

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
October 20, 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
Police Chief, 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 Erickson motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Richardson 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 Life Saving Award to Aaron and Courtney Edwards

Mayor Tedford noted that it was a privilege to have the Edwards family, Jorge Guererro of Churchill County Parks and Recreation and Churchill County Commissioner and Mrs. Norm Frey in attendance tonight.

California Highway Patrol Sergeant Joe Edwards was in attendance to present awards on behalf of California Highway Patrol Commissioner Jim Clark.

A 65 year old woman was suffering a major heart attack at the campground the Edwards family was visiting. Sergeant Edwards and his children Aaron and Courtney Edwards along with another off-duty law enforcement officer provided CPR and other life-saving tasks for 20+ minutes until medics arrived and Miss Edwards even provided further assistance along with the medics on the way to the hospital. The woman has since fully recovered. Officer Edwards appreciated the training that was provided to his children by the City and Churchill County that enabled them to perform these heroic acts. Aaron Edwards worked at the City pool as a lifeguard over the Summer and Courtney Edwards currently works at the Churchill County pool as a lifeguard.

Awards were presented from the California Highway Patrol and the City of Fallon and photographs were taken.

Request by John P. Higgins for an on-premises/unrestricted liquor license for JD Slinger's Steakhouse to be located at 855 West Williams Avenue

City Clerk Cordes explained that Mr. John P. Higgins has requested an on-premises/unrestricted liquor license for JD Slinger's Steakhouse to be located at 855 West Williams Avenue at the Bonanza Casino. All liquor is to be consumed on-premises. The City Engineer will require a building permit for any remodeling and the Fire Marshal will require an inspection before occupancy. This property is properly zoned for this type of use. City Clerk Cordes recommended approval.

Chief Gehman advised that the background check consisted of previous business dealings and personal references and all was found to be satisfactory. He recommended approval.

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

Councilman Erickson inquired if this license request was for the restaurant and the bar or just the restaurant.

City Clerk Cordes advised that this request is for the restaurant only; the Bonanza Casino holds the liquor license for the bar.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the request by John P. Higgins for an on-premises/unrestricted liquor license for JD Slinger's Steakhouse to be located at 855 West Williams Avenue; seconded by Councilwoman Dahl and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for September 2009

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

- Staff attended 88 hours of creditable training.
- We utilized the Volunteers in Police Service for 72 hours and through the welfare assist account we provided three people with lodging, one with fuel, one with transportation and we provided a new door lock and deadbolt due to a domestic situation.
- 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 referred to a citizen survey comment about a cigarette thrown out a window. He asked if there was a difference if it was lit or not, as referred to in the citizen's comment.

Chief Gehman researched records and could not find an incident such as that; he did not show the citizen receiving a ticket from our agency.

City Attorney Mackedon noted that it would be littering; maybe rules would be different for a lit cigarette near a forest.

Chief Gehman added that the comment also referred to a dog rescue but the incident for which the citizen received the survey was for a fraud report.

Mayor Tedford asked if the department still provided indoctrination lectures to newly stationed Navy personnel.

Chief Gehman replied affirmatively; they just did not receive a request for a lecture from the Navy last month.

Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Ms. Susan Savala of 717 Noel Lane asked if someone from New York came to Fallon wanting to bring a cheese factory had met with the City or County. She also asked if Nike was interested in locating to Fallon. She admitted that she had heard rumors regarding these two things.

Mayor Tedford was unaware of any meetings.

Churchill County Commissioner Norman Frey, sitting in the audience, advised that economic development is actively recruiting cheese manufacturers for our local dairies. He was unsure if any were from New York. He added that, many times, when a company is looking to relocate they usually keep it quiet so as not to upset their current location.

Ms. Savala said that she had heard about a meeting that was set at *The Slanted Porch* and no one showed up. She asked if Mr. Eric Grimes was involved in economic development.

Commissioner Frey advised that Eric Grimes is the director of Churchill Economic Development Authority (CEDA).

Councilman Erickson sits on the CEDA board and had not heard about that.

Ms. Savala inquired as to why local milk is not processed here.

Mayor Tedford noted that there are many issues; one is that California will not take Nevada milk.

Commissioner Frey added that it is not economically viable to support a creamery here. He offered to discuss this issue further with Ms. Savala after the meeting.

Council and Staff Reports

City Engineer Souba: Advised that the slurry seal project is almost complete. Approximately 8.5 miles of streets have been rehabilitated with this treatment. In the Spring, Federal economic stimulus funds will be used for additional slurry seal. The emergency sewer repair in the Mark Avenue alley is now complete.

Chief Gehman: No comments.

City Clerk Cordes: No comments.

City Attorney Mackedon: No comments.

Councilman Erickson: Complimented City Engineer Souba on the slurry seal project. The streets look good and the project was done with minimal inconvenience to residents.

Councilman Richardson: No comments.

Councilwoman Dahl: Received calls from constituents about weeds and appreciated the quick action to have them removed. She also received calls about the youth loitering downtown and appreciated the progress on that issue as well.

Mayor Tedford: No comments.


Executive Session

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

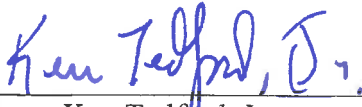
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes
City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.