

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 S 8th Street
Carlin, NV
July 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield
Councilperson Bob DeMars
Councilperson Pam Griswold

Absent: Councilperson Jay Duke

1. Administrative Staff: City Manager David Jones, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, City Engineer Tom Ballew. Police Chief Dennis Fobes
2. Present: Thomas Burney, Robert Jess, Rick Anderson, Roger Anderson, Floyd Davey, Taylor Martin, Paul Tanguay

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Comment by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2C) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and discussion of 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. Thomas Burney stated he just got his trailer from the shooting range and Newmont did an “awesome” job on the gun range. Their interns cleaned it up.
2. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she went out to see what it looked like and was impressed with the job.
3. Thomas Burney stated there is another plus, code enforcement officer took care of a problem. He inquired about the refrigerators and putting them in the City or Wells Rural Electric yard. His question did not get answered, but the refrigerators got picked up the following week. There was another one (1) put out and I thought it would be there for 4-5 months. It disappeared during Clean-Up week.
4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated people can get money from Wells Rural Electric if they sign the paper themselves.
5. Thomas Burney stated he would j
6. there are seven (7) refrigerators and six (6) freezers at present and Elko Sanitation is going to give us a pick-up date.
7. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the problem is that Wells Rural Electric cannot take them until they have eight (8).
9. Tom Burney stated he thinks the City can do better than letting them sit in the alleys and streets. There was a discussion about ATV ordinance when Chief Bauer was here.
10. Chief Dennis Fobes stated they are waiting for the NDOT to give them a right-of-way.
11. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated they could not be kept the refrigerators and freezers in the city yard because of the EPA ust like to see something done.

12. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated.
13. Floyd Davey, Carlin Police Department Officer, reported there were “2,379 calls year to-date. These stats are between June 24, and July 7. We have had 246 calls, 101 traffic stops, from those stops we had seven (7) citations, performed 31 agency assists with NHP and CVFD. There have been 13 arrests. We only have one (1) officer on at a time, so when we have a new arrest it takes 2-3 hours. If there is a DUI, you can have another hour on top of that and there is a report that goes with it. It is important that the Council knows that every time we arrest someone, there is 2-3 hours that the City does not have an officer on duty. My numbers are based on 11 arrests, which is a minimum of 33 hours with police coverage. Four (4) were during daytime hours. A report can take anywhere from 45 minutes to 6 hours depending on what is going on. If there is evidence, it has to be photographed, catalogued and maintain a chain of custody. We try to call out an officer if there is a tow. A lot of the time, we do not have available officers. We are fortunate to have Chief Fobes because he will come out, sometimes from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., and will also be in first thing in the morning. We had 21 reports generated to the Police Department and 3 reports generated through our code enforcement. The past two weeks that has been parking and has been a problem this time of year, which chokes up the streets. Parking on the wrong side of the road, blocking access to hydrants, several break-downs. We leave warnings and if they are not heeded, we cite it, then if it is not moved within 72 hours, we tow it. We had four (4) vehicles but only one resulted in a tow. We do not want to inconvenience someone, but they do have to move them. Code enforcement issued 15 warnings, previously it was 18, not all of which were taken seriously so it resulted in six (6) citations. Nine (9) dogs were picked up and eight (8) taken out of the pound. Training is picking up and we had to do our biannual qualifications and we had 30 hours of range training with all members of the department. Two canine officers put in seven (7) hours of their own time and seven (7) hours of canine training during their shift. There were 44 total hours dedicated to training in the past 2 weeks. We do not respond outside of the city limits unless it is a code 3. They were called by NHP in pursuit of a vehicle in excess of 120 mph, almost struck an NHP officer just outside of Battle Mountain. He was heading on eastbound on I-80 and they asked us to lock the access. Chief Fobes sat at the 279 and I was at 280 and the car passed by me, started up the on ramp and I fell in behind it. By doing that, that person had every intention of coming into town. As soon as we are outside of our range, we turn around after calling them to tell them where he is and they continued the pursuit. One concern is for the safety and concern of the citizens and if we can take potential danger and remove it from the public”.
14. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired if Elko County Sheriff’s Department could assist with prisoners from Carlin to Elko.
15. Chief Fobes stated no there are only 30 Officer on duty for the entire County.
16. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired if Chief Fobes had talked to Eureka.
17. Chief Fobes responded, “No”.
18. Robert Jess reported that the VFD responded to 36 calls in June consisting of 23 medical calls, three (3) structure fires, one (1) wild land fire as well as several false alarms, one (1) hazmat incident and seven (7) public service calls. In the month of July, there has been one (1) medical call, one (1) traffic accident, three (3) wild land fires and one (1) public service call. They are expecting fire activity in the area due to dry fuels and thunderstorms. He reported participated in the July 4th parade and set up a dunk tank. There were a couple of small spot fires that were extinguished due to the fireworks and there was one (1) minor injury on the scene. He reminded the citizens that private fireworks are illegal and that open and controlled burning is closed.

II. Review, discussion and possible approval of extending the main waterline North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. City Manager David Jones reported this came before the Council a couple of months ago. Engineer Tom Ballew has finished all the engineering to this point and has requested bids. There was not a formal bid process and the low bid came in.
2. Engineer Tom Ballew stated there were 4 bids with 6 responses.
3. City Manager David Jones reported he broke this into several components, if #2 is not passed, 3, 4 and 5 do not need to be discussed. He noted that Paul Bradshaw and Jackie Wiscombe are present.
4. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired if 14th Street has a main water line, “why couldn’t we use this water line instead of putting in another one”.
5. City Manager David Jones stated it is a dead-end street.
6. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated “we” are going to approve adding a 900-foot water line for the purpose of Mr. Bradshaw. The other homeowners that have frontage to it are not forced to tap into it, so maybe in the future they might, but if they need water on their property, why can’t they come up 14th Street and let them tap into it.
7. City Manager David Jones stated that is more to do with the APN number, which is actually north on Tuscarora Road.
8. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated the Code states that the subdividers or owners are responsible for payment in full of the water line. If anyone else pulls into it, then that money would go back to the property owners that paid for it.
9. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired if the water line has to go to the intended end.
10. Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired how far it goes.
11. Engineer Tom Ballew reported the water line that is proposed would go almost to the end of the road, closer off Tuscarora rather than 14th Street and there are no easements. There are three different ways of financing, A- developer puts it in and pays for it, B – developer enters into agreement with the City to install jointly. “That is what we talked about the last time”.
12. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he looked at and who is going to benefit from a water line on Tuscarora Road other than the Bradshaw’s.
13. City Manager David Jones stated it offers fire protection because hydrants would be in place and they could go to the insurance company and get a reduction in their rates, so it would benefit everyone there.
14. Tom Ballew stated there would be two (2) new parcels.
15. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he is not against the expansion, the upgrades, and the Bradshaw’s wanting to develop a piece of property. I just wanted to make sure that we could all agree that it is justified when ultimately a new water line is going to go in at Tuscarora Road and hopefully a development happens on the Bradshaw property because of it.
16. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired if there was a request to put water line on Tomera Ranch Road previously and was it too expensive.
17. City Manager David Jones stated there is an opportunity for other people to tie into this.
18. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired who owns the water line, so any revenue that came from adjacent property owners goes where.
19. City Manager David Jones stated they would get revenues if they paid 100% of the cost. If someone wants to tie into this water line, the City would get those revenues.
20. Tom Ballew stated it does not include the capital improvement fee or the connection fees.
21. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired if there was money in the budget.
22. City Manager David Jones stated they do, but they may have to revise other things. There are two (2) different funds, this is the proprietary fund.
23. Roger Anderson inquired if this water line would also include a sewer.
24. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated water and sewer lines cannot be in the same ditch.
25. Tom Ballew discussed the city code and fire code for the length of line they need.
26. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated drilling wells are out it is not a good idea.
27. Tom Burney inquired how long it would take to get the money back.
28. City Manager David Jones replied they would not know.

29. Tom Ballew discussed the separate pressure lines and drilling wells.
30. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated wells do not work for the long term. The City would save money in the long run by putting the water line in.
31. Councilperson Pam Griswold talked about the cost. The \$78,252 would go up to \$91,000 and the City would be responsible for 75% of that.
32. Tom Ballew stated, "\$56,393.00".
33. Discussion was held on the farthest property tie in.
34. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the water line needs to be out there so the City can service those people along the road.
35. Jackie Wiscombe stated they have lost a buyer because of the water issues and they have people waiting to see what the water issues are right now in the first two acres. She does not know what their intention is on the water.
36. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of extending the main waterline North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. Motion died due to a lack of a second.**
37. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved to deny approval of extending the main waterline North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. Motion died 2 to 2 vote.**
38. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated it takes about half of our money in that fund.
39. City Manager David Jones stated it is a proprietary fund and can only be spent on water or sewer. We are approved for a loan on the lift station, but we have not taken that loan yet.
40. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he does not want to stop growth.
41. Clay Anderson stated there are 4-5 wells already out there. "I do not understand the problem. What is the negative."
42. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated when you drill too many wells in one spot, pretty soon your pressure is not good. It is not good to have too many.
43. Tom Burney stated he has had meetings with the State Engineer and times are changing. People were pushed in Las Vegas to close the wells and attaché to city water. I am not saying it is a certainty, but water is becoming a commodity.
44. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the water is the most precious thing we have and we have an abundance right now, we have to protect it. I think it is better to put in the lines than have everyone drill a well.
45. Jackie Wiscombe stated, "This is domestic use only, home and animals.
46. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated he is for the water line.
47. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he is not opposed, he is not at all comfortable with spending this money?
48. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated the money was originally allocated for a new well for the City, for all of the ground work that has to be done before drilling.
49. Jackie Wiscombe stated there would be approximately three (3) wells for the property.
50. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated the extension is so Paul and Jackie Bradshaw can sell their property, because they already have water.
51. **Councilperson Pam Griswold made a motion to table the approval of extending the main waterline North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Donnetta Skinner voted against the motion. The motion passed at 3-1.**

III. Review, discussion and possible approval of entering into an agreement with Paul Bradshaw and Jackie Wiscombe to extending the waterline on Tuscarora Road North from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item).

1. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of tabling Items III., Agreement with Paul Bradshaw and Jackie Wiscombe to extending the water line on Tuscarora Road North from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053, IV., Hiring a contractor to extend the main water line North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053, and V., Cost sharing agreement to connect to the new water line extension on Tuscarora Road North of Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002- 030-053 and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the council needs to know exactly what they are doing, as there was confusion about them not having water.
3. City Manager David Jones stated they own a total of four (4) lots.
4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "They are probably going to sell two of those. We need to know more about this before it comes to the Council again. I think we should have talked to them before, because they are not on the same page as we are".
5. Jackie Wiscombe stated they need to get the water issue settled.
6. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they did not make this clear and there is confusion.
7. Jackie Wiscombe stated there is not a water line at the end of the first block, which is already the city's fault.
8. City Manager David Jones stated the first 355' of that line; there should be water present. That is why the City is bearing the cost of the first 355' 100%, but from that point, the corner of the trailer court to the second parcel that is why we were posing a cost-sharing for development. In the future, if anyone ties into that water line, then the City will recoup some of that money, which was Item V. on the agenda.
9. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they are going to have a problem on and off because the City has not kept up with the water lines over the years.
10. City Manager David Jones stated it is handled at a staff level.

IV. Review, discussion and possible approval of hiring a contractor to extend the main waterline North on Tuscarora Road from Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. See Item III.

V. Review, discussion and possible approval of a cost sharing agreement to connect to the new water line extension on Tuscarora Road North of Fir Street to the North end of APN # 002-030-053 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. See Item III.

VI. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes for the Special Session from 5/19/2015, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of the minutes from 5/19/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VII. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes for the Special Session from 5/29/2015, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval of the minutes from 5/29/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VIII. Review, Discussion and possible approval of payments from 6/24/2015 to 7/10/2015, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval of payments for the periods 6/24/2015 to 7/10/2015, and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield reported he had to recuse himself**

XI. City Council Members' Reports. (Non-Action Item)

1. Councilperson Pam Griswold explained there is a Battle of the Bands on Saturday, the Buckaroo Bash is scheduled for the first weekend in August and the Ranch Hand Rodeo is the third weekend of August. The second week they are planning a Jackpot roping, as well as a few barrel racing event at the Equestrian Center. She would appreciate a balance sheet for the event.
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired about the events at the Equestrian Center, what benefit does the City get.
3. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated most of it is volunteer and she is paying a small fee to get the barrel racing. The Buckaroo Bash and Ranch hand Rodeo will give the gate to the City.
4. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated people expressed their agreement with the two-day Ranch Hand Rodeo. There will be some more business in Carlin.
5. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the car show is the same time.
6. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, "The Planning commission is close to finishing the Title 3 and asked that the members take time to read it when they get it for Council approval. It is vital to the City".
7. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated the water would be down this Friday.
8. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they had a good weekend and thanked Public Works Director Carlos Esparza. She sent a note that commented how thankful they are for the City and the employees who gave up their day to participate in the July 4. She stated the wind came up and they closed down by 3:30 p.m. The person selling the meat was happy. The bingo went well. I think it is important for us to commit to our City and County for that one day".

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. City Manager David Jones reported on the Remote Transactions Parity Act and they want support for H.R. 2775 to help collect taxes from online sales. They estimate it will be \$344,923,618 in taxes from remote sales.
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, he was in favor and noted the states lose out on a lot of money. He noted he sees the buses used by the mines that have Montana licenses and Nevada does not get paid for that.
3. City Manager David Jones stated reservations are needed for the Nevada League of Cities in Wendover and inquired if members wanted him to reserve rooms; he would if they let him know. It is October 13, 14 and 15 starting on Tuesday.
4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner suggested that all the members attend this conference.

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. Thomas Burney stated he spoke about the alley in 4th Street. "I got letters to City Clerk LaDawn Lawson and Police Chief Fobes, which I brought it to the meetings and had it put on the agenda and nothing is happening. I cannot even call it a pothole, it is so big. At 10 p.m. having the same car zoom through there three times. "I am done with this, it is out of hand. 2-3 months ago, I brought it here and asked for it to be paved or get a water truck on it every day. I contacted three (3) different city officials about this, while I do trust you, I do not have any faith in you, because it has not been fixed. It should not be a through "street". He discussed signs.
2. Discussion was held on the letter he wrote.

3. Discussion was held on the weeds down the alleys.
4. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated he could put in a speed bump. He needs to know who is responsible.

XIII. Adjournment. (Possible Action Item)

Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for adjournment with Councilperson Bob DeMars seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

DONNETTA SKINNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON