

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
February 17, 2009**

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, James Souba
Chief of Police, Kevin Gehman
City Clerk, Gary Cordes
Assistant City Attorney, Leonard Mackedon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 7:00 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 that the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

Approval of Council meeting minutes for February 3, 2009

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the Council meeting minutes for February 3, 2009.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilman Swan motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for February 3, 2009 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 Tewell motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Erickson 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.

Ms. Rachel Dahl of 745 Noel Lane explained that she offered extra credit to the students in her political science class for attending any public meeting. She added that four of her students are in attendance tonight.

Mayor Tedford welcomed the students to the meeting.

Approval of additional work under engineering services contract for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 project

City Engineer Souba explained that the City currently has a contract with Lumos & Associates (Lumos) for engineering design services for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 project. Lumos has completed the engineering design and the contract contains the option to retain Lumos during the construction phase. Additional services will be required during the construction phase of the project for survey staking and quality assurance of construction. He recommended approval of the additional work as outlined.

Mayor Tedford noted that this is very much like the previous phases of this downtown project.

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 approve the additional work under the engineering services contract with Lumos & Associates for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 project as outlined; seconded by Councilman Swan and unanimously approved.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for January 2009

Chief Gehman stated that he was pleased to represent the men and women of the Fallon Police Department with the presentation of the January monthly report. He added that the January incidents and activities were in line with previous months with the exception of misdemeanor arrests. There was a substantial spike in misdemeanor arrests and those are attributed to a surge in juvenile arrests, warrant arrests and an increase in DUI enforcement.

- Investigator Riley presented an indoctrination lecture to newly stationed Navy personnel.
- We utilized the Volunteers in Police Services for 65 hours and through the welfare assist account we provided five persons with lodging and two with fuel.
- The citizen survey results were again highly positive, especially in regards to the actions of Officer John Fisher.

Mayor Tedford inquired about the rise in juvenile arrests.

Chief Gehman explained that many of the arrests are attributed to shoplifting plus an incident involving shots fired into a trailer. He was not sure if the arrests are due to increased enforcement or increased incidents but there has been a surge in the last few months.

Mayor Tedford inquired as to the types of items that are stolen.

Chief Gehman listed electronics, earphones, DVDs and CDs as items commonly shoplifted by juveniles.

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

Councilman Tewell inquired if the increase in shoplifting was due to the current economy.

Chief Gehman did not think that affected the juveniles but one woman that was arrested claimed that she was supporting her five year old son but the items recovered were two bottles of alcohol and make up such as lipstick.

Mayor Tedford inquired about the citizen comment regarding a wellness check.

Chief Gehman explained that a third party requested the wellness check and once we had been there the party that we checked on did not want to be checked on anymore.

Mayor Tedford noted another citizen comment regarding speeding tickets. It is a common misnomer that it is a revenue generator.

Chief Gehman referred to the graph portion of the monthly report that showed many more warnings issued than citations.

Mayor Tedford noted that traffic seems to slow down in areas where tickets are written.

Chief Gehman concurred; now we have a traffic officer that can follow up on reported areas for speeding.

Mayor Tedford stated that we need to slow people down so children and senior citizens are safe crossing the street.

Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

City Engineer Souba: Bids for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 project will now be opened on February 25 due to an electrical redesign.

Chief Gehman: Through a grant from the Churchill Community Coalition we were able to order new radar units. These units are capable of interfacing with the new in-car video system, and can be set to display the speed of the vehicle on the recorded video. He was pleased to announce that several persons related to the shooting into the trailer have been arrested. One of the juveniles was classified as an adult and is currently incarcerated. The others will remain in the juvenile system, but are expected to be incarcerated within the juvenile system.

City Clerk Cordes: No report.

Assistant City Attorney Mackedon: No report.

Councilman Erickson: No report.

Councilman Tewell: Reported potholes near the 'Y' at Highway 95, Wildes Road and South Maine Street.

Councilman Swan: Reported potholes at the intersection of South Maine Street and Front Street.

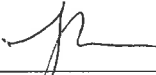
Executive Session

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

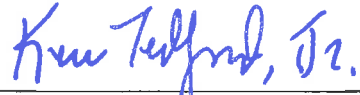
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes
City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.