

## WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2005

The West Wendover City Council met for a regular meeting on August 16, 2005. The meeting was held at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Mayor Thaut presided.

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

Council Members Absent: Mike Miera

Others Present: Kerry Robinson, Dixie Melville, Arlen Hallbacka, Corinne Copelan, Leon Flinders, Brenda Flinders, Sandi Gunter, Jeff Knudtson, Bryce Kimber, Devan Croasmun, John Hanson, Tom Stratton, Kelly Stratton, Ron Schmitt, Claude Fratto, Cheryl Nance, 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 7:05 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 had a change to the minutes of July 19, 2005, under New Business item g the sentence should read as follows: "*Chris Melville explained that a sponsorship of \$100 and a full page ad was \$300 for the pageant.*" Council Member Reilly made the motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2005 with the noted change as above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATION**  
Mayor Thaut stated that the presentation by Ron Supp would be forwarded.

Mayor Thaut introduced Ron Schmitt who is a Councilman from the City of Sparks and the President of the Nevada League of Cities. Ron Schmitt explained that when he was sworn in as President of the Nevada League of Cities he made a commitment to visit every community in the State. Ron thanked the Mayor, Council, Staff and Citizens for being involved in the Nevada League of Cities and National League of Cities. Ron further stated that all communities have a voice and that the cities participants help carry that voice.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**\*a. Discussion and Decision to Reaffirm Resolution #2005-15, A Resolution that will Authorize the Issuance of Medium-Term Obligations Pursuant to N.R.S. 350.087 for the**

**Purpose of Financing the Costs of Acquiring Land and Construction Related Infrastructure Improvements and Paying for the Issuance Expenses to be Incurred in Connection with the Issuance of the Obligations**

Chris Melville explained that this item had been placed back on the agenda because the publication notice for the Notice of Intent had been missing two items of the four items. The items that were not in the publication notice included the repayment of the medium-term obligation, where the funds were to be paid from, and the total amount. Those items had been in all the other documentation but had not been included in the publication notice. Warner Ambrose asked that the resolution be brought back for a reaffirm vote. Chris explained that the notice had been republished with the correct items in the notice. Mayor Thaut explained that a roll call vote would be done. Council Member Reilly made the motion to reaffirm Resolution #2005-15, a resolution that will authorize the issuance of medium-term obligations pursuant to N.R.S. 350.087 for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring land and construction related infrastructure improvements and paying for the issuance expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance of the obligations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously. The roll call vote was as follows: Council Member Carter voted aye, Council Member Gunter voted aye, Council Member Reilly voted aye, Council Member Troyan voted aye, and Council Member Miera was absent.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**\*a. Discussion and Decision to Enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Utah Test and Training Range for Mutual Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials Response**

Jeff Knudtson explained that there has never been an agreement with the Utah Test and Training Range and this is just the standard agreement for mutual aid. Chris Melville explained that Legal Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement. Council Member Troyan made the motion to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Utah Test and Training Range for mutual fire prevention and hazardous materials response. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gunter and passed unanimously.

**\*b. Discussion and Decision to Adopt Wage Scale with Revisions of July 25, 2005 per Nevada PERS Statute Requirements**

Chris Melville explained that this would formalize what had been discussed at the previous meeting concerning the quarter of 1% of employee's wages excluding the fire and police. Leon Flinders explained that after a review of the PERS requirements the amount the contribution rates are based on has been decreased. Nevada State Law says that if a decrease takes place half of the decrease must be passed on to the employee. Council Member Gunter made the motion to adopt the wage scale with revisions of July 25, 2005 per Nevada PERS Statute requirements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

**\*c. Discussion and Decision to Accept the Resignation Letter of Tom Stratton, Public Works Director**

Mayor Thaut read the letter of resignation from Tom Stratton. The letter states that the effective date of resignation is August 26, 2005 and that he is accepting the position of Executive Director for the Alaska Rural Water. Tom explained that the City has been good to him and given him opportunities to learn and excel in the public utilities field. Tom further hopes the department will carry on its course and when looking for a replacement will look closely at employees currently working for the City.

Mayor Thaut read her letter of response to Tom Stratton's resignation. The Mayor explained that it is hard to say farewell to someone who has had an important role in the overall success of the City. The City will continue to grow and prosper and that is the wish for you and your family. The Mayor further stated that Tom should leave with a great sense of accomplishment and when he is ready to retire to the place we call home. Council Member Gunter made the motion to accept the resignation letter of Tom Stratton, Public Works Director. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reilly and passed unanimously.

**\*d. Discussion and Decision to Authorize Staff to Prepare and Place Advertisements for Filling the Upcoming Vacancy of the Office of Public Works Director and Authorization to Proceed with Appropriate Hiring Processes**

Chris Melville stated that he needed to know how long to advertise and how much to spend to advertise. Chris explained the different costs for running ads in either weekly papers or daily papers. Council Member Troyan stated that the City needs to consider promoting from within and feels that Bryce Kimber knows more about our system than anyone else. Several members of the audience also stated that they feel that Bryce could do the job and makes good sense to promote from within. The Council also commented that when you start with a company you are trying to work up and should promote from within. Council Member Reilly made the motion to authorize the staff not to prepare or place advertisements to fill the vacancy of the Office of Public Works Director and to place on the next agenda appropriate action to promote Bryce Kimber from within. The motion was seconded by Council Member Troyan and passed unanimously.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**\*a. Discussion and Decision to Approve and the Mayor to Execute the Letter of Understanding Emergency Transportation Agreement Between the City of West Wendover and Peppermill Casinos, Inc.**

Council Member Reilly made the motion to forward this item to the next agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gunter and passed unanimously.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Troyan commented on the article that Reno is the 9<sup>th</sup> best place to live in the country. Council Member Troyan also stated that in 2007 daylight savings time would be extended, which included starting three weeks early and extending one week later.

Tom Stratton explained the conditions of Anchorage and thanked everyone.

Mayor Thaut discussed the tabletop exercises for the mock disaster and the next meeting would be Monday August 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for a non action Council meeting. General discussion was had regarding the mock disaster, including the setup of the clinic on Tuesday August 23, 2005. Mayor Thaut stated that the Airshow was Saturday August 27, 2005. Mayor Thaut explained that the sign at the Welcome Center would be a real benefit to the community and was funded by the 1% committee.

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

Council Member Troyan made the motion to approve the claims for August 16, 2005, June Insurance and July Insurance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gunter and passed unanimously.

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

There would be a non action special meeting on August 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. There is a special meeting on August 30, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Wendover City Offices, Conference Room. The next regular meeting would be September 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Wendover Library, Pilot Peak Room. Council Member Reilly made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome  
City Clerk/Records Officer