

**WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on February 7, 2006. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

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

Others Present: Jerry Malone, Heidi Lewis, Laura Grant, Corinne Copelan, Spencer Hardman, Jim Hardman, Tyler Hardman, Burt Parker, Devan Croasmun, Angie George, Brenda Flinders, Roy Briggs, Leanna Briggs, Ron Supp, Jeff Knudtson, Bryce Kimber, Aleta Kimber, Beverly Goheen, Kerry Robinson, Jared Carter, Jerry Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Sandy Gorum, 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 ALLEGINACE**
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 December 20, 2005 and the joint meeting with the REC District of January 17, 2006, and to forward the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2006. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
Mayor Thaut explained the street banners, which had been designed by Brooke Ward's art class. Two students participated in the program and each received a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$50.00 savings bond. The two students were Malorie Sorrells and Emmanuel Ramirez.
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - *a. **Discussion and Decision to Adopt Resolution #2006-03; A Resolution and Order Formally Adopting the Cooperative Agreement Between the City of West Wendover, Nevada and West Wendover Recreation District for Maintenance and Operational Duties and Responsibilities with Regard to Golf Course Water/Irrigation Distribution System(s)**
Council Member Reilly disclosed that she works for the Recreation District but will not financially gain from this item. Chris Melville explained that there had been some spelling errors that had been corrected as well as section B(2) the words discharged were added after

the first sentence, the other changes from the previous meeting with the REC District had been incorporated. Council Member Miera made the motion to adopt Resolution #2006-03; a resolution and order formally adopting the cooperative agreement between the City of West Wendover, and West Wendover Recreation District for maintenance and operational duties and responsibilities with regard to golf course water/irrigation distribution system(s) with the changes as noted above. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

***a. Discussion and Decision Concerning the Filling of a Vacancy on the City Council by Selection of a Person with the Requisite Qualifications by a Majority Vote of the City Council an Mayor, Who has the Same Voting Power Thereon as a Council Member. The Person so Selected Shall Hold the Office Until the Election and Qualification of His or Her Successor at the Next General City Election.**

Mayor Thaut stated the three people who had submitted letters of interest; they are Roy Briggs, Emily Carter and Angie George. Mayor Thaut explained that only one can be selected but 4 seats would be up for election in November. Mayor Thaut asked Roy Briggs if appointed what will his role be. Roy Briggs explained that his role would be to try to catch some vision of what the rest of the community will become. Roy further stated that the city has a short history and the people have elected people to represent them and opposing views need to be balanced to represent every member in the community. Mayor Thaut asked Emily Carter that when most people file for office they have a goal in mind and what was her goal. Emily Carter explained that she would like to see the city continue to grow and prosper and one person can make a difference, and would like to continue to bring that forward. Mayor Thaut asked Angie George if appointed what will her role be. Angie George explained that decision making; the Council makes a lot of decisions that not only effect now but the future to come. Angie further stated that the city has a lot to offer and the community has a lot of diversity. Council Member Gorum wished to thank them all for applying. Mayor Thaut reread the agenda item. Council Member Miera wished to thank all of them. Council Member Miera selected Emily Carter to fill the vacancy on the City Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reilly and passed. Council Member Gorum and Mayor Thaut voted nay.

b. Swearing in of New Council Member

Judge Laura Grant swore in Emily Carter as City Council Member.

***c. Discussion and Decision for Approval Between City of West Wendover and Wendover Casinos, Inc. of the Ground Lessor's Estoppel Statement and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Chris Melville explained that request of Wells Fargo Bank and the property owner as well they have asked that a new agreement be executed. Council Member Reilly made the motion to approve the Ground Lessor's Estoppel Statement between the City of West Wendover and Wendover Casinos, Inc. The motion was seconded by Council Member Miera and passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and Decision Regarding Waiving the Penalties for Room Tax for the Montego Bay Casino Resort and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Jerry Malone asked for a waiver of the penalties for late room tax, the penalty amount in \$3,102.47, and they feel the penalty is excessive for being late three days. General discussion was had regarding the purpose of the penalty amount, a one time waiving of the penalty if they have not been late before, and the purpose of the due date. Council Member Miera made the motion to waive the penalty for room tax for the Montego Bay Casino Resort. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gorum and passed unanimously.

***e. Discussion and Decision to Select Applicants for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities Youth Award and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Anna Bartlome explained that only two applications had been submitted, they are Chendra Arias and Michele Haslam. Council Member Reilly made the motion to select both applicants for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities Youth Award. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

***f. Discussion and Decision to Select Applicants for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities Youth Award Program College Scholarship and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto**

Anna Bartlome explained that Chendra Arias and Michele Haslam also applied for the scholarship program. Council Member Reilly made the motion to submit both applicants for the Nevada League of Cities & Municipalities Youth Award Program College Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Council Member E. Carter and passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

***a. Discussion in Regards to the West Wendover Government Complex**

Mayor Thaut explained that this item would remain on the agenda until a vote was taken in case anyone has any questions. Mayor Thaut further stated that she was not sure when a vote would be taken.

9. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Chief – Jeff Knudtson stated that he had nothing to add to memo, which stated that they have been busy doing inspections and calls for inspections have doubled since taking over building inspections. Current projects include Montego Bay, Peppermill Event Center, V & M Homes, Mesa Complex and several porches and additions. Jeff further stated that he would be going to Denver the first week in March for Building Inspector Certification.

Police Chief – Ron Supp stated that he had nothing to add to memo, which stated that during the month of January they responded to 433 calls for service, 26 adult arrests, 3 juvenile arrests, 20 arrest warrants, 90 citations issued, conducted 10 field interviews and served 64 civil papers. Two officers are currently attending the Police Academy and a search for another officer is being done. Work has been completed on the remodel of the evidence building. Ron further stated that on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. a community presentation will be done regarding protecting your children from sexual abuse.

City Clerk/Records Officer – Anna Bartlome stated that she had nothing to add to memo, which stated that 9 business licenses were issued in the month of July, during August and September 7 licenses were issued, in October 2 were issued and in December 2 licenses were issued.

Chief Financial Officer – Leon Flinders explained that the budget process will be starting; work will begin with Department Heads and then will be brought to the Council. The week of March 27-31 has been tentatively selected for budget workshops. Discussion was had regarding the week of March 27-31 being spring break; the week of March 20th was selected for budget workshops.

Public Works Director – Bryce Kimber explained that he had nothing to add to memo, which stated that Shelton's is moving along with Pueblo Boulevard and most of the sidewalk is poured. The new street banners have been installed and lots of compliments have been given on them. There were not any water leaks during the month of January. At the Administrative Authority meeting discussion was had regarding discontinuing the use of Shafter wells #1 & #2, discussion was had at that meeting to possibly transfer the permits and drill a new well. The clarifier at Reuse is in the process of being worked on. Bryce stated that the irrigation for Pueblo Boulevard would be done by the end of the month.

Mayor Thaut recognized the Boy Scout Troop from Ibapah. Spence Hardman explained that the boys needed a merit badge "Citizenship in Community".

City Manager – Chris Melville stated that Department Head evaluations would be held on February 28, 2006 for Jeff Knudtson, Leon Flinders and Chris Melville. Discussion was had regarding holding the meeting on Monday February 27, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the West Wendover City Office. Chris further stated that the City Center RP&P lease the BLM is doing the cultural work and environmental work, the land is approximately 160 total acres. As part of the RP&P the City would institute an interpretive trail for the Victory Highway. Chris explained that he had met with Dr. Craig Hill and Jay Jordan for a potential site for the physical therapy center. Chris stated that the Air Force ROW and BLM ROW for Airport

Way and US 93 the company that will do the cultural work has been hired. Chris stated that contact has been made on both ends concerning the Air Force property.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Reilly explained that she had attended the Nevada League of Cities meeting and discussion was had regarding two taxing initiatives. The next meeting date for Nevada League of Cities will be April 21. Council Member Reilly asked if anyone needed to attend the meeting in Fallon concerning some county land bills on February 25, 2006.

Mayor Thaut wanted to discuss the current vandalism and graffiti that has been taking place in the community. Mayor Thaut explained that graffiti has to be gotten rid of immediately and work was being done on the ordinance.

11. *APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Council Member Miera made the motion to approve the claims of February 7, 2006, December Hand Checks and January Hand Checks. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

12. *NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is a regular meeting on February 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member Reilly made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member J. Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer