

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA  
REGULAR MEETING  
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
101 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Carlin, NV  
February 10, 2016, 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: None

1. Administrative Staff: City Manager David Jones, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza, Police Chief Dennis Fobes, Carlin Senior Center Director Debbie Beck, Attorney Lauren Landa
2. Present: Karla Jones, County Commissioner Cliff Eklund, Carlin Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Kevin Grodi, Carlin Police Officer Keegan Baty, Carlin EMT Robert Jess, Carlin Police Officer Tyler Thomas, Carlin Code Enforcement Officer Lila Sexton, LeeAnna Johnny, Anna Dean, Carlin Police Officer Floyd Davey, Carlin Police Officer Taylor Martin.

**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. None.
- II. **Review, discussion and possible approval of a Proclamation by the Carlin City Council, ordering a general election for the City of Carlin on November 8, 2016 for election at-large of two City Councilpersons, to hold office for a period of four years and until their successors have been elected and qualified, as required by Article V, Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Carlin and all matters related thereto. (Possible Action Item)**
  1. Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of a Proclamation by the Carlin City Council, ordering a general election for the City of Carlin on November 8, 2016 for election at- large of two City Councilpersons, to hold office for a period of four years and until their successors have been elected and qualified, as required by Article V, Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Carlin and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- III. **Review, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-02, authorizing the City Clerk to provide notice for candidates to file for candidacy for the Carlin City General Election on November 8, 2016 and establishing the filing period as beginning at 8:00 am on March 7, 2016 and ending at 5:00 pm on March 18, 2016 and fixing and requiring a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) USD filing fee from each candidate, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**

1. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval of Resolution 2016-02, authorizing the City Clerk to provide notice for candidates to file for candidacy for the Carlin City General Election on November 8, 2016 and establishing the filing period as beginning at 8:00 am on March 7, 2016 and ending at 5:00 pm on March 18, 2016 and fixing and requiring a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) USD filing fee from each candidate, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- IV. **Review Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-03, authorizing the City Clerk to cooperate with the Elko County Clerk in all matters pertaining to the election and to have all printing completed, publications made and ballots prepared as shall be proper and lawful and to reimburse the Elko County Clerk for any of these acts performed on behalf of the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. **Councilperson Bob DeMars moved for approval of Resolution 2016-03, authorizing the City Clerk to cooperate with the Elko County Clerk in all matters pertaining to the election and to have all printing completed, publications made and ballots prepared as shall be proper and lawful and to reimburse the Elko County Clerk for any of these acts performed on behalf of the City of Carlin, and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- V. **Review, discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to reappoint Mrs. LaDawn Lawson as Carlin City Clerk and Treasurer, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item).**
1. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated they might want to put it out to bid.
  2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield complimented City Clerk LaDawn Lawson on being so fast to answer his questions.
  3. Councilperson Pam Griswold agreed, noting she appreciates her efforts too.
  4. Councilperson Jay Duke agreed, saying it has been a pleasure for the past 3 years.
  5. **Councilperson Pam Griswold approval of a recommendation to reappoint Mrs. LaDawn Lawson as Carlin City Clerk and Treasurer, and all related matters. Councilperson Jay Duke seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Donnetta Skinner voting in favor.**
- VI. **Review, discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to reappoint Mr. Dennis Fobes as the Chief of Police of the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated it “has been a pleasure” working with Chief Fobes and he has “done a good job”. He noted he has a dedicated crew under him who help and stated he is a good leader. He is impressed by the service they have done and the reports. He stated, “Dennis should stay where he is at”.
  2. Councilperson Jay Duke stated the numbers and attitudes speak for themselves. Customer service is at the top of their list. He appreciates the reports that are being generated for the Council. He stated, “Well done”.
  3. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, “Dennis (Fobes) is trying to do his best, but he would like to see some changes”. He would like him to finish his training to be a more effective leader. He appreciates the changes made and the reports. “Overall you are developing into a good chief”.
  4. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated the relationship he has “with the officers and they speak highly of you”. She will try to be more proactive in learning what they do this year. “One of the stipulations when you were voted in last year was that you would get more schooling and it is imperative this year that you do that”. She stated she plans to come to him more to discuss things this year.
  5. Chief Fobes stated the class did not go forward last year due to lack of students and there were no funds this year to take it.

6. Councilperson Pam Griswold noted those funds need to be found.
7. Chief Fobes reported the next school is possibly in Reno and is not sure of the timeframe.
8. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she does not want to renew this appointment because “I think we need to go another 6 months and see if he gets his schooling done. I know that when we put him in there, I know the Council said he needed the training and he did not do it. Until that is done, I do not think we should renew his contract”.
9. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he recalled, “the board here said Dennis (Fobes) is the best candidate for this and we need to give him that opportunity”.
10. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “We also told him we wanted him to take that training”.
11. Councilperson Jay Duke explained, “He has made that effort. He will continue to make that effort; he is going to go to school”.
12. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “There are still a couple out there this last few months that we could have gotten in on it. I think they need to look closer to find it and I think they need to find what we need. We need to find him the classes to go to that will make him a better chief”.
13. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, “You can’t replace experience, but to enhance that experience, the training is what I think Madam Mayor is saying”.
14. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “I think that training is very important and when we gave him that job we told him we wanted him to do that and I think he needs to follow through on it. If I had sent you, wouldn’t you have found a class to go to, you would, so don’t tell me you wouldn’t because I know you would”.
15. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, “Let me just understand you, for the purposes of public record, you do not think he did a good job last year because he did not go to training”.
16. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “Actually yes. I think that he should have done what we asked him to do”.
17. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, “He did not do what we asked him to do?”
18. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “No, he did not do the classes and I think we need to give him another six months or whatever to get that done”.
19. Chief Fobes stated, “I would go to school if you want to pay more money”.
20. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “We will pay whatever, Dennis (Fobes), because I don’t hear any excuses about money for it. If I have to sell a bake sale in town, the idea that it was just put off. We made that deal, the council made the deal, gave him the job and he was to go get the training. It did not happen at all”.
21. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, “I do not believe the training that we missed out on justifies not renewing a contract for Dennis (Fobes)”.
22. Mayor Donnetta Skinner replied, “I do because he did not do what we asked him to”.
23. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated, “I would say definitely the training issue would be a priority. You know it has to be done; I know you have officers going to different things. I think as soon as possible, you need to get the training, but I would say, renew you for another year”.
24. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “I think it is important that he does the classes and it is not because Dennis was our cop for a long time and he knows a lot about what he is supposed to do, but I think as a Police Chief, he would never been there. He had never done that before and I think he needs to go and take those classes and see what that is all about. It is a completely different job than he had before. When you start a new job and they tell you to get the training, that is what you do”.
25. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, “I think the message here is clear; it is not that he does not want to go. He is not flat out saying I am not going to go. He made the effort and he just stated I will go. He did the sign-ups the first time and he felt that in his budget, it was not appropriate, so I think that is fair”.
26. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “I don’t. I think it should have been done”.
27. Officer Floyd Davey stated, “I am not privy to all of the ins and outs of what goes on with the budget, but I can tell you that the Chief has looked on numerous occasions that the class local

i.e. Vegas, was well over \$5,000. I know that our budget for training is \$4,000. So doing that math, I can say we are \$1,000 short. I understand Madame Mayor that you guy say that you can find it, but I am driving a 14-year old vehicle that we are holding together with baling wire and duct tape. How come we cannot find money for it? I am driving a vehicle that the other day I had to put the vehicle in the shop because I did not think it was safe, not only for my safety, but I have to transport prisoners 20 miles to Elko, have to pull over at the Hunter Exit, have to pull over at the Mile marker 294 because I am not sure my vehicle is going to make it. So where is just in that. When we are talking about what the Chief did, broke a record for calls for service, broke the record for the number of self-initiated calls, broke a record for citations issued in a year, broke a record for narcotics pulled off the streets, broke a record for 100% retention and recruiting. So what more would this leadership class provide?"

28. Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired, "Are you asking me if that is all that is needed to be a police chief?"
29. Officer Floyd Davey stated, "I do not believe that is all that there is, but I know that he is making lemonade out of lemons. I know that we are severely lacking in funding. So if we do find funding, I would appreciate it if he could go to the class and you find that money, that you take into account if this class is \$5,000 on the West Coast, it would cost \$20,000 to go to the East Coast plus room and board, plus airfare, and that we do not touch the current training budget because we have five (5) officers that are required to do continuing education for credit. We are not even able to do that, we are having to beg, borrow and steal to maintain our proficiency, just to keep the officers going, not to mention the chief. He is trying to take care of everything else and he is doing online CEUs and everything else. We are "busting our butt to work with the funding we've got".
30. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "The training will enhance what he already knows, what he has already done, so if he has broken these records. I call them numbers. Anytime we can take x number of pounds and ounces and make these arrests and do this in a community that is not a small anyway, there is a lot that can happen here so quickly. You guys are mitigating that at this point with his level of training, I like that, that's great. The training that Madame Mayor is talking about in response to that would enhance what he already knows. As far as touching that budget, we have asked you to get creative in the past and you have and we really appreciate that. We are going to continue to ask you to get creative until we can get past this hump. But, what I am hearing from the Mayor is that we are going to find the money for Dennis' training. Is it going to touch your budget, I hope not because there are required CEUs".
31. Officer Floyd Davey stated, "Otherwise we do not have post certified officers and we have six (6) individuals that sit and are not allowed to be on the street".
32. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "I think it needs to be done. It is important not just for what he may learn from there, but things that he can bring back to our department. It is not ever going to hurt to have more training".
33. Officer Floyd Davey stated, "I would like to go through the minutes and see if that was a requirement of his hire, like he can only have this job if he goes to this or was this a something Chief Bauer said "I strongly suggest that he go".
34. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "It said he had to do the training, I know that it did. It is important. It is not that I mean to be mean about it, but the thing is we have someone young and inexperienced as our police chief. I really feel that he should have made a little better effort to get the training and he did not, so give him a little bit more time to get it done".
35. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "I respectfully disagree with you. I do not believe you have someone that is young and inexperienced. I think that you have someone that is best for our community".
36. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "We had Bill Bauer here for how many years?"
37. Councilperson Jay Duke replied, "12 years".
38. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "And I can tell you we had experience there".

39. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "You also had someone who already retired and he was coming in to play a role, temporary".
40. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "We need to make sure that the training is done so that he gets that extra knowledge that he needs to have".
41. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, "I am a firm believer in training. Training is never lost. When you learn something, you retain it. When you learn it as an administrator, which is what the police chief is, Dennis, you are an excellent officer, bar none. I appreciated when you were on duty I could lay my head down and I was safe at night. But when you move from a police officer to administrator position, it is totally different. When I went from sales to running a store, I had no training. I did not know what paperwork I had to do. There are a lot of variables that come into play. Training is going to teach a lot of these things. That's why I am so insistent on it, because I am having to go by trial and error to learn all of my stuff, as there is no school for me to go to. I have to do more training on my day off, which I do not get paid for. It is imperative that the training is done. I am not touching your \$4,000 or \$5,000 we have for training, because you need to have it".
42. Officer Floyd Davey stated, "That's fantastic. What I am trying to get at is that he has to work at it. The thing with an Administrator, you never want to go in the red, so he is trying balance his budget and make sure he does not go over. You know, he has talked about it on numerous occasions. I was gone for 5 months and we have our other officer who is gone for 5 months. We have to maintain in our range proficiency, defensive tactics, traffic proficiencies with our radar. That all cost money. We cash in quite a bit and make a lot of promises and trade. There is going to come a time, and it is starting to come that all of the favors we have cashed in with other agencies, can we please piggyback on your stuff, they are wanting to piggyback with us and we have no money to do it. I understand and agree with you that this would be very beneficial training, great administrative training, however if the class is \$5,000".
43. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she did not ever remember that the money was going to come out of the chief's budget.
44. Chief Fobes stated it came as a refund check from Northwestern and we put it back into the budget. "I went to the POOL/PACT training this year and went to it before when the chief was trying to prepare me to be a sergeant. So, I have been to the POOL/PACT management system. I have noticed class set up this year that was at the Convention Center, but I was unable to attend because my rookie that is in the academy now was working. It is not that I have not tried to get the education. This is one school that Chief Bauer recommended, which is the one I have been trying to get to, but as I said, I am sure they have it back east all the time if you are okay with it, I can go back to it and be gone a couple of months or I can do the one (1) week in Reno".
45. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the other organizations have them every 6 months. "We put him in there and said that he had to have the training, I still think he does".
46. Councilperson Jay Duke stated, "We have decided that; he wants the training and we are going to get the training, because the council on public record has said they will find the money".
47. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "Well I am not going to renew him until he has the class".
48. Chief Fobes stated he cannot go until the other officer gets back. "All of my guys are working 50-60 hours a week and that includes me taking up some of the time, unless you want the Sheriff's office over here covering and they can barely staff what they have over there. Now it is going to be a perfect time, I will be fully staffed. Hopefully the class is going to be in Reno, if not I will fly back east and do it".
49. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated the loyalty that Dennis Fobes has with his officers "is amazing. They talk so highly of you, no matter what happens the chief has our back. I have no problem with renewing you as long as you get it within the next year".
50. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated, "I think it is unfortunate for you that it had to come down to your appointment date for us to get all of this out in the open. I had not idea about the training. If you had come to us about 3 months ago and said, how am I going to pay for this training,

what do you want me to do. Those are things maybe in the future; let us know in a month or so where you are with it. Come to us, talk to us, and let us find the money. It is communicating with us and the City Staff to make this happen. It is unfortunate that it had to happen like this. I do not think it is right. I think there is a better way to handle it and I am confident that you will do that. Actually, I was fully aware that there were not enough sign-ups, but the decision to go forward because of the budget, knowing full well how everyone on this board feels about the budget. Maybe on one point, we should expose that on the process a little bit, so that it does not come down to this in an appointment meeting. Some decisions can be made to find that money early on”.

51. Officer Tyler Thomas stated, “You say you want to find the money in the budget to send my Chief to training that would benefit him. You guys cannot seem to find money for new vehicles”.
52. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated, “I talked to Chief Bauer when he was here and when I was first elected to the council and I told him at that time that we need to look at every two (2) years buying at least one vehicle. If we had done that ten (10) years ago, right now we would have five (5) brand new vehicles. It was not done and we have had numerous conversations since he is not police chief and we should have done this”.
52. Officer Tyler Thomas stated, “Right. I believe just recently Chief Fobes and John Rowe came in here and gave you guys a presentation about vehicles. We have been sent here for the last year thinking we were going to get new vehicles, maybe one (1), but we do not know. Now I am driving a vehicle with 130,000 miles and I do not know if it is going to start every day I go out in the morning to start it. I am not sure if it is going to start when I turn it off and go do something. I do not know if I am going to be chasing someone and it is going to fall apart. I do not know if I am going to wreck with someone in my car. Officer Davey said he had pulled over twice with someone in his car. He has over 100,000 miles too. Officer Martin and Baty back there both have the same Ford models and would you believe it, every time I see Officer Baty go to the shop, of Officer Martin puts his in the shop it is for the same exact reason. You want to send my Chief to training; great, I love it. If you guys say you will find the money, you guys have not found money for cars, not even one”.
53. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “We did it once”.
54. Officer Thomas inquired, “Why don’t we have vehicles now?”
55. Lauren Landa, City attorney, stated, “I am not saying anything to limit the public comments, but our deliberations need to adhere to the agenda. That is not to limit any public comment however, just for the Council.
56. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “We did have a way to get the vehicles, but there were several things that happened in our community and we had to use that money for something else. I don’t think the Police Department is any different than the other people. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza has trucks that are a heck older than the ones you guys have. We need to make sure that is how it is done”.
57. Lauren Landa stated, “Just another suggestion, we have to keep the discussion to the agenda”.
58. Anna Dean inquired if there was any training in Salt Lake City, Boise or Twin Falls.
59. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated there was something done in Twin Falls, but I know there are several that have been going on that it did not work out that way.
60. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired If there is any training online.
61. Chief Fobes stated you can actually take this whole school online, but going to the school is more beneficial.
62. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they have to look into classes that he could go to.

63. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson inquired, "Is this the training that Bill Bauer suggested he go to or is it training as a whole. That is your decision, but it is not clear".
64. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated that Bill Bauer specifically pointed to education that would benefit Mr. Fobes.
65. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated he was Mayor when this took place. "Chief Bauer at the time did set up training for Dennis (Fobes) to go to, but as you recall that class did not fill and it was cancelled, so I do not know how often they hold these classes and that is the reason that he did not attend this particular class".
66. **Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of a recommendation to reappoint Mr. Dennis Fobes as the Chief of Police of the City of Carlin with the remaining suggestion of this training and every effort documented and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold would add within the next year and seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilperson Jay Duke and Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield voting in favor.**
67. **Lauren Landa, City Attorney stated the motion needs to be clarified.**
68. **The motion died.**
69. **Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of a recommendation to reappoint Mr. Dennis Fobes as the Chief of Police of the City of Carlin with the remaining suggestion of this training with the same suggestion that he makes every effort to obtain training that a police chief, training of his choice during the next year, documenting the times he tried to schedule, it was cancelled or there was not attendance or something. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. Councilperson Pam Griswold, Councilperson Jay Duke, Councilperson Bob DeMars and Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield voted in favor and Mayor Donnetta Skinner voted against.**

**VII. Discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to reappoint Goicoechea, DiGrazia, Coyle & Stanton, Ltd. as City Attorneys for the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**

1. Lauren Landa stated Bob Goicoechea has been the City Attorney since 1974 and the office enjoys representing the city. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone.
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield inquired if she is going to be the primary for the City of Carlin or the secondary, because you have said more in this meeting than the past 10 years.
3. Lauren Landa stated she is beginning to do more work and will probably attend more. Bob Goicoechea continues to work.
4. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a recommendation to reappoint Goicoechea, DiGrazia, Coyle & Stanton, Ltd. as City Attorneys for the City of Carlin, and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Donnetta Skinner voting in favor.**

**VIII. Discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to reappoint Farr West Engineering as City Engineers for the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**

1. Chris Woster of Farr West stated they have started several things, some routine and I have contacted City Manager David Jones and Public Works Director Carlos Esparza to see if that is the way you want it done. We have identified the projects that need to be done".
2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated he has answered his questions and is appreciative.
3. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she has heard good comments.
4. **Councilperson Pam Griswold moved for approval of a recommendation to reappoint Farr West Engineering as City Engineers for the City of Carlin and all related matters. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Donnetta Skinner voting in favor.**

- IX. Discussion and possible approval of a recommendation to reappoint Eide Bailly, as City Auditors for the City of Carlin, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she likes that they tell the city what they are doing and what they need for next year. She thought they did a good job this year.
  2. **Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a recommendation to reappoint Eide Bailly, as City Auditors for the City of Carlin, and all related matters. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Donnetta Skinner voting in favor.**
- X. Review, discussion and possible approval of City expenditures for the periods 1/27/2016 to 2/10/2016, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)**
1. Discussion was held on the error in the packet
  2. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated he would abstain due to his job.
  3. Karla Jones stated the Fire Department is paying for ice melt and the City does not pay for theirs. She stated it is budget time and she wanted to inform the Council.
  4. City Manager David Jones stated theirs is a special ice melt.
  5. Councilperson Bob DeMars inquired about a \$1,900 in fund 50-79-330.
  6. Chris Woster explained the onsite meeting, was for the air gap valve was not operating correctly, so after the on-site visit we put together a cost to get the water load up and out there, then we put a budget together and called the state, so there was 6-8 hours for designs, and discussing price options.
  7. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated Nissan, Fast Glass bill is noted in 3 separate places.
  8. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated it was for the Senior Center and had to be split between their three different funds.
  9. **Councilperson Jay Duke moved for approval of City expenditures for the periods 1/27/2016 to 2/10/2016, and all related matters. Councilperson Bob DeMars seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- XI. City Council Members' Reports. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Bob DeMars reported that Public Works has been an interesting place with all of the snow removal as the paddle wheel was broken. He stated a plan was put together and he went to all of the businesses for donations and volunteers for snow removal. Thomas Petroleum and Capurro donated side dump trucks, loaders from Miller Equipment, Modern Concrete, Ahern rental. He had three of his guys running equipment that day, along with Public Works Director Carlos Esparza and City Manager David Jones who ran equipment. A lot of people volunteered last Saturday and a lot got done. He expressed his appreciation. He has a list that he would like to have a letters go out thanking the people who helped. Wren Doxey was also running a dump truck. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza will be coming to us with a big problem on budget monies for the future and the only way we will be able to get the streets fixed is to get a government bond.
  2. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated it was nice to hear that a Councilperson took their time for this snow removal. We appreciate that.
  3. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated it did not take very long to get people involved. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza is going to need our help this year.
  4. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he talked to Public Works Director Carlos Esparza on the matter too. He reported he went to the Government Affairs Committee Meeting, noting that Elko is working on Exit 298 and they have come up with a tentative budget of \$1.5 million to extend the water line out to the east exit. This opens up a lot of possibilities for that area. Elko School District is determining if they want to expand or build new schools and Jeff Zander will probably have a proposal by this summer. GBC has been nationally recognized as Number 2 in internet college services, Number 4 on affordability. Dr. Curtis is doing great for the college and it is attracting students from across the country, which means more revenue. He is seeking

a state designation for the college. NNRH went from 6 OBY/GYN to 1, but three obstetric surgeons have agreed to help during this interim and Dr. Beale has been hired. Stents and angioplasty can be done at the hospital now. They have hired a RN who does nursing at the hospital, but is also an educator at GBC for the nursing program. He explained the commerce tax will affect small businesses and is supposed to help education, but is going to be put into a general fund. He has a packet of information for Carlin. There is a referendum petition to have this recalled. There is a workshop on February 23.

5. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated Planning Commission had to cancel their meeting and will meet on March 9.
6. Councilperson Pam Griswold reported the Senior Center is doing well and will hold a fundraiser "Sweetheart Bingo". Park & Recreation met last night and are getting ready for the Sho 'N Shine. Jody Hensley is taking a Safe Serve class for her work over the concessions as well as Brent Jacobson who will work with her. There is still work to be done on the concession stands she thinks. They mentioned they need a commercial coffee pot.
7. Councilperson Jay Duke stated then the state is going to come and pass it.
8. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated that is her understanding.
9. Discussion was held on the conditions of the fields.
10. Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated May 9 – 14 will be the Clean Up Days. Anna Dean left Carlin to take care of her cousin in Lovelock and the cousin donated \$11,000 to the college. She discussed Marion Hose passing. POOL/PACT will be meeting in Reno. Discussion was held on Scott's Store and encouraged the people to support local businesses.

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

1. There will be an election this year and thanked the Council for the reappointment.

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

1. City Manager David Jones reported there is a financial statement for their review. NNRDA schedule a request and he asked they review that. County Commission has a new chair, and Vice Chair. He discussed health care and a two year reprieve as well as some good safety information. The Elko Chamber of Commerce After hour's meetings are to be held.
2. Councilperson Jay Duke stated he has attended some of those and found them beneficial.

**XIV. Carlin Police Department Report. (Non - Action Item)**

1. Officer Floyd Davey reported on January 27 – February 9th shows: Calls for Service 583, last year it was 378 a difference 205. From January 27 - February 9th calls were 360. 74 Traffic stops. Citations 21. Agency Assists 20, 5 fire, 5 EMS and 1 Elko county Sheriff. Reports 10. Arrests 7, 2 warrants, 4 misdemeanor, 1 felony, 1 juvenile. DUI – 2. Code Enforcement Officer had 14 calls for service, 4 warnings, picked up 13 canines, released 11, 2 in the pound. K9 deploy 1 and 30 training hours.
2. Councilperson Bob DeMars stated the school lights are flashing all the time and does that mean that the 15mph is all the time.
3. Officer Floyd Davey stated it needs to be corrected, because it is mainly between 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
4. Councilperson Bob DeMars requested it be fixed.
5. Officer Floyd Davey stated they did get some narcotics off the street and will have those numbers next time. He stated with the ice storm getting vehicles off the street has been difficult and they have had to cite some.
6. Councilperson Pam Griswold spoke to a person who thanked the emergency crews.
7. Other Council members expressed their appreciation.

**XV. Carlin Fire Department Report. (Non - Action Item)**

1. Robert Jess reported on the calls for January. Fire – 11, Ambulance 43, Public Service 1, total

54. For February. Fire – 0, Ambulance 6, Public Service 0, total 6. The EMT class is started with 13 members attending. The LED sign up is not currently working; it will not communicate so he can not update it. It is frozen to the ground so it cannot be moved.

**XVI. 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. Carlin Senior Center Director Deborah Beck stated a representative of WREC came and they do not have to have a separate power service for the reader board. They will come next week to see if they can tie in.
2. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund reported the budget process has been started and it is not good. Nye County has been placed under state financial watch, one step away from being taken over. North Las Vegas is in serious financial trouble. The County is \$700,000 short. He has received two appointments, the oncology board and nominated to be Vice Chair of the Elko County Commission. Met with Congressman Amodei and requested he hold a field congressional hearing in Elko County on the land management policies and he has agreed, but it would be more toward spring. By doing this, we can save money on the lawsuits against the feds. He is on the RTC and Elko Debt Commission and others. He is going to Reno for a board meeting for Nevada Works that applies to Job Corps, Job Connect, and Communities in Schools.
3. Discussion was held on American Lands Council.
4. County Commissioner Cliff Eklund stated they do not condone or advocate the violence against the state or federal officials or their employees. They have a job to do and although they may not like them, it is their job to enforce the laws.
5. Councilperson Jay Duke suggested City Manager David Jones attend the service in Reno for Marion Hose.
6. Lauren Landa, City Attorney stated they cannot take any action on items that are not on the agenda.
7. Councilperson Pam Griswold inquired about an agenda item.
8. City Manager David Jones stated it comes out of the operational budget and will be a finding in the audit next year.

**XVII. Adjournment. (Possible Action Item)**  
**Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield moved for adjournment with Councilperson Pam Griswold seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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**DONNETTA SKINNER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON**