

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
101 S 8th Street
Carlin, NV
September 9, 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 Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, Police Chief Dennis Fobes
2. Present: Floyd Davey, Anna Dean, Fred Montes de Oca, Richard Wroblewski, Spencer Egbert, Karla Jones, Robert Claiborne, Guillermo Roman, Valerie Myers, Mike Tangreen, Lloyd Myers.

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. Spencer Egbert reported there is going to be a rate increase at Wells Rural Electric. They have held rate increase hearings and he heard feedback that the people had not heard about them. He stated they are looking at about a 7% increase through Bonneville Power, so that would have to be passed on to the consumers. That is in addition to taking care of the hydroelectric facilities and all the transmission line to get the power down to us. He stated they are able to offset some of the costs and some of the costs are going to have to go into the service charge, which pays for the maintenance of everything. With WREC's rebate programs, we can actually offset the KW hour charge by making the homes more energy efficient, windows, etc. This will take effect on October 1, 2015.
2. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired how many lines are there to take care of Carlin.
3. Spencer Egbert stated there are about 15,000 miles. The rate increase is coming because of Bonneville Power. WREC's Board is doing everything to stay ahead of that curve and are actually paying less than the standard cost per nation. The Board is very forward-thinking in what they are trying to accomplish.
4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated WREC has been good to Carlin.
5. Spencer Egbert stated they were looking at a double-digit rate increase, but everyone complained.
6. Fred Montes de Oca stated there a presentation at the Carlin Senior Center by WREC and wanted to see if anyone knew about it.
7. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated he never knows what Wells Rural is doing until someone comes to the City Council to tell them.
8. Discussion ensued with members asking where it was posted and where it was held, as well as suggestions to put it on the reader board, to email the information, and possibly add it to the bill for more exposure.
9. Fred Montes de Oca stated there were 15 attendees.

10. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield suggested they bring the notices to the City and it would then be on website.
11. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated the City did not know anything about it until Heather Trujillo went to put out the City's agenda and was told there was a hearing at the Carlin Senior Center that night, which was too late to inform anyone.
12. Floyd Davies presented the Police report from August 26 – September 8, 2015. 3325 calls YTD and calls are up 192 calls in the past two weeks at 507 calls for service. These directly affect the number of service calls. They average 125-130 traffic stops every two weeks. From the 77 traffic stops, they issued 10 citations related to traffic, participated in 19 agency assists which were medically associated, 4 were for NHP. 5 arrests, one for a warrant, 4 misdemeanor. Generated 15 reports and 3 DUIs. Code enforcement received 31 calls, issued 18 warnings (trash, weeds, dogs), 4 citations and 11 canines picked up and 11 returned to owners. 1 illegal dumping with 2 individuals. Credit for that goes 100% to the Code Enforcement officer. A food establishment hired 2 youth to dispose of trash and they did not want to pay the \$5.00 at the dump. School is in session and there is a much larger presence in the school zone. Burning Man put more traffic pulling in and out of the Pilot area. Two child abuse cases, a battery and several disturbing the peace. 50 hours of training in the past 2 weeks, 40 hours of which was Officer Keegan Baty attending Field Training Officer course, noting not everyone is able to attend this and it is a coveted position. He complimented Officer Baty for his communication, skills, etc. That position is a huge benefit to the Police Department. The school he went to is in Douglas County.
13. Councilperson Jay Duke stated it is enlightening that the community is getting involved with the calls for service and it is a positive because the awareness is up. I am hoping that the people tell each other of their positive calls.
14. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated that feral cats has come up too often and needs to be addressed.
15. Floyd Davies stated they do not have a policy for feral cats.
16. Fred Montes de Oca discussed the speed in the school zones. Flashers are on after 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday.
17. Councilperson Pam Griswold the one on Bush Street was on all the time last year.
18. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she had been called on this.
19. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated they are using a new electrician now.
20. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, he drove in the 15 mph zone and it was an additional 9 seconds, which is nothing.
21. Floyd Davies stated it is enforced on school days only.
22. Karla Jones reported on the Fire Department; July there were 33 total calls, 23 of them ambulance calls and 2 were public service and 8 fire calls, which include all HazMat, wildland, vehicle and searches. In August, there were a total of 50 calls, 8 of them fire calls, 3 fire calls, and 2 public service calls. YTD is 271 calls. Ambulance 949 went down because the brakes went out and now all of the apparatus are operational. Yesterday they received the grant from POOL/PACT for the hilts, 2 for each ambulance with no monetary match.
23. Mike Tangreen stated he was hoping to be on the agenda, having turned in some papers to request a right-of-way about 3 weeks ago. He inquired about an exit on 279 and he has purchased 400 acres on the same side of the interstate that the shooting range is on. He stated the map of 1988 shows this is a legal road and he needs legal access to his property. BLM map shows the road also. He has had it surveyed and his property is all of Section 31. He has right-of-way in his purchase agreement.
24. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired what he is asking.
25. Mike Tangreen stated there is no access on the north side of the interstate and he is trying to get legal access. The "little piece" is what he needs access through. Right now there is no legal road to that property. He is trying to establish the legal road.

26. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated that David Jones spoke to him and has forwarded this issue to the City's attorney.
27. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated this not on the agenda because information is still being gathered from the City Attorney and City Engineer.
28. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they have to wait for the attorney.

II. Review, discussion and possible approval of a request by Rick Wrobleski with The Gold Run Project to change a portion of the current zoning from Intermediate Resident on Parcel #002-300-004 (this Parcel has a total of 88.71± acres) 34.68± acres will remain Intermediate Residential Zoning, and the remaining 24± acres will change from Intermediate Residential Zoning to Light Industrial Zoning. Mr. Wrobleski further requests to change the remaining 30.03± acres from Intermediate Residential to Commercial 2 Zoning and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Rick Wrobleski, Susie Creek LLC that was formed 2 weeks ago. They recently bought and closed escrow on the 136 acres just east of Carlin within the city limits bordering two sides of Susie Creek Road, south of I-80. We applied for a zone change that was discussed at the Planning Board a month ago, who then approved the change. It would basically allow more commercial-type businesses. They are not asking for any City funds; they have the funds to develop the site and interested clients looking to relocate in the spring.
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired about a portion of the map.
3. Rick Wrobleski explained they extended that small piece out for more commercial use, such as a strip center, laundromat, etc., for the residential area just north. The total overall plan will design circulation there so we have a different place for egress and ingress giving us access. West of Susie Creek Road is 120 acres, within this is 36 acres delineated as wetlands, so the ingress and egress would be at the very east end of commercial and west of Susie Creek. There would be no bridges.
4. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated the previous developer was turned away because this is a flood plane.
5. Rick Wrobleski stated it was more of a financial problem and timing at that time.
6. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated this would change some of the residential to light industrial and commercial. He agrees with the plan.
7. Rick Wrobleski confirmed they already have users for that light industrial, which in turn would create a noise buffer.
8. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval of a request by Rick Wrobleski with The Gold Run Project to change a portion of the current zoning from Intermediate Resident on Parcel #002-300-004 (this Parcel has a total of 88.71± acres) 34.68± acres will remain Intermediate Residential Zoning, and the remaining 24± acres will change from Intermediate Residential Zoning to Light Industrial Zoning. Mr. Wrobleski further requests to change the remaining 30.03± acres from Intermediate Residential to Commercial 2 Zoning and all related matters. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion.**

III. Review, discussion and possible approval of a request by Rick Wrobleski with The Gold Run Project to change the current zoning of Parcel #002-300-005 a total of 29.94± acres which is currently zoned Residential Mobile Home 1 (RMH1). The request for this Parcel is to leave 24.94± acres as RMH1 and to change the remaining 5± acres from RMH1 to Commercial 2 Zoning and all related matters. (Possible Action Item).

1. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a request by Rick Wrobleski with The Gold Run Project to change the current zoning of Parcel #002-300-005 a total of 29.94± acres which is currently zoned Residential Mobile Home 1 (RMH1). The request for this Parcel is to leave 24.94± acres as RMH1 and to change the remaining 5± acres**

from RMH1 to Commercial 2 Zoning and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- IV. Review, Discussion and possible approval of payments for the periods 8/26/2015 to 9/9/2015, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated he would recuse himself from the payments due to his association with Auto Zone.
 2. Discussion was held on the software, computer for water and sewer.
 3. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved to approve payments for the periods 8/26/2015 to 9/9/2015 and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- V. City Council Members' Reports. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Bob DeMars reported that the Elko Airport would open for business on September 28, 2015. "Good job to Police Department". He has been on the Council for 3 years and been more involved in the community than before. He noted the Public Services departments have really stepped up their game.
 2. Councilperson Pam Griswold reported they would give the volunteer hours to City Clerk LaDawn Lawson.
 3. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield reported there was an interesting and productive Planning commission meeting. It started out that people thought the City wanted to get rid of their chickens, but in the course of the meeting, there were some positive direction taken. It was very productive. This is part of Title 3, there have been no written regulations for chickens, and they are now developing some.
 4. Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported she had three (3) chickens in her yard that were killed while she was gone and she does not like the fact that people are not taking care of their chickens.
 5. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated they are trying to get to where the owners are all responsible, so the people know the rules.
 6. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated that Public Works Director Carlos Esparza needs help to get things done. We need to see if we can get some people.
 7. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired if "Dan's salary is still in his budget" and you should be able to start advertising".
 8. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza replied that he has a boss who says no.
 9. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they need to get some kind of correction made to this situation. We have to do something to get people hired at Public Works. There are not enough people working there. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza cannot do everything.
 10. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza reported he has two operators, (2.5).
 11. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield confirmed that the vehicle maintenance person is gone also.
 12. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated the mechanic is going to be different because he wants to restructure that position. There is a logical reason that we are not hiring, "I am not trying to throw the City Manager under the bus. It is a matter if the Council wants to bite the bullet and fill the position".
 13. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated there is no way they can maintain the department with the number of people there now during the winter time.
 14. Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported "We are shooting ourselves in the foot by sending our vehicles to auto repair shops for mechanical problems".
 15. Councilperson Bob DeMars reported if you have a full time mechanic that works for the City of Carlin for \$70,000 a year that pays for a lot of oil changes.
 16. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated they could have someone who is cross-trained.
 17. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated they want someone who is more skilled; it would definitely pay for itself in the end.
 18. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "We need the right people to get things done".

19. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated it is hard to get the skilled people to take a job when they are paid \$10.00 less an hour than somewhere else.
20. Discussion was held on City benefits.
21. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated the City has to pay more; Public Works Director Carlos Esparza had to get people at \$10.00.
22. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they need to raise the wages when they can get the developments in and the mines are in. I hope we can get a lot of people living here when the expansion happens. .

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

1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson stated the auditors are supposed to be in Carlin on October 12 to October 23, 2015.
2. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired about their progress.

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

1. There was no report.

VIII. 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

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1. Chief Fobes introduced Jason Evans, the new officer at the Police Department.
2. Brenda Clayborn is the new manager for Yorkshire Villas on Bush Street. She stated they have a lot of work ahead of them, but they are happy to be in Carlin. She is ready to get involved.

IX. Adjournment. (Possible Action Item)

Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for adjournment with Councilperson Bob DeMars seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

DONNETTA SKINNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON