

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA
May 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Cliff Eklund called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield
Councilperson Bob DeMars
Councilperson Jay Duke

Absent: Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner

1. Administrative Staff: City Manager Glenn Trust, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, Police Chief Bill Bauer
2. Present: Karla Jones, Fred Montes de Oca, Howard Wright, Robert Jensen

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Review, discussion and approval of a Special Events Liquor License for Robert Jensen, dba American Legion Post 32, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported the three items for liquor licenses could be grouped together.

Councilperson Bob DeMars moved for approval of a Special Events Liquor License for Robert Jensen, dba American Legion Post 32, Ellen Meshefski, dba Carlin Park and Recreation Board, and for the Carlin Equestrian Park Committee, and all related matters. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Review, discussion and approval of a Special Events Liquor License for Ellen Meshefski, dba Carlin Park and Recreation Board, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated this item was covered in Item I vote.

III. Review, discussion and approval of a Special Events Liquor License for the Carlin Equestrian Park Committee, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated this item was covered in Item I vote.

IV. Review and possible approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Carlin City Council on April 23, 2014, and all related matters.

1. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Carlin City Council on April 23, 2014. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the periods 05/15/2014 to 05/28/2014, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of payments for the periods 05/15/2014 to 05/28/2014, and all related matters. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. City Council Members' Reports.

City Council Members report on issues, concerns and events regarding Public Safety, Public Works, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation, Senior Center, Cemetery and other matters of interest

(Non-Action Item)

1. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield had no report.
2. Councilperson Jay Duke had not report.
3. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired if the Council meetings are always 7:00 p.m., noting 6:00 p.m. would be nice.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it is in the code.

VII. City Clerk's Report. (Non – Action Item)

1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson had no report

VIII. City Manager's Report (Non-Action Item)

1. City Manager had no report.

IX. Comments by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2C) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and discussion to those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda and identified as an action item. (Non-Action Item)

1. Barbara Wallace who lives on Main Street, read: Mayor Eklund and the City Council Members, *On May 26, Memorial Day, someone here in Carlin had been planning to have a Grass March Rally. According to a photo that was in the Elko newspaper, our cemetery looked really awesome and I might add "thank you City workers". My questions are, who planned this Grass March rally here in Carlin, 2. Why was the flag at the Equestrian Park being flown at half-mast to honor our fallen on Memorial Day and 3. Why isn't the flag that is being flown at the Equestrian Park 24/7 lighted from dusk to dawn, as required in the flag code, and 4 why did the Elko newspaper think the event was supposed to start at 1:00 p.m. and the three signs I saw here in town say all stated that event was to start at 2:00 p.m., 5 where did the information come stating that there would be 600-800 people in the town, 6. In light of the recent rally at Bunker Hill Nevada for Cliven Bundy, what would the Equestrian Park have a bar open? Those people were armed. I do not expect to be immediately answered, but I do think that in the future, the City of Carlin needs to think about the events that they plan more thoroughly. Something like that, like what happened this weekend, makes the City of Carlin and its leaders look silly, unorganized and totally unprofessional. Don't we want our City to grow and thrive?*
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund responded that Grant Gerber planned the event and that is a public park and we, as a City, have never refused anyone to have an event there. He stated "no one on the City Council was involved, except him and my involvement was strictly that I was asked by Grant Gerber to line up the food and parade route and have the Equestrian Park ready for the rodeo. That was my total involvement. I was not a supporter; I was not involved in the Grass March. As far as the flag being flown at half-staff, that was my mistake and we will correct that and it will not happen again. There were no armed people up there to my knowledge and it was very peaceful. I was out of there all day, no one got out of hand and it was organized and over by 4:00 p.m. The parade was over at about 2:00 p.m. to when they rode out at 4:00 p.m. headed to Battle Mountain.
3. Barbara Wallace inquired about the open bar "with the possibility of 600-800 armed people.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated there were no armed people, noting "when they called me to request that be open; I told them at that point there could be no armed people near it. That can be verified by the Police Department".
5. Barbara Wallace stated it was in the newspaper. She inquired about the flag being lit.
6. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they do not have the facility to light it up there.

7. Barbara Wallace stated it should be taken down each night then. She stated she did not believe it is Public Works Director Carlos Esparza's job.
8. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it is a Public Works job.
9. Barbara Wallace stated she was told by Public Works Director Carlos Esparza that it was not his job, but the problem that I have is that it is required by the flag code.
10. Chief Bill Bauer discussed the flag code, noting there is no penalty for not following it. He stated it is probably poor taste when we do not follow it, but that does not make it a criminal offense.
11. Barbara Wallace stated according to Mike Musgrove, who is the authority of the Elko VFW, the flag that is flown 24/7 is to be lit from dusk to dawn and the only comment I want to make is how does anybody who is expecting 600-800 people figure there is not going to be a _____ somewhere.
12. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they were not expecting 600-800 people, noting that was a figure given to me by Grant Gerber and "I told him there would not be that many because of the holiday".
13. Barbara Wallace stated there were 40 people.
14. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated there were 139 who signed on the register.
15. Barbara Wallace inquired that it was stated in the Elko newspaper that it was to start at 1:00 p.m. and the signs in Carlin stated it was going to start on 2:00 p.m.
16. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the parade started at 1:00 p.m.
17. Barbara Wallace stated she wants to see the town go forward, but to her this "made us look stupid".
18. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired what time Barbara Wallace got there.
19. Barbara Wallace stated she was there at 9:30 a.m. and then at a quarter to 1 and saw two (2) horse trailers and approximately 3 horses in the stalls and then we saw the teamster wagon coming in. She stated, "To me, it was a fuzzy, clueless and nobody knew what anybody was doing". She stated the comments in the paper were embarrassing.
20. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated, "Well I know Cliff worked very hard to prep the place and we were at the park and Cliff was there for about 3 hours 4 days prior to that trying to beautify the place and do things right. As far as the flag goes, the only comment I would have is I believe on Memorial Day it is flying at half staff until noon".
21. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it was his mistake; "I put it up".
22. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he is glad it was brought up and it helps to fix things.
23. Karla Jones stated *it was planned by Grant Gerber and Grant Gerber did not advertise it until the day before and Grant Gerber was the one who is responsible for the signage. Yes, we were responsible for this flag half-staff, but the Equestrian Park has always done well; it has always gotten good reports and the information we got was that their goal was reached. Every event that we have ever had in anything, July 4, any event we host in the City of Carlin there is alcohol and there is also the risk of having a weapon. You are going to have people who have the right to have those. They did a great job, that's my thought!"*
24. Barbara Wallace stated, "I totally agree with you; I have never seen any problems to speak of, but the bottom line is though did Grant Gerber in telling you guys to open the bar, did he say 'I'm taking responsibility for anything that happens'".
25. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the Carlin Equestrian Park opened the bar and they supplied the food and the alcohol and they took the profit. He noted they were asked to supply the concessions and we did that. This is no different from the rodeo where alcohol is served and no difference than the branding or any other event.

X. Adjournment. (Action Item)

Councilperson Jay Duke moved for adjournment with Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconding the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

CLIFF EKLUND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON