

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
August 18, 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, Robert Erickson
City Councilwoman, Rachel Dahl
City Councilman, James D. Richardson
City Engineer, James 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 Special Council meeting minutes for May 29, 2009

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the Special Council meeting minutes for May 29, 2009.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the Special Council meeting minutes for May 29, 2009 as submitted, seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

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 Richardson motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilwoman Dahl 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 public comments were noted.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for July 2009

Chief Gehman stated that he was pleased to represent the men and women of the Fallon Police Department with the presentation of the July monthly report. He added that the July incidents and activities were in line with previous months with no exceptional variances.

- Officers and dispatchers participated in additional Spillman training and the detectives attended training in sexual predators.
- Investigator Riley presented an indoctrination lecture to newly stationed Navy personnel.
- We utilized the Volunteers in Police Service for 46 hours and through the welfare assist account we provided five persons with lodging and three with fuel.
- The citizen survey results were again highly positive.

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

No comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

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No public comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

City Engineer Souba: Opened bids for a water main extension on Whitaker Lane and the Surface Treatment of City streets. He is reviewing the bids and planned to bring them before the Council for award at the next Council meeting. Phase 3 of the Downtown Pedestrian Enhancement Project is making progress; paving from Virginia Street to Front Street is scheduled for this Friday. The original parade route, down South Maine Street, will be restored for the Labor Day Parade.

Chief Gehman: The officers have concluded their training on the in-car computers and are currently using them in the field. He appreciated the Council's interest and time to see the new equipment.

City Clerk Cordes: No comments.

City Attorney Mackedon: No comments.

Councilman Erickson: No comments.

Councilman Richardson: Noted that he was quite impressed with the new PD system. It links officers, dispatchers and supervisors at a tremendous cost savings to the City in man hours and court appearances. It will also reduce response times.

Mayor Tedford noticed that PD units are parked around the community more often since they can do their reports in their cars instead of going back to the office to complete them. People have remarked favorably about the increased presence on the streets.

Councilwoman Dahl: Attended the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Conference recently and noted that it is a fantastic group for the City to belong to and offers great opportunities for the City. She thanked Chief Gehman for the tour of the new PD equipment.

Mayor Tedford: Noted that the citizen survey comment in the PD report about water in the alley from a neighbor's swimming pool could be handled by the Public Works Department if it occurs again. We have a vacuum truck that can remove large puddles of standing water.

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 7:09 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Abraham Sadegh of 320 Lincoln Street approached the podium and stated that he would like to make a comment.

Mayor Tedford advised Mr. Sadegh that there were two items on the agenda that were identified for public comment and no comments were noted. It was also noted for the record that Mr. Sadegh was present in the audience for both public comment opportunities. Mayor Tedford reopened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to allow Mr. Sadegh to make his comments.

Mr. Sadegh stated that he wanted to express his appreciation to the Chief of Police for his warm welcome to Fallon in December 2008. He advised that he had contacted Councilman Richardson yesterday and had not yet received a reply. He asked Councilman Richardson to relay the concerns he had.


Councilman Richardson stated that Mr. Sadegh had contacted him regarding his concerns with the financial transactions occurring at the Churchill County Library's bookstore. He spoke with City Clerk Cordes and was advised that Alan Kalt, the Churchill County Comptroller, is the person to talk to regarding this issue. He called and left a message for Mr. Kalt and had not heard from him as of yet.

Mr. Sadegh explained that volunteerism is important to him and he had volunteered with *Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)* and *Americorps*. He had recently been volunteering at

the library's bookstore, working nine hours per week. He was uncomfortable accepting cash and checks for bookstore purchases without issuing receipts. He spoke with Churchill County Librarian Barbara Mathews about his concerns and, according to him; she was not concerned with issuing receipts. Mr. Sadegh felt that the City should have a say in the operation of this library and bookstore since it is located within the City.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Sadegh for his comments. We know that Councilman Richardson is following up and sometimes it takes a little longer when we need to seek answers from another entity. About 12 years ago he had to look into an issue at the library and he learned that the library is not only under Churchill County but it is also controlled by the State Library Board. The City does not have authority or jurisdiction over Churchill County entities.

There being no further comments, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.

Attest:



Gary C Cordes

City Clerk/Treasurer