

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
March 20, 2007**

The Honorable City Council met in a regularly scheduled Council meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.  
City Councilman, Willis Swan  
City Councilman, Robert Erickson  
City Councilman, John Tewell  
City Engineer, Larry White  
Chief of Police, Russ Brooks  
City Clerk, Gary Cordes  
Assistant City Attorney, Rod McCormick

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 7:10 p.m. He then requested everyone rise to pledge allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Cordes advised the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

**Approval of Council meeting minutes for February 20, 2007**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the Council meeting minutes for February 20, 2007.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilman Swan motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for February 20, 2007 as submitted, seconded by Councilman Erickson and unanimously approved.

**Approval of Warrants**

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments regarding the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Tewell and unanimously approved.

## Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

No comments were noted.

## Presentation of Nevada League of Cities/City of Fallon Youth Award Winners

Mayor Tedford explained that the City is a member of the Nevada League of Cities. He thanked Councilman Swan for sitting on the selection panel for both the City and the League. There is a Junior High and High School Division and applications were reviewed and ranked. They will be forwarded to the Nevada League of Cities office to compete in the Statewide Rural Division. Over the years, Fallon has done well at the State level. He also thanked the parents for raising these students to be outstanding citizens. Churchill County has great teachers, parents and kids. He applauded them for their efforts.

Mayor Tedford advised of the results:

High School Division	Alexandra Pearce	\$500.00
	Amy Nygren	\$100.00
	Brittany Wilson	\$100.00
Junior High Division	Theresa Jones	\$500.00
	Sam Guazzini	\$100.00
	Dustin McCoy	\$100.00

Plaques were presented and photos were taken for the local newspapers.

## Confirmation of appointment of Nancy Newton of Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express to the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority

Mayor Tedford explained that Fallon resident Nancy Newton began her career with Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express in September 1988. She holds a degree as a Certified Financial Planner and was the controller for Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express. With the recent acquisition of the property by Full House Resorts, Ms. Newton is now the General Manager of Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express. The Holiday Inn Express was opened in September 1997 with an expansion completed in 2003. Most of us are very familiar with Ms. Newton, as she has been involved with the CEDA Business Council.

Mayor Tedford offered his appointment of Nancy Newton for Council confirmation.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Tewell motioned to confirm the appointment of Nancy Newton of Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express to the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority; seconded by Councilman Swan and unanimously approved.

### **Public hearing for a zone change for Bruce Homer for property on Industrial Way**

Mayor Tedford advised that this agenda item had been recently withdrawn.

### **Set a date for a public hearing for a zone change for three properties on South Taylor Street**

Mayor Tedford set the date for the public hearing on April 3, 2007.

### **Award Bid 07-4: Wheel Loader Backhoe**

Mayor Tedford withdrew this agenda item until further notice. Bids were not opened on Monday. The equipment that was ordered did not accept the needed attachments such as the jackhammer, plow, forks and broom. The broom is especially important to sweep up after public works repairs. The material is usually too heavy and thick for our sweeper so we have to hand broom it now. We are in discussions to take the other equipment back but discussions were not complete before the bid opening. So, in fairness to the suppliers, the bid was postponed.

### **Presentation of the Police Department Report for February 2007**

Chief Brooks respectfully presented the Police Department Report for February 2007.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

Councilman Tewell noted that moving citations were up and accidents were down.

Chief Brooks confirmed that there is a direct correlation.

Last week in Washington D.C., Mayor Tedford discussed traffic with another Councilman from the Midwest. It was agreed that dedicated turn signals help with traffic flow. The Councilman noted that a lot of communities around him are getting smaller; people are moving West. His comment was that he was glad his City was having traffic issues because that meant his City was not on the decline; traffic equaled growth and people who would stay there. It was a different perspective. They also have the same speeding issues on certain streets that we do. We just have to keep working on it. Transportation is such a strong issue that it came up on the energy panel that Mayor Tedford sits on. A new reference to global warming is "climate change." A representative from the EPA advised of a breakdown of the causes of global warming: 60% from cars and light trucks, 20% from medium trucks and 20% from all other causes, such as factories, etc.

Councilman Swan noted that climate change was also discussed at a recent Nevada Water Resource Association meeting. There is a straight line correlation to the climate change with the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in the 1850's.

Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Brooks for the report.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Ms. Christy Lattin of the Lahontan Valley News inquired about the pink flamingos on the front lawn of City Hall.

Mayor Tedford explained that it was a fundraising activity for Churchill County High School's Student Council. They are placed in front lawns and a "relocation fee" is paid to have them removed. They were placed at City Hall to raise awareness of the program.

### **Council and Staff Reports**

City Engineer White: Advised that the roll-off truck caught fire this afternoon. There were no injuries and no other property was damaged. We recently accepted delivery of another roll-off truck so service will not be affected.

Chief Brooks: Advised that the Fire Department did an excellent job at this afternoon's fire; they saved the rest of the trucks in the area. The Police Department was on scene as well.

City Clerk Cordes: Advised of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep Fallon Green event on April 21. This event can assist residents with clean up projects.

Assistant City Attorney McCormick: No report.

Councilman Erickson: No report.

Councilman Tewell: No report.

Councilman Swan: Noted that the Senior Center parking lot needs to be sealed. City Engineer White explained that the County owns the lot and we alternate maintenance. We included the area during the recent phase of Downtown Enhancement. He will bring up this issue at the Regional Transportation Commission meeting tomorrow morning.

Mayor Tedford: Asked City Clerk Cordes if the City had been enrolled in Employer's Trust for worker's compensation insurance. Some Cities that were enrolled received substantial payments.

City Clerk Cordes said no; we are in the PAC pool.

Councilman Erickson explained that the State worker's compensation program was in bankruptcy and Governor Guinn came up with a plan to privatize it and the State underwrote loans; which were all repaid. There was an initial public offering to sell the company and the original owners received proceeds from the sale. Ownership was determined by premium amount, claims record and length of time enrolled in the program. Those owners had the option of new stock or payment.

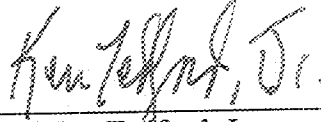
Mayor Tedford advised of a Proclamation that was presented on Monday to generate publicity for the drug prevention effort. Drug use, including meth, causes a lot of problems in many communities.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gary C. Cordes  
City Clerk/Treasurer