



CITY OF WEST WENDOVER

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WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2007

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on December 4, 2007. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

Council Members Present: Roy Briggs, Emily Carter, Jimmy Carter, Jamey Christie and Johnny Gorum

Others Present: Corinne Copelan, Bryce Kimber, Mel Stewart, Robert Halstead, Margaret Wheeler, Margaret Halstead, John Hanson, Jeremy Thompson, Mary Lacy, Bernice Steele, Kathy Richey, Juha Saastamoinen, Jeff Knudtson, Dawn Hagness, Pat Fast Horse, Karen Crawford, Ruth Spillman, Ron Supp, Leon Flinders, Claude Fratto, Toni Fratto, Brenda Flinders, 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 explained that there would be a moment of silence for Larry Supanich following the 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 Gorum made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2007, the special meeting of October 29, 2007 and to forward the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2007. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATION**
 - 1) **Dawn Hagness, West Wendover Elementary School Principal**
Dawn Hagness thanked the City for its continuing support of education, including the recent donation of \$2,500.00 for the Elko County READS program. Dawn read a letter from Antoinette Cavanaugh (see attached) which discussed the City's continued support of school programs.
 - 2) **Juha Saastamoinen**
Mayor Thaut explained that every year she looks for someone who represents the community and this year the recipient is Juha Saastamoinen. Mayor Thaut read a letter from the Senior Citizens, which stated that Juha has united the group into a close knit family unit and shared his knowledge and passion for memorable times together. Mayor Thaut presented Juha Saastamoinen with a plaque from the City.
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

***a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #2007-03; An Ordinance Entitled “2007 Amendment to Sexually Oriented Business Codes”, an Ordinance Amending 3-4-2, 3-4-9, 3-4-10, 3-4-23 and 3-4-29 of the City Code**

Mayor Thaut read the above entitled ordinance. Council Member Christie made the motion to adopt Ordinance #2007-03, an ordinance entitled “2007 Amendment to Sexually Oriented Business Codes”, an ordinance amending 3-4-2, 3-4-9, 3-4-10, 3-4-23 and 3-4-29 of the City Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

***b. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #2007-04; An Ordinance Entitled “2007 Amendment to Flood Plain Management Code”, an Ordinance Amending Title 10 Chapter 1 of the West Wendover City Code**

Mayor Thaut read the above entitled ordinance. Council Member E. Carter made the motion to adopt Ordinance #2007-04, an ordinance entitled “2007 Amendment to Flood Plain Management Code”, an ordinance amending Title 10 Chapter 1 of the West Wendover City Code. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

***a. Discussion and Decision Regarding Approval of New Policy for the Police Department for the Wrap Restraint Device and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Ron Supp explained that this would establish a policy for the wrap restraint device, which would help with violent suspects and when traveling long distances. General discussion was had regarding whether this was a new policy, how many Officers required using device and under what circumstances would device be used. Council Member Christie made the motion to approve the new policy for the Police Department for the Wrap Restraint Device. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

***a. Discussion and Decision to Renew City’s Annual Employee Health Insurance Program and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Claude Fratto explained that there is currently an average of sixty employees in the plan, three in COBRA, and a fixed cost of \$216.10 per employee, a \$25,000.00 specific deductible, 50.32% reinsurance claim costs, composite claims are lower in 2007 than 2006, and total plan cost is lower in 2007 than 2006. Claude explained the proposed plan enhancements, which include rolling vision hardware coverage plan into the existing benefit, and rolling homeopathic coverage into the existing chiropractic benefit. Claude stated that the proposal from the insurance committee is to retain Big Benefits/Everest Administrators as claims administrators, renew with McEvelly as stop loss reinsurance carrier, employee contribution to remain as is, and City contribution to remain as is. Council Member Christie made the motion to renew City’s annual employee health insurance program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Briggs and passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

1) 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, December 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Wendover Library.** 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, 2007 to December 18, 2007.

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.

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 that there had been no new submittals to add. The potential projects included Florence Way Phase 2, Physical Therapy Center, and ADA sidewalks throughout community, Semaphore at the 410 Exit, Storm Water Master Plan, and water and sewer projects. General discussion was had regarding a semaphore at exit 410, sidewalks and ADA compliance throughout the City and to the Library.

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

10. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief – Jeff Knudtson had nothing to add to memo, which stated that he would be coming before the Council to ask to hire a full time firefighter.

Police Chief – Ron Supp stated that the only thing to add to memo is that Computer Information Systems would be in town on December 12-14 to start the installation of the new computer system. The memo stated that the investigation division of the department has been busy with three potential homicide investigations. The department is currently still trying to fill two dispatcher spots and one officer position. The department responded to 418 calls for service, made 26 adult arrests, served 6 warrants, made 2 juvenile arrests, issued 133 citations, conducted 12 field interviews, and served 85 civil papers.

City Clerk/Records Officer – Anna Bartlome stated that she has passed out new Financial Disclosure Statements and those are the forms that must be used.

Chief Financial Officer – Leon Flinders explained that the annual audit had been received and Ross Eardley will present it on December 18th.

Public Works Director – Bryce Kimber had nothing to add to memo, which stated that the department has been busy working on Christmas decorations. The street sweeper has been out over the past month and some work has been done to the street lights along Tibbets Boulevard and Pueblo Boulevard. There had been a water leak in Wendover Mobile Home Park that has been fixed. A cleanup project is going on in the Public Works yard. A few completed projects include the connection at the Pilot Valley Exit for Randy Croasmun; Humboldt Drilling completed test pumping of Shafter Wells 1 and 2.

City Manager – Chris Melville explained that the lighting for the City Hall would be on December 5th at 5 p.m. and the lighting for the Welcome Center would be December 6th at 5:30 p.m. The memo stated that the Leppy Hills project is underway with 70-75% of the trail roughed in, with a completion time of March. The memo further stated that Silverado Estates Unit No. 1 is still attempting to get bonding for the infrastructure. The resolution for the land sale of the 3.91 acres on Florence Way should be on the December 18th agenda. The plat map for Village One Phase Three lots is still awaiting some signatures from the State of Nevada in order for it to be filled and once received will then continue with its land sale resolution.

Possibly at the December 18th meeting some recommendations for the landfill, garbage and compost operations will be presented. The two agreements for the temporary fire station and court facilities will be ready to present at the December 18th meeting. The memo further stated that contact with the architect for La Noria Meat Market had been attempted but have not received any reply at this point.

Mayor Thaut stated that the trip to Washington D.C. will probably happen in the spring.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Gorum asked if the list of building permits was classified under service calls. Council Member Gorum asked about the memorial along Airport Way and if it would be moved when the improvements are done. Chris Melville stated that the memorial would be moved if the improvements warranted it.

Council Member E. Carter asked if the hiring of a full time firefighter would need to come before the Council or if it could be hired. It was stated that it would come before the Council.

Council Member J. Carter is pleased with the Santa's Helpers program. Brenda Flinders stated that the Tip for Tots would be on December 10th from 5-8:30 p.m.

Council Member Briggs complimented the Police Department for their handling of a situation at his work.

Council Member Christie stated that the Christmas Festival is going well and encourage donations to the Santa's Helpers because it is a good charitable organization. Also any donations that can be made to the food bank will be appreciated.

12. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Gorum made the motion to approve the claims for December 4, 2007. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

13. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member E. Carter made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Christie and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer