not been brought before the Council sooner and thought that the veto was in the best interest of the public. Council Member Carter stated that the total increase to the agreement is \$2,500.00 and incremented over a total of three years. Council Member Gutierrez stated that it had been so long since the agreement had been looked at and hopefully this can be avoided in the future. Council Member Blake made the motion to override the Mayors veto of December 7, 2010 regarding the West Wendover Ambulance Dispatch Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed. Council Member Gutierrez voted nay.

**\*d. Discussion and Decision to Approve and Authorize Staff to Prepare and Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents for the Welcome Center Agreement with Nevada Department of Transportation and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville explained that this item would be forwarded to the next meeting.

**\*e. Discussion and Decision for Authorization to Participate with the DEA in the Equitable Sharing Program and Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Ron Supp explained that the department had assisted with Nevada Highway Patrol on a large seizure and all of the Nevada Highway Patrol seizures are run through the DEA. Ron stated that the department has been invited to participate in the same equitable sharing program in order to also receive seizure funds. Council Member Gorum made the motion to authorize the participation with the DEA in the Equitable Sharing Program and the Mayor to execute any and all documents related thereto. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

**\*f. Discussion and Decision to Authorize City Manager to Proceed with a Possible Ordinance Amendment for City Code Title 1 Chapter 23 Fingerprint Submission Code and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville explained that under the current code for fingerprint submissions it does not contain the language with regard to the issuance of "liquor licenses" and /or "business licenses". If the changes are not made to include liquor licenses and business licenses the FBI will no longer conduct the on investigation those applications. Council Member Blake made

the motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with a possible ordinance amendment for City Code Title 1 Chapter 23 Fingerprint Submission Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Ron Supp responded to the comments made earlier under comments from the general public. Ron stated that the ambulance service is the only other entity that is dispatched and that if a law enforcement agency requests a tow truck they are called out. Also the ambulance will still be dispatched regardless of whether they pay the fees; collecting the fees will fall to administration to collect. Ron further stated that the safety of the citizens comes first.

Council Member Gorum wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Council Member Gutierrez stated that a lot of people had questioned whether the ambulance would be dispatched if they had not paid their bill. Council Member Gutierrez wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Council Member Briggs wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Council Member Blake wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Council Member Blake also thanked Sondra Schmidt for the audit.

Council Member Carter wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Anna Bartlome reminded the Mayor and Council about their Financial Disclosure Statements that are due by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Melville explained that the information regarding the census was starting to come out but specific information regarding West Wendover would not come until later in the spring. Chris stated that the bid opening for the Waste Water Phase 2 project would be on December 22, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Jeff Knudtson stated that the Fire Department would be taking Santa around the City on December 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Andersen wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

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

Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the claims for December 21, 2010 and the November hand checks. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

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

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover City Hall, Council Chambers #137. Council Member Carter made the motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome  
City Clerk/Records Officer

In explanation of this item on the agenda I would like to offer the following:

I personally requested that this item be placed on the agenda in order to take a vote on overriding the Mayor's Veto with regard to the amended Dispatch Agreement which was voted on by the Council at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Though I did vote no at the time, the motion was still approved with a majority of the Council supporting the proposed amendment. However, after the motion was approved, it was then vetoed by the Mayor. After taking a step back and some time to carefully weigh the related issues after the meeting, I now feel my initial vote was not in the City's best interest.

When the original vote was held at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, I was in fact in favor of raising the Dispatch Fees but hesitated when Lauara Snyder insinuated that she would in turn no longer offer some services at no cost or reduced cost such as: CPR training, having the ambulance at school sporting activities and such. This should not have been the overriding factor in my decision, but it was, in my initial vote. If Mrs. Snyder and the Wendover Ambulance will, as she insinuates, pass the increased cost of the Dispatch Fees on to the overall citizens instead of accounting for this very moderate increase in the scope of the company's own profits, then that is certainly her decision, not the Council's.

Mrs. Snyder and others want the Police Department NOT to increase the Dispatch fees for a provided service, despite the fact that the ambulance service itself has increased their fees to the consumer over the past many years. The intent surely has been to maintain a particular level of service and a particular level of profit as a business which makes perfect sense. However, the Police Department and the City are not in the profit making business and thus do not have the luxury of building in a profit layer. We must look to ensure that we are covering our costs in providing a service and in particular it was shown in the last meeting that we are not. Even with the proposed increase in Dispatch Fees of about \$2,500 per year, we still fall well short of doing so. The increase that was proposed is very modest in comparison to the Dispatch Service provided and, it can help in the long-term maintenance of that service, helping to offset equipment costs, personnel training and other items.

In closing, I want to say that I truly appreciate the service that Wendover Ambulance provides to the community. Without it, many people would be put into potentially dire circumstances with regard to medical emergencies. But, when all is said and done, it does come down to the question of, do I support protecting the ambulance's profitability alone, versus the needs of covering the costs of the Dispatch Service which we provide to the ambulance? My answer is no. As such, I do support the Police Department's decision in increasing the Dispatch Fees to provide additional funds to aid in that operation.

Thanks,



Council Member Bryant Blake