

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
April 7, 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, Jim Souba
Chief of Police, Kevin Gehman
City Clerk, Gary Cordes
City Attorney, Mike 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 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. Susan Savala of 717 Noel Lane asked if the Chief of Police sent anything to Oakland or Pittsburgh regarding their recent police incidents.

Chief Gehman replied that we did not send any personnel and he would check to ensure that condolences were sent.

Mayor Tedford noted that he sends a note to the Police Chief in tragic situations such as those.

Public Hearing and input on proposed application for 2009 Community Development Block Grant project

City Engineer Souba explained that the City had previously submitted a 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for playground equipment in Oats Park and that application is on the approval list pending the Governor's signature. Due to increased funding levels, a second opportunity to submit CDBG grant applications for 2009 has been announced. The second round of applications are due May 18, 2009. Proposed projects need to be "shovel-ready" which means ready to implement and execute immediately. A public hearing is required to receive input for proposed projects. He noted that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Ed Rybold suggesting a project for recycling. He did not have further details. City Engineer Souba recommended a new pH control system for the Water Treatment Plant that offered better technology and less cost to operate. The pH must be lowered for treatment and raised before distribution. The estimated cost for this sodium hydroxide system is \$90,000.00-\$100,000.00 and would replace the current lime system. This project would be a benefit to all citizens in the City.

Mayor Tedford inquired if it would also benefit the Naval Air Station.

City Engineer Souba replied affirmatively.

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

Councilman Swan inquired as to the required funding match.

City Engineer Souba replied that it would be 10% and could include in-kind work.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Bob Adams of the Churchill Desert Defense Coalition (CDDC) explained that they are trying to start a recycling program along with keeping the desert clean. He proposed a program that would place 10 smaller bins and three larger bins for recyclables throughout the community, two part-time college interns and four high school interns to collect contents and sort bins. He added that this would be a 50/50 split with Churchill County and the CDDC is very supportive of this proposal.

Mr. Ed Rybold of the CDDC stated that they are trying to introduce recycling awareness to reduce landfill capacity. They want to fold into City Engineer Souba's efforts with the Western Nevada College environmental science class.

Councilman Erickson inquired as to the budget for this project.

Mr. Adams advised that the project budget is \$33,000 to purchase 13 bins and pay interns and people to supervise them for one year. The breakdown is as follows:

2 part-time college interns	\$16,519.00 per year
4 high school interns	\$13,911.00 per year
10 bins	\$1,800.00 each
3 large capacity bins	\$5,200.00 each

Mayor Tedford noted that the bins alone total \$33,600.00.

Mr. Adams modified his total to approximately \$70,000.00.

Councilman Erickson inquired, operationally, as to how the bins would be moved.

Mr. Adams was unsure at this time how the bins would be moved.

Councilman Swan inquired as to the locations the bins would be placed.

Mr. Adams was unsure of bin locations.

Mr. Rybold advised that the bins would be placed in some schools and throughout the community.

Councilman Swan asked if the locations would all be within the City.

Mr. Rybold replied affirmatively.

Mayor Tedford noted that he tried to get the Junior High and High School Student Councils to recycle and they were not anxious to participate due to the required sorting of items. They have separate bins but it is not working well for them. We have learned that when our recycle center was unmanned it received a lot of garbage. That garbage was not from City residents because they have mandatory garbage pickup. When we place roll-off bins for CDDC cleanups they are riddled with bullet holes overnight. We have to bring someone in on overtime to place the roll-off on Saturday morning. Roughly 1/3 of garbage received in the City is from the County. It happens at his business and he has seen it at the ball fields; people pull up and unload their cars and fill the dumpsters. We know it is not City residents because of our mandatory pickup. He inquired if the \$70,000.00 figure was for one year.

Mr. Rybold replied that he thought that it was.

Mayor Tedford stated that recycling is good, but there must be a way to not make City residents' sanitation rates increase.

Councilman Erickson noted that Mayor Tedford's comments were on the mark. The garbage in the desert is dumped irresponsibly and he applauded the efforts of the CDDC. The City has accepted their cleanup waste at the landfill for free and we also support it with City equipment. The bottom line is that urbanization outside of City limits has occurred and without mandatory garbage pickup issues such as this are the result. Sanitation pickup is necessary in the County. He concurred with Mayor Tedford's statement about 1/3 County garbage in his dumpster because he receives about the same amount at his business as well. The City has always had a policy to use CDBG funds for capital improvements, not a program with a one year funding lifespan. We do not want to create an ongoing program that cannot be afforded. He struggles with this because it would have an ongoing commitment. If this program is sponsored by the City it would be paid by City residents. He has always been in favor of recycling and City Engineer Souba is working with an environmental science class. He did not think this proposal fits; it should be submitted by Churchill County and funded by all Churchill County residents, not just City residents that already pay sanitation rates.

Mayor Tedford added that several years ago the City of Reno subsidized a recycling program at a cost of \$300,000.00-\$400,000.00 per year. Reno just cut their Police Reserve program to save \$250,000.00 per year. This environmental science class is making an effort. We receive calls from City customers frustrated with dumping in their receptacles. We just had our City cleanup event, we run a trash truck every day; if a City resident calls to have a refrigerator picked up we collect it the next day. We are still committed to helping the CDDC. He was not sure why this project was not on Churchill County's list; it must not be as important to them. It is very important to us. We need to review these numbers; City Clerk Cordes also

has numbers in a file. The Navy quit us and we had no support for recycling. People were used to having their cardboard picked up regularly. The Navy could no longer allow their equipment off the base and recycling got really expensive for us real quick. He added that Councilman Erickson was correct; the City has never done anything other than a capital improvement project. Ongoing programs need to continue to be funded after one year. He added that he did not think this was a bad idea and he did not want it looked upon as lack of support for the CDDC. We will still continue to help the CDDC.

Mr. Rybold stated that his group needed to research this proposal further.

Mayor Tedford stated that there may be other grants available that can go through the City or County for recycling.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No public comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

City Engineer Souba: Phase 3 of the Downtown Streetscape project will begin April 13 on Maine Street from Stillwater Avenue to Virginia Street and proceed south.

Mayor Tedford reminded City Engineer Souba to ensure that the intersection at Maine and Front Streets will be completed as well.

Chief Gehman: Sergeant Andy Reimold was the recipient of a *Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for Outstanding Effort in the Prevention of Underage Drinking*.

City Clerk Cordes: No report.

City Attorney Mackedon: No report.

Councilman Erickson: Complimented Mayor Tedford on his participation during Keep Fallon Green last Saturday. He had an army of youth and two truck loads of trash collected.

Councilman Tewell: Attended the grand opening of the Wolf Center, an addition to Epworth Methodist Church where Fallon Daily Bread operates. He brought a certificate that was presented to the City for their efforts as the building was also prepared as an emergency shelter.

Mayor Tedford added that we had the building wired to plug in generators for emergency use.

Councilman Swan: No report.

Mayor Tedford: Advised that we are still compiling data on our Keep Fallon Green event that took place last week. There were a lot of volunteers including high school youth and a church group and it was very successful. Some residents still seem unaware that we collect trash all year. We also need to look into a paint collection day, maybe quarterly, where we will pick up or host a drop off for old paint for residents to dispose of.

Mayor Tedford reminded that Rotarians at Work Day will be on April 25 at Oats Park.

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 7:41 p.m.

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes
City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.