

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
101 S 8th Street
Carlin, NV
August 26, 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 Jay Duke
Councilperson Pam Griswold

Absent:

1. Administrative Staff: City Manager David Jones, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, Police Chief Dennis Fobes
2. Present: Tom Burney, Floyd Davey, County Commissioner Cliff Eklund, Brandy Holbrook, Dana Holbrook, Anna Dean, Fred Montes de Oca.

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. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund reported today a special meeting was held by the County Commission addressing the issue of the sage grouse. It had gotten to be a pretty demanding task. This has the potential of being our spotted owl. There have been two different studies; one by California- Davis by the USDS and the other done by US Forest Service and this is the one that the BLM is adopting. In most people's opinion the one from Cal Davis has the most scientific evidence. It was done with radio callers and other scientific devices. BLM has adopted the more restrictive Fish and Game study and at their discretion, it now has the potential for mineral withdrawal, grazing withdrawal and recreation withdrawal. Some of the lands are in the Jarbidge area and in the Mountain City area, where there has been a lot of exploration and companies are afraid they will lose their claims. They joined the Western States lawsuit which is challenging the science of the study and today the Commission set aside \$10,000 to join the Nevada Minerals Coalition, which will be appropriated at a time when we are reported back to see how many companies are involved with this. They do not want to be the only one in the Nevada coalition funding these lawsuits because these can get extremely expensive. They are trying to get an injunction to stop this until the science can be reviewed. This could have a dramatic economic effect on the state and they are trying to make the BLM justify their position and how they are determining the classification. He stated the Commission might come to Carlin asking for support of the County Commissioners with written statements filed with the County in opposition. They have also filed opposition to the SEIS. Since this began, the maps have now all changed substantially. He noted the BLM stated this is not a land grab, but it follows the same pattern as the spotted owl and that broke the lumber industry.
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired if they have spoken to the Lander and Eureka.

3. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund replied affirmatively, all of the counties in northeast Nevada. The only one that has not joined is the Governor when the western states filed their suit. Nevada is the only western state not involved.
4. Councilperson Jay Duke stated Elko County is well documented and the studies done have surpassed anything the USGS has done. Elko County is the largest county to be affected. He does not understand why the studies from Cal Davis were not used.
5. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated of the 16 million acres they are targeting, they are putting restrictions on, Elko and Humboldt County are the largest acreages impacted. The three things that fuel the economy in Northern Nevada as being negatively impacted in a "big way". NACO is meeting on Friday and they would be making a decision on this lawsuit. Elko County is in a "wait and see mode". He reported the rodeo was great and ran until midnight on Friday night and 1:00 a.m. on Saturday. "It was the biggest rodeo we ever had".
6. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated next year it would be 10 years for the Equestrian Park.
7. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated he would provide any further information the Council requests and there will be a presentation by one of the mining companies next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the County.
8. Brandy Holbrook reported the Carlin coed softball has closed and had a successful season. Jon Gift and Dana Holbrook did some announcing that was comical. We went into the season not knowing if we had enough funds to start and during the season, there was a lot of positive interaction with Public Works. It was a key to the season's success. They voted and are donating \$500 towards the scoreboard, even though it is going to Public Works Department.
9. Councilperson Jay Duke stated it goes to the City, but they appreciate it.
10. Floyd Davey reported on the Police Department. Year to date 3,160 calls, past two weeks we are 315 up about 10 %. Traffic stops 51, citations 12, 9 agency assists, 10 arrests 2 were for warrants and 8 misdemeanor arrests. 13 reports were generated, canine deployments as a result of a search warrant on a house and we were successful. 2 fatalities, the Carlin Police Department assisted the family of the one near the overpass. One dog perished, one survived and donations were used for surgery. The pet was turned over to the sister. There were numerous warnings in code enforcement and 1 citation, 6 canines picked up and taken from the pound. The big bulk in the past 2 weeks was they are finding a lot of dogs out. Agency assists was structure fire, EMS, NHP, a hostage situation. He discussed the time involved with some of these assists. They are up 10% on the calls for service. He explained the NHP was called out. There were 2 NHP officers on the fire. Elko Swat Team came for the hostage situation, but they were able to mitigate it before they arrived. The School Resource Officer in Carlin is a former Carlin Police officer.
11. Councilperson Jay Duke stated it is enlightening that the community is getting involved with the calls for service is a positive because the awareness is up. I am hoping that the people tell each other of their positive calls.
12. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she had two calls commending Floyd Davey and Taylor Martin. This is the third time she has received a positive comment on him.
13. Floyd Davey stated the subject thanked the officer and we are trying to do better.
14. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated this job is the most important job you have ever had because the citizens and you protect and serve them. That is what you do.
15. Councilperson Jay Duke stated they would get some negative feedback, but it only says they are doing their job.
16. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated this does not have to be negative.
17. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated there are going to be 8 school resource officers for Elko County and Sheriff Pitts stated they are not there to "bust the kids, but to help make

friends

with them and keep them on the right path.

- II. Review, discussion and possible approval to appoint Laura Eklund to the Carlin Equestrian Park Committee and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated that Laura Eklund sent a letter noting she would like to participate. She has helped the Equestrian Park for years.
 2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired how many sit on the board.
 3. Mayor Donnetta Skinner replied “5”.
 4. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired if County Commissioner Cliff Eklund still sits on the board.
 5. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated he had resisted putting her on the board, but it was pointed out there are several boards that have both husband and wives serving. He noted the contributions she has made by her efforts thus far.
 6. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield confirmed, there is no monetary benefit to County Commissioner Cliff Eklund.
 7. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund agreed.
 8. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson reported that County Commissioner Cliff Eklund had made that clear at the regular Equestrian Park Meeting.
 9. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval to appoint Laura Eklund to the Carlin Equestrian Park Committee and all related matters. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- III. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes from 6/24/2015 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item).**
1. **Councilperson Bob DeMars moved for approval of the minutes from 6/24/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- IV. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes from 7/8/2015 and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of the minutes from 7/8/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilperson Jay Duke abstaining.**
- V. Review, Discussion and possible approval of payments for the periods 8/12/2015 to 8/26/2015, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired on legal and engineering fees being split under two accounts.
 2. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson explained one was a general fund and the other a proprietary fund.
 3. Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired the payment to Chip Stone.
 4. Councilperson Jay Duke stated it is less this year, noting he had a band too.
 5. Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired if he charged separately for the band. She asked City Clerk LaDawn Lawson to check on that.
 6. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval payments for the periods 8/12/2015 to 8/26/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- VI. City Council Members’ Reports. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Bob DeMars had no report, except that his son, Gage is doing well at motocross and is receiving help from a manufacturer. Things are looking up for him.
 2. City Manager David Jones stated he actually won a 1st in the moto and placed 2nd over all in one of his classes.
 3. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated there is a new house and wondered about the curb and gutter.

4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated Public Works Director Carlos Esparza is working on it.
5. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated he does not like it when there is no signage on a 4-way.
6. Councilperson Jay Duke reported NNRDA is taking a new approach and have new online advertising. Lots of discussion on the CDBG Advisory Board and Carlin has not been eligible to sit on the board for grant funding. We are actually a prime municipality to sit on that board. George Kleeb has been hired by the College from the Small Business Development Center and that is going to be a part-time counselor position. NNRDA will administer that program now and place an ad in the papers, looking for someone one that is potentially retired that wants to contribute part time to help businesses either come to fruition or enhance their business. The survey that has been used for new businesses is five years old and it was decided to include all the municipalities and include some of the aspects from the survey. Carlin might be called for this. Spring Creek is hinting they want to be a municipality. Glen Guttry gave him some enlightening numbers on the Humboldt Basin and what it means for our water and we should understand that process.
7. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated there was a record number at the car show. The vendors did well and were excited.
8. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated they reviewed the finances for the Equestrian Park, which is about \$16,000 in cash and \$20,000 in kind. It was discussed to move the announcer's booth. After all the mess in the last year, the concession was scored 100% in this inspection.
9. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield reported the Planning Commission wants to make sure they do this right as far as the chickens and other animals. They are really looking at backyard animals seriously and want input from everyone before a decision is finalized.
10. Councilperson Jay Duke reported there is a 17 minutes video on American Lands Council and if anyone would like to see it, he will forward it.
11. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund inquired if the Planning Board was going to have a public hearings or a public comment section or just before the City Council.
12. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated it would come to the City Council for the readings and through that process. There will be plenty of time to put comments on it.
13. Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported car show had 100 cars and Ellen Meshefski stated there was not as much foot traffic. The food should be in a different spot due to complaints from the food vendors. It was too far away and too hot. She discussed a shirt that was "not cool". She commented on the ranch hand rodeo and how adept some of the riders were. She stated her appreciation for the help with the scoreboard.
14. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired if the car show has a comment section for next year.
15. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson reported the contestants get a bag with a booklet. She will look into it.
16. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she talked to out of town/state contestants that were pleased with the show and gave her positive comments, saying they had more fun in Carlin than anywhere else.
17. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated she heard the same.

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

No Report.

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

1. He reported he would be on vacation the next 2 weeks. They are preparing for the financial audit and Mary is still working with us and that has been helpful. Still working on the railroad, requested a meeting with Amodei to discuss the weeds. His efforts have fallen on deaf ears. He made one of the two mandatory CDBG meetings and the next one is in Virginia City on September 16.

Still

working on the SID, which is going forward, but slowly.

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. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated he was just appointed to the China Springs Board.
2. Chief Fobes stated Lila Sexton would work with the people to deal with the weeds soon.
3. Thomas Burney reported the American Legion would match on the tables. The traffic is back in the alley.
4. City Manager David Jones stated there have been three different answers and he wants to obtain the best answer for this problem.
5. Thomas Burney stated that the cars need to slow down in the alley, noting he had seen some as early as 5-6 a.m.
6. Councilperson Jay Duke stated there are signs of little green men that can be obtained and set

out.

They are legal as long as they do not impede traffic for people to slow down.

X. Adjournment. (Possible Action Item)

Councilperson Bob DeMars moved for adjournment with Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

DONNETTA SKINNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON