

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
June 2, 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 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.

It was 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 Swan and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

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.

Adoption of Resolution No. 09-12: The City of Fallon's Identity Theft Prevention Policy

Assistant City Attorney King explained that this resolution will ratify and approve the City's Identity Theft Policy. This resolution was drafted to conform with Federal law to apply to covered accounts such as utility accounts. This policy ensures that the City is acting in a way to protect citizens that have utility accounts in the City. There are 26 "red flags" that signal a possibility of identity theft and are included in this policy. The Federally required effective date is August 1, 2009; however, this policy will be implemented immediately in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Tedford noted that this mandate by Congress puts another burden on the City Clerk's Office. He 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 Swan motioned to adopt Resolution No. 09-12: The City of Fallon's Identity Theft Prevention Policy as submitted; seconded by Councilman Tewell and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Adoption of Resolution No. 09-13: Net Metering Rider to City of Fallon Electric Utility Rates

Assistant City Attorney King explained that this resolution would be a rider to Resolution 06-04 to apply to domestic service. Since 1997, NV Energy (formerly Sierra Pacific Power Company) has been authorized, through the Nevada Legislature, to have similar riders. This is for customers that wish to install photovoltaic solar energy systems. A policy was drafted to allow customers to utilize this feature. The City had received one inquiry from a resident. This is structured to be equitable and not provide a payment/pricing benefit for those that utilize this feature. He added that Tom Parker of Energy Source, the City's electrical consultant, is available to answer any technical questions.

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

Councilman Erickson inquired as to the difference in the capital costs between a standard meter and a meter to monitor this feature.

Mr. Parker explained that two meters would be installed: one to meter 'in' and one to meter 'out' then net the cost. A new electrical panel would need to be installed as well. Those costs would be the responsibility of the customer.

Mayor Tedford asked if there were any safety issues for our linemen or any first responders.

Mr. Parker replied no; the two-meter system would automatically trip and would be flagged. The City would not install the meter system; only inspect it prior to energizing.

Mayor Tedford asked Mr. Parker to confirm that our linemen and any other first responders would be safe.

Mr. Parker confirmed that they would be safe.

Councilman Erickson asked if a journeyman electrician could install this type of system.

Mr. Parker replied affirmatively; but some contractors specialize in this type of system.

Councilman Swan clarified that customers can be on City power or solar.

Mr. Parker noted that customers can be concurrent on the system, deducting generated kilowatts from their bill.

Mayor Tedford wanted to ensure that this system would not affect the neighbors.

Mr. Parker explained that wind generators are not allowed due to their tendency to cause neighbor issues but this photovoltaic system is unobtrusive.

Councilman Erickson asked if \$30,000.00 was a current estimated price for a system for a 2,000 square foot house.

Mr. Parker replied that the price has dropped to about half that within the last year. The Federal government offers a 30% cash rebate upon certification of installation. This rider will allow us to be in step with Federal opportunities.

Councilman Erickson inquired as to the percentage of green energy generation that NV Energy must have in place by 2020.

Mr. Parker replied 4%.

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

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Tewell motioned to adopt Resolution No. 09-13: Net Metering Rider to City of Fallon Electric Utility Rates as submitted; seconded by Councilman Swan and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Introduction of Bill No. 750: An Ordinance Amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code Title 9, Section 9.64.010A Bonfires, Fireworks and Firearms

Mayor Tedford explained that he spoke with the City Attorney's Office and the Fire Chief. For decades the City has had a no burn policy and the Fire Marshal, along with the Police Chief, designate a two week burning period. Upon checking the ordinance, the Police Chief can authorize burning from sundown to sunup. This Bill should be codified because there are a number of senior citizens on oxygen that would be sensitive to smoke. Also, building density within the City should be protected. We have curbside pickup of all trash items within the City so there is no need for City residents to burn. Bonfires and campfires could still be allowed with the proper request procedures.

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 Erickson introduced Bill No. 750: An Ordinance Amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code Title 9, Section 9.64.010A Bonfires, Fireworks and Firearms.

Set a hearing date for Bill No. 750: An Ordinance Amending the City of Fallon Municipal Code Title 9, Section 9.64.010A Bonfires, Fireworks and Firearms

Mayor Tedford set the date for the hearing on July 7, 2009.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

City Engineer Souba: Advised that the Downtown Pedestrian Enhancement Project is progressing well. The South Carson Street parking lot is also moving along smoothly. He noted that it has been a pleasure working with the outgoing Council.

Chief Gehman: Noted that it has been a pleasure working with the outgoing Council.

City Attorney Mackedon: Noted that he will miss both Councilmen and was confident the tradition and standard of commitment to the City would continue.

Councilman Erickson: Noted that it was a pleasure working with Councilman Swan and Councilman Tewell on and off over the last 16 years. He appreciated their efforts for the City and enjoyed their friendship and company over the years.

Councilman Tewell: Appreciated assistance from the City Attorney's Office and the City Engineer's Office. It has also been a pleasure to work with the Police Chief. He added that he and Councilman Swan had a lot of fun doing projects together.

Councilman Swan: Noted that 16 years went by so fast with projects that included the New River Business Park and Water Treatment Plant. He appreciated the opportunity to work with everyone.

Mayor Tedford: Thanked the wives of Councilman Swan and Councilman Tewell; it was a long time to have a spouse serve in public office. They have been a great support. Many projects have been completed over the years. We have been fortunate to work together and be on the same page on issues to get projects done. He also thanked them for attending many out of town meetings on behalf of City residents. Councilman Swan and Councilman Tewell have set the bar high for the incoming Council. Thank you for everything that you have done for the City.

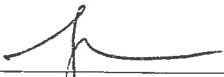
Executive Session

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

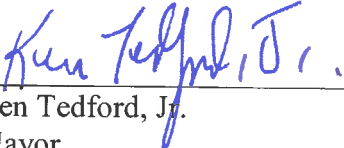
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Attest:



Gary Q. Cordes
City Clerk/Treasurer



Ken Tedford, Jr.
Mayor