

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA
July 23, 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
Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Councilperson Bob DeMars
Councilperson Jay Duke
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield

Absent:

1. Administrative Staff: Interim Interim City Manager David Jones, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, Police Chief Bill Bauer
2. Present: Jody Hensley, Eddie Hult, NRHA, Tedda Hensley, Marlese Baker, Rick Anderson, Roger Anderson, Pam Griswold, Brenda Brock, Ellen Meshefski, Mariah Meshefski, Jon Gift, Ben Stevens, Melissa Stevens, Karla Jones, James Brown, Dennis Brock, R. Jeff Williams. Angela Hansen, Fred montes de Oca.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Eddie Hult from the NRHA (Nevada Rural Housing Authority) is requesting a joint application process with the City of Carlin for CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) Funds, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Eddie Hult from the NRHA reported this is for all housing \$100,000 or less. He expressed his regret about Steve Feasel's passing. He stated TICO Development has been working in Carlin with the Carlin Crossing project. He stated they want to bring affordable housing initiative to the state and here is a study that Carlin will get in two (2) weeks. He noted it shows that the City of Carlin is in need of rentals. He stated the rentals in the next five (5) years would be 86 and the for sales up to 50. He stated the study has lead them to believe that workforce housing is the major issue and noted that Carlin has had a 50% - 100% median housing, which is very high. He stated that Carlin has not been able to apply for CDBG block grants due to that fact that it does not qualify. He reported on how his Authority could help provide such rentals after approaching Dez Craig on the state level. He noted they inquired if the City worked with NRHA and TICO and brings the grant to Carlin. He stated he has received a legal opinion that this will work and read a letter from Dez Craig who basically reports that the joint application from Carlin and NRHA will basically allow the opportunity for block grant money to be given for a project, as long as it stipulates housing. He stated his goal is for \$40,000 to \$60,000 level rentals and there is currently a deal between the parties to allow the City Manager and Carlin Staff to do the application, which has to come from the City. He noted he becomes an applicant to it, a joint applicant and he would provide information and both parties would have to attend a 2-day workshop in Eureka in September, send the joint application in October so that it has been applied for by December 20, 2014. He stated the notice comes in January that it is funded for next spring.
2. Discussion was held on who could attend this meeting.
3. Eddie Hult confirmed they would be applying for \$384,000, for 4 acres of land to purchase from TICO, which stipulates in the grant that payment for a NDOT right of way, utilities, street, curb and gutter and entranceway into his project 800 feet off the road. He stated the idea is to

- put the truck stop on the front, on the backside, affordable housing. He stated this NRHA joint application will be done with the understanding that Carlin will do the same for use in the project.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated one of the staff would possibly attend with him.
 5. Councilperson Jay Duke inquired about the cost to Carlin.
 6. Eddie Hult stated it would be travel and the application will take approximately 40-50 hours total between the application and follow-up.
 7. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the City has to do the paperwork.
 8. Eddie Hult stated he would help, but he does not have the information on Carlin to do the application.
 9. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they would need assistance, because they are short staffed currently.
 10. Eddie Hult stated he would help and has attended the past CDBG meetings and they are not difficult.
 11. Karla Jones inquired if this was the same grant as the clinic and the senior center.
 12. Mayor Cliff Eklund responded affirmatively.
 13. Karla Jones stated that Heather Trujillo has been working with the grants and has already attended those meetings. She stated the fire department has been turned down in the past and Carlin cannot get this grant unless they partner with someone.
 14. Eddie Hult stated the grant will take about 60% of the information that Carlin has already provided and 30% would be the development they are doing and he stated he could get additional help to do the application process. He stated he had done all of the footwork over the past 6 months to ensure they qualified before they proceeded and he has two (2) legal opinions stating it does because of the housing void.
 15. Councilperson Jay Duke stated the footwork was apropos especially for attending these meeting to make sure the City gets the grants this time.
 16. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated even if they attend, it does not mean they will get the grant.
 17. Interim City Manager David Jones stated there is no guarantee, but the only guarantee they would have is if they do not attend, there is no way they would get the grant.
 18. Eddie Hult noted the last letter he received On July 21 stated, "First off, on the Carlin affordable housing development, I have done some research and the final secondary belief is that we would be eligible for CDBG with regulations". He stated this would include 51% of the tenants requirements. He stated they run the housing for 10-20 years that would be guaranteed to Carlin. He read: "This product we believe would be introducing to the basic set asides for economic development...We are ready to go ahead". He noted he talked to Mr. Craig who said that "one of the things you have, is that there is a set aside fund I can apply for." He noted he also told him that Carlin has not won a CDBG award in 11 years which will provide a priority in scoring. He stated that is why he feels there is a very good chance they can put this together. He noted NRHA is also backing the TICO development. He stated he believes they have the backing for this project.
 19. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they are anxious for that project to get going.
 20. Eddie Hult noted that the agreement he has with TICO, if this passes, he would be breaking ground in March. He stated they would bring in an 8-plex modular apartment that has been built for several places with a nice design. He stated the production would be around September to December. He said his board allowed him to fast track this objective. He stated they would know about the middle of January.
 21. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he is in favor of this and the revenue it would provide.
 22. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated if there are "any naysayers, it would be me". She stated they have done this so many times and been turned down and attended so many meetings. She noted, "I really do not trust this grant."
 23. Eddie Hult noted they have kept the cost within \$40,000 so they would not be competing with Winnemucca, Fallon and the Carson City's. He stated the component of affordable housing is a benefit because they know that it is needed.

24. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated most of the meetings have been with Carlin alone attempting to get the grant. He noted they were able to partner with USDA for the senior center and partner with the clinic to get the clinic built.
25. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired, “you are tying this in with TICO, what if something happens and TICO does not develop there?”
26. Eddie Hult stated, “The grant is awarded to you; the grant money comes to you. Hopefully we would have a three-way agreement for the application and details how the money will be used”. He stated he would have to build the apartments in another place in the town.
27. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated when they do partnership it does benefit Carlin.
28. Fred Montes de Oca stated, “You are going to purchase the land from TICO?”
29. Eddie Hult reported that they would get 4.1 acres, as well as they would put the infrastructure in. He stated that would deal with the water, sewer, and underground easements in that corner.
30. Fred Montes de Oca stated he is confused because last month they were supposed to break ground July 27, which is just around the corner and he cannot understand how they can deal with somebody who might not even get the land. He inquired, “How can you purchase something from someone that does not do anything and the City gets it back?”
31. Mayor Cliff Eklund explained that property is owned by TICO and that will not be coming back to the city. Eddie Hult reported that he has built 1,000 affordable housing units.
32. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a joint application process with the City of Carlin for CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) Funds, and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. Review, discussion and possible approval for Ellen Meshefski to request approval for water fun events in the park for the Coed All Nighter Softball Tournament, 4th of July, Carlin Sho & Shine Events, plus some fundraisers, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Ellen Meshefski of the Parks & Recreation Board and the Carlin Friends of the Library, stated she got everyone confused with her letter, which she did not intend. She stated since it is very hot, they do skate nights in the park and they had an idea to hold a water fun night in the park. She stated while thinking of that, they tried to get some money because to look into a water park/pool/mineral springs, something for water sports. She noted a pool is expensive and they have hit walls when it has been discussed. She explained there is a group of citizens who have met 6 times and decided it would be good to have a water park/pool/mineral springs that would bring funds in and pay for itself. She stated they have not brought anything to the Council because they thought they did not have their “ducks in a row yet”. She noted they have had a couple of the City Councilmen sit in at these meetings and they have given input. She explained there is a group fundraising and they will get “their ducks in a row”. She stated they thought they should get some money as they were told they would have to have feasibility studies, etc. She stated she called Karla Jones and said, “I heard you got a new water feature, would you like to join us on Friday when we would do a donation thing at the Friends of the Library for a water feature or something we can do”. Karla Jones replied, “Ellen, we tried doing this, but we were told there is an insurance problem; there are a lot of things you have to do before, because the Fire Department had talked to City Manager Glenn Trust with their water feature.” Ellen reported she then called Interim City Manager David Jones, who informed her they should come before the Council and they could look at the insurance pool to see what can be done or if they can do this. She stated they realized that they had water down for the 4th of July in the park, water at the 24-hour tournament, which is in 2 weeks, a little slip and slide and wading pool and the kids love it. She stated they also held it at the car show. She reported they then wrote a letter to get on the Council agenda to see what they can do. She noted if the fundraising is an issue, they can stop. She reiterated that they do have a group of citizens who are willing. She stated she kind of “jumped the gun” and apologized.

2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "We really love it that you would bring in the money; don't worry about it."
3. Ellen Meshefski stated she wants to continue to have water at these events and she would like to see more of it.
4. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported, "I think this got blown out of size. To do the sprinkler part is not something that is going to be a big liability to the City". She stated she has checked that out. She stated the kids just get wet running through it, they are not going to drown the kids. She noted. "It is not going to be hazardous to anybody, it is not deep enough to be a hazard to anybody. It is not going to be hazardous to anybody. I do not think we are going to have a problem. I do think we are going to have to check with POOL/PACT to find out what kind of rules we would have with it. I do think first of all, you have to know what you want to do first, because until we know what you want to do, there is not any way we can ask them if we can do this".
5. Ellen Meshefski stated they did not want to bring anything to the Council until we had some plans, noting, "we have an awesome group sitting on this committee and they all have awesome ideas, but we need to get it together so that is why we have not come to the Council".
6. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported she attended one of their meetings where they "were wanting a big swimming pool and all of this stuff going with it, but I told them this is a little bit grand to start with. I think we need to start smaller. We cannot start with a big pool because we cannot afford to do that".
7. Ellen Meshefski stated, "Right now, I just want to see if it is okay to continue to have our wading pool, slip and slides and other water fun at our upcoming events".
8. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated, "You have mentioned 3-4 things and several events, my question is what group is going to be responsible. Are you asking the City to be responsible or the Library for all of this at these different events or would it be the group that is doing the fundraiser or the one doing the event, are they going to be responsible for the liability."
9. Ellen Meshefski stated for the 24-hour tournament, it is Park & Recreation who sponsor the events for the Friends of the Library. She noted, "so we would still be under it, because years and years ago, when Linda Bingaman was mayor, we were blanketed under, but when City Manager Glenn Trust came in, it got changed where we had to come in front of the Council and they had to approve it, so they are under Park & Rec."
10. Interim City Manager David Jones reported that the item list you have now is from POOL/PACT; I have talked to them, but did not get to talk to their expert on this matter, however I talked to some very knowledgeable officials who gave us this list."
11. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "Until you decide what you are going to do, you are not going to need a lifeguard, training or any of that. These are the questions they have asked about and until you decide, they cannot tell you anything. We really need to know what you want."
12. Karla Jones inquired, "Who is liable if someone gets hurt, because it always comes up. I was not really concerned until we had someone get hurt at some 2-hour tournament and I was told when I called that they were not responsible and that we were responsible".
13. Councilperson Jay Duke inquired if they sign a waiver.
14. Ellen Meshefski replied affirmatively.
15. Karla Jones inquired "if they have waivers on the slip and slide, noting it only takes an inch of water for a child to drown".
16. Discussion was held on the liability of the city at the park.
17. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated the organizers would not be liable, but the city would be the "deep pockets" and they would be liable.
18. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated, "Typically the city is liable, but in the years, I have not seen that type of thing happen because they remove the equipment and there is also some monitored supervision. Waivers are a big thing".
19. Ellen Meshefski stated the waivers are only for the players.
20. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired about getting the children to sign.

21. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated it is a minor release by the parents.
22. Discussion was held on the liability to the City.
23. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated at the Equestrian Park, the event promoter has to supply the insurance at \$1million.
24. Ellen Meshefski stated when the Friends of the Library formed 24 years ago; they were put under the blanket of the City.
25. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "So was the Equestrian Park".
26. Ellen Meshefski stated City Manager Glenn Trust looked into it and that is when it became blanketed by Park & Rec because it fell under the park.
27. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated they are still "maintaining the 503 C with the state as Friends of the Library. I think that was the confusion and I cannot recall what was said at the time".
28. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired, "What are you specifically asking for".
29. Ellen Meshefski stated, "To set up our wading pool and our Slip and Slide during the car show and the 24-hour tournament and when we have 4th of July".
30. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he is having a problem with the concerns with the slip and slide when we have rock walls at the park on July 4 that people are climbing; we have rock walls at the Chili Cook-Off. We have all kinds of those things at the Chili Cook-Off and there has never been a concern".
31. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated the rock walls have safety apparatus in place.
32. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he wants to raise the awareness.
33. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "If we are so stuck on liability for our city, we may as well put our children in a box, because if we are not going to take the chance of them getting hurt on something and suing the City, we are not going to have anything for our kids. We cannot worry about that all the time, because we won't have anything for them. We have to figure out a way that this is not something that is going to be a big deal, because for them to run on the slip and slide cannot be a city liability; it cannot be that bad of a thing. If it is, we have to do something about it".
34. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he does not see the risk on a slip and slide.
35. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated, "Maybe at your next event, we ask that it be supervised a little better, make sure there is not horseplay going on in the slip and slide".
36. **Councilperson Bob DeMars moved for approval to Ellen Meshefski for water fun events in the park for the Coed All Nighter Softball Tournament, 4th of July, Carlin Sho & Shine Events, plus some fundraisers and all related matters. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Review, discussion and possible approval of a joint Application for a Special Use Permit for Sonny Atkins and Benjamin R. Stevens for a Tire and Repair Shop at 915 Chestnut Street, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired if it is a mechanics shop or tire shop.
2. Ben Stevens replied, "a mechanics shop for AC".
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported, "The Special Use Permit that was there before, one of the requirements is that it did not turn into a wrecking yard in front of that building and that did not happen. Would you be a little more vigilant with this in not allowing old cars and garbage piled up in front".
4. Ben Stevens agreed.
5. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "This is not an ideal spot for this to be for junk, but we need the garage because people are always asking for a place to fix their car that come off the freeway. We do not have anybody to do it. If you are going to do this, it has got to be so that it is taken care of, advertised and someplace good, and we can be proud to send people to and not just a junker on the corner."
6. Ben Stevens agreed.

7. Misty Stevens reported it has already been painted and remodeled.
8. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "I think what everyone is getting at is this is on the main corridor of Carlin".
9. Ben Stevens replied, "someone talked to us about that and we said we would keep it cleaned up without you coming to me, I have spent \$6,000.000 on that building."
10. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she wanted to talk to Sonny Atkins, because the young man left it and it was "horrible. They promised it would not get that way and Sonny was just as annoyed about it as I was, and said he would take care of it. We just cannot have that corner looking like it did before".
11. Misty Stevens stated, "We agree, we talked about as well. It looked horrible and we made plans to schedule accordingly and will not have the entrance piled up in the front".
12. Mayor Cliff Eklund confirmed this type of business is needed in Carlin, because "there is no place to go for personal vehicles and I happen to know that Ben Stevens has been working on this business a long time trying to get it going in Carlin. The main concern is not the business, but the appearance of the business."
13. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he sat in a meeting of the Northern Nevada Development Authority who are thinking about hiring a professional photographer to go to municipalities in the county to update our photo library for the simple fact of advertising and marketing." He stated it is difficult to attract people without decent pictures, noting he does not have any reason to believe that they won't maintain it or not manage it considering what they had to clean up. He noted it is important that they get the photos taken to use for marketing.
14. Pam Griswold inquired if there would be certified mechanics.
15. Ben Stevens replied that he is certified.
16. Pam Griswold inquired if he would be only one there.
17. Misty Stevens stated they would have another one there that would be working on his certification.
18. **Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of a joint Application for a Special Use Permit for Sonny Atkins and Benjamin R. Stevens for a Tire and Repair Shop at 915 Chestnut Street, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

IV. Review, discussion and possible approval of a Variance at 523 Main Street APN # 002-182-006 by three (3) feet on the 6th Street side, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Jody Hensley stated they are asking for a variance on the 6th Street side to put in a manufactured home for her mother. She stated they bought the smallest one that is considered a doublewide by Carlin requirements, but the lot itself is not quite wide enough by approximately 3 feet.
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the setback would be 15 feet.
3. Interim City Manager David Jones explained that they were currently at 9 feet, the Hamilton Street side does not need setbacks on, but the 6th Street side is 9 feet and they need the 3 feet.
4. Jody Hensley reported she met with City Engineer Tom Ballew who felt very confident with the variance because the street is so wide in the front and there should not be any visual impairment to turn the corner for traffic.
5. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if the west side has a fence on the property line.
6. Jody Hensley replied affirmatively.
7. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if the fence is on the property line.
8. Interim City Manager David Jones replied affirmatively.
9. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if the shed in the back would be taken down.
10. Jody Hensley replied affirmatively, noting it is a tie shed they share with the Brock family who have agreed and has already cleaned their part. She explained that she hired someone to come in on Friday and they will take it down.

11. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if the 9 feet is from the back of the sidewalk or the curb.
12. Interim City Manager David Jones explained that Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield is inquiring if they are going to have it surveyed before they bring the trailer in, because it is a very tight walk and nonconforming wall. He inquired, "Are you willing to incur the expense of surveying so it is properly set, so we don't end up here again for a variance for a different length.
13. Jody Hensley stated there is plenty of room from the back of the property line to the back of the home. She stated Tom Ballew gave her all of the dimensions and he said there was more than enough space lengthwise.
14. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated the sidewalk there is really in bad shape as well as the curb and gutter. She noted that she already has a bid for the project that they will discuss tomorrow.
15. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated he has no problem with the 9-foot setback; you are far enough out for a turn.
16. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired of the Brock's if there were any comments.
17. Brenda Brock stated they want the home there, as it would enhance the property.
18. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the repair on a curb and gutter is the City's responsibility. The sidewalk is the property owner's, noting they had just gone through this..
19. Karla Jones stated that is not how she read it in the code.
20. Jody Hensley inquired when they meet with Modern Concrete to discuss the foundation, because they have to sign off on it tomorrow, who decided if the curb and gutter gets replaced. She noted it is not in good shape, but it is there.
21. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the repair would be an expense of the City.
22. Vice Chairperson Karla Jones noted this is two different lots, would they need a variance on each side.
23. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated they would only need it on the one side; the other side is already 15 feet.
24. Councilperson Jay Duke stated typically they include egress and ingress of vehicles with variances.
25. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a Variance at 523 Main Street APN # 002-182-006 by three (3) feet on the 6th Street side, and all related matters. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

V. Review, discussion and possible approval of the selection of Mayor Eklund and or Council Members(s) to the selection committee of the City Manager of the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he has put together a committee including him, Jeff Williams, Rob Stokes, Jeanne Green from HR and POOL/PACT and it is up to the Council to select one councilperson to be on the committee. He noted that these meetings are to be under the Open Meeting Law according to with Jeanne Green, who he is meeting with on Monday to find out how to conduct the interviews under this law. He asked for nominations for a councilperson to sit on the committee. He nominated Jay Duke as there were no nominations.
2. **Mayor Cliff Eklund moved for approval of Councilman Jay Duke. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VI. Review, discussion and possible approval of the Indebtedness Report, Five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan, Debt Management Policy, and Information on the Chief Financial Officer, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Interim City Manager David Jones reported this item is an annual report due the first of August. He stated NRS 350.013 requires this and it is a pretty straightforward report.
2. **Councilperson Jay Duke made a motion for approval of the Indebtedness Report, Five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan, Debt Management Policy, and Information on the Chief**

Financial Officer, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Review, discussion and Second Reading of Ordinance 239 Establishing the Salary of the Mayor and Board of Council Members City of Carlin, and all matters related thereto. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported the Ordinance was read at the last council meeting, raising the salaries of the council and mayor after the upcoming election. He noted this would not pertain to Councilperson Jay Duke or Councilperson Bob DeMars until or unless they are re-elected.
2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner read: CITY OF CARLIN, ORDINANCE NO. 239. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CITY OF CARLIN.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it raises the City Council Members to \$175.00 a month and the Mayor to \$385.00 per month.
4. **Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of Ordinance 239 Establishing the Salary of the Mayor and Board of Council Members City of Carlin, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

VIII. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the periods 07/09/2014 to 07/23/2014, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of payments for the periods 07/09/2014 to 07/23/2014, and all related matters. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

IX. 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 reported the Lion's Club is donating two benches to the City, one for Boomer Simpkins and the other for Steve Feasel in their memory. He stated they are asking that the one for Steve Feasel be at Chinese Gardens and Boomer Simpkins at the City Park.
2. Councilperson Jay Duke reported he attended the Northern Nevada Regional Authority meeting today.
3. Councilperson Bob DeMars reported that everyone has probably noted the Huntley's dig has been filled in.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they are not allowed to discuss the issue as it is in litigation.
5. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner had no report.
6. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported that Chief Bauer has tendered his resignation and has agreed to stay with the City until they find a replacement or a substitute for the Police Department. He stated he discussed this with Chief Bauer and spoke to Jim Pitts, Elko County Sheriff and solicited a proposal from Sheriff Pitts. He stated it was too late to put it on the agenda, but he is relaying the proposal to the council, which gives four (4) options. He stated those are: to promote from within the police force for the Chief of Police; hire the Sheriff's Department; hire a Chief of Police from outside or unincorporated the City, because as an incorporated city has to have a police force.
7. Councilperson Jay Duke stated hiring from within might not be the first opportunity, as a backup use the Sheriff's offer as an option.

8. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the Council would be provided with all the information to make an educated decision. He stated they have an officer who is qualified with a little training and is well liked within the community. He stated the other option is to hire from outside.
9. Pam Griswold inquired what would happen if they unincorporated Carlin.
10. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it would be an automatic for the Sheriff's Department to take over.
11. Pam Griswold inquired what other things would happen if the city was unincorporated.
12. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they would not have a City Council, your own Police Department; the County would manage the City. He stated none of the council are not considering this option seriously. He reported he and City Manager Glenn Trust went to the Elko City Council where they were discussing the sage grouse issue and the land proposals. He reported that Senators Heller and Reid have attached the Carlin Lands Bill, the Lovelock Lands Bill, and all the rest of the lands bills within the state to the Sage Grouse Bill that they are proposing.
13. Councilperson Jay Duke stated it is called the "Sage Grouse Listing as an Endangered Species".
14. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it puts almost 140,000 acres of land within Elko County in addition to about 1 million acres that they already have into a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). He noted the bill gives the Secretary of the Interior the authority to just declare a wilderness area without the Congress. He noted he was asked if Carlin was pulling out and he told them he did not think they had that choice because they are so landlocked in Carlin. He stated this bill holds them hostage; they either go for the sage grouse listing or give up our lands bill. He noted it is something the Council needs to discuss. He would like to bring people who have studied this bill in from the County.
15. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "It is a double-edged sword" for many of the industries in this area.
16. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the bill has the potential of affecting the entire United States.
17. Karla Jones commented that there is currently a wild land fire in Jiggs and the only thing that the firefighters can do is sit on the sidelines of the fire waiting to dump on that protected area. She suggested they could talk to some of the people with NDF for more information.
18. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he would like to have someone who is well versed in this come to the Council to speak. He stated they need to know how to proceed.
19. Jeff Williams, Elko County Commissioner, stated this is the second go-round of the bill and the first one was just as bad as this one, because they keep trimming it down. He stated he can get Randy Brown, Elko City Assistant Manager, to come to the next meeting. He noted the real problem is that they are taking wilderness study areas and turning them over. He stated the hope is that they could get the listing changed, but if it is in wilderness designation, it will never change. He stated, "It is a horrible bill". He stated they tie things like this to a bill in order to get different state entities to support it. He stated, at some point in time the people have to tell them how bad this is.
20. Councilperson Jay Duke stated the US Fish and Wildlife is in disagreement with that bill; their numbers do not match, etc.
21. Jeff Williams stated either way it is not good.
22. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the BLM manager in Battle Mountain had shut down the grazing of 6 families and he explained his reason for doing this was that he did not want the habitat to be destroyed. He stated they are using the sage grouse as an excuse to get grazing off the rangeland. He stated next they would go after the mining and recreation.
23. Jeff Williams stated they just got word from Doug Furtado issued a directive to those ranchers that they could put their cattle on the ground for a period of time and today he has given them seven (7) days to get their cows off. He explained the fencing on those areas and explained the ranchers have no place to put their cattle, and they cannot sell them. He stated the cheat grass is as high as a desk just waiting to burn.
24. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated Grant Gerber told him he had been invited to testify about BLM bullying practices in the Western US. He stated the managers in the Elko District have not been bothering the ranchers, stating he is glad to hear that they have a good association with

them. He stated there used to be 50+ ranches in Clark County and it is down to one. He noted this is as serious as a listing like this can get.

25. Pam Griswold stated there is still a hunting season for sage grouse in Nevada.
26. Jeff Williams stated recreation in Elko County is a multimillion-dollar business. He stated there will be seasonal shut downs in some areas with the sage grouse listing and it will affect every aspect of recreation.
27. Pam Griswold stated she would like to see a letter writing campaign to Dean Heller saying "shame on you". She inquired if that would help.
28. Jeff Williams stated in talking to Mr. Heller, he is saying that they have to give in a little bit to get something more reasonable. He stated he disagrees.
29. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she thinks that most of the people do not understand this and "9 out of 10 people are willing to vote for it".
30. Jon Gift inquired if there was any more discussion on the reader board being put up.
31. Mayor Cliff Eklund requested that Mr. Brown be contacted to attend the Council.
32. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he would like all of the Council to attend.
33. Jeff Williams stated he would talk to Mr. Brown.

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

1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson had no report.

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

1. Interim City Manager David Jones had no report.

XII.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. Rick Anderson stated he has a lot of stuff, but tries to keep his property "clean and nice". He stated he had a complaint about a week ago and received a warning; he called Josh Gallegos who was very professional and told him what the warning was. He noted at that time, he started looking at some of the codes: the nuisance and sanitation codes. He noted people in town need to clean up their messes. He noted he went about ¼ mile around his house and found numerous places that are filled with weeds. He stated if he gets one complaint coming to him, is that all he has to do is complain about somebody, because the code says the City Council has the authority to deem these a nuisance or a fire hazard. He stated it looks like a junkyard and you drive down there and there is brush lying all over. He stated by the apartments they need to contact them and hold them to the code. "I am being held to the code; I took care of the problem and Josh was real professional about it. Everybody in this town knows who these people are who make our city look bad. People coming into town don't remember how nice it looks, they remember all the junk lying around. The trailer parks, one right across from the firehouse, is a mess. If there were a sidewalk, they would be parked on it. I would like to see it cleaned up. He stated this Codebook deems a lot of stuff unhealthy, fire hazards, a section that tells that brush can draw snakes, mice and spiders. These are unhealthy to kids running around, and everybody. What can we do about this? I was always told that there was no way to make people clean up; looking at this, this is a way to do it. If you want, I have pictures and you can decide if I am wrong or right on some of these properties. We need to start taking care of it".
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund agreed and every time we try and do something, we don't get the people who try to keep their property clean. He stated we can fill this place with people who do not want to abide by the Code, complaining that they have lived in Carlin a long time". He inquired, "How many time do we have people here complaining because Josh Gallegos is enforcing the Code".

3. Rick Anderson the code states your first, second or third offense, you need to make these people do it. I am disgusted with it, because I tried and one person complained and I know who it is". He stated the roads are going to deteriorate further if we do not do something with them. He stated he does not know how the City works with that, how the budget is.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they started a long-term plan last year on rejuvenating the streets and identified the five (5) worst streets in town. He noted they are going to do the same thing this year, but the State has cut our revenues.
5. Rick Anderson stated, "This kind of stuff is clean-up stuff".
6. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the City provides one week every year free garbage disposal and crews out helping people clean up their yards and it still does not get cleaned up".
7. Rick Anderson stated, "The trailer parks – this starts out with the tenant, goes to the owner of the property who is responsible. You have trailer parks here I would not dare live in. There is one up behind the State Cafe; it is a mess and the people who live there have the right to their health and safety and you would think the owner of that would clean that up. He stated, "You need to make these people do it! According to the Code you put a red tag on it and follow up with the next one".
8. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she had a lady call her to ask why the clean up week is not held later like now.
9. Rick Anderson stated, "Clean Up Week is for those people who cannot do it on their own".
10. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "That is not how it works out.
11. Rick Anderson stated, "So what you are telling me is that I do not have to follow the code. The warning I got, I can just blow it off. Do I clean that up or do we ..."
12. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "Your point is well taken. Code enforcement is in place for a reason".
13. Rick Anderson stated he did not realize some of this until he got the Code Book and started reading it.
14. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "We did start and that is what we have Josh doing".
15. Rick Anderson stated, "Maybe we need to help him as citizens".
16. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "You are 100% correct".
17. Rick Anderson inquired, "Well what are we going to do?"
18. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated Josh should be tougher and stronger with the people.
19. Rick Anderson stated every street has something in this book. He noted that the property has to look nice and presentable.
20. Roger Anderson stated you are talking about my taxes to pay your wages; it costs me more money, but if I want to be a dump they are going to start coming down on me. If I pay less than you for a dump next to me, I am going to start building a junkyard if the City is not going to help clean up this town
21. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "You are right. We are faced with a situation here that all across the nation – time, goals, priorities, family and what's most important to us. Everyone is faced with those issues. I agree 100%; but we need to line up those priorities with the time. He stated, "We have Josh and he does a pretty good job with the direction he has had and he is young. It is guys like you or like me that do not have any time and we have other priorities, but if we take one day a month and ride with him when he goes out to enforces this and stops by 10 houses in a row and says you need to clean and help him. Maybe that is what it takes".
22. Chief Bill Bauer stated, "This is a soapbox that I have gotten on so many times and I will do it again. You are absolutely right when you said all you do is complain. Josh is one guy; he has not only code compliance, but animal control, which is also a horrendous job and he is one person. You made a good tour and I heard Josh's side and it is absolutely true that Rick was super about it and solved the problem. You took a ¼ mile turn and you found a bunch of violations, give them to us. If you give them to us, I will personally guarantee you that I will give him

23. the direction to go to these places and address those issues. If we can get every citizen to do that and to take the time to help government to do what it does and this is to govern and help us do what you want us to do in areas that we miss. We do miss them. All of a sudden people begin to realize that it is not just the cops and just the Council that cares, but the citizens that care. All of a sudden, they will go ‘wow’ we need to clean up. One of the problems we have is a lot of people who live in this town are tenants; they do not own the property and do not have a commitment to that property. They just pay their rent and say I am going to go out on my 4-wheeler and do this. I don’t care about my yard; it is the landlord’s. When the landlord comes back to us and says, “I am the landlord and I am not responsible for that tenant and they try to throw it back on the City. But when we work collectively together with the Code, we can resolve it, but it takes all of us working together to do that.”
24. Rick Anderson stated he agrees they all need to do it, even the people sitting on the Council. He stated he would give pictures if he needs to.
25. Roger Anderson stated people who own the trailer courts can up the rent for clean up or they can get a discount. He stated, “That is a cop-out to just say I am not going to do it.”
26. Jon Gift stated Rick has one of the cleanest properties and I really cannot understand them writing him up for something.
27. Chief Bauer gave out packets that detailed some of the options that Mayor Cliff Eklund mentioned about the Police Chief.

XIII. Adjournment. (Action Item)

Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for adjournment with Councilperson Jay Duke seconding the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

CLIFF EKLUND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON