

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA
March 28, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Cliff Eklund called the meeting of the Carlin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund
Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Councilperson Steve Feasel
Councilperson Lee Griswold
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield

Absent:

2. Administrative Staff: City Manager Glenn Trust, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Chief of Police William Bauer, Public Works Director Carlos Esparza. Robert Bratcher City Building Official and Permits Inspector
3. Present: Roger Anderson, Lloyd Myers, Rick Anderson, Mike Tangreen, Karla Jones, Robert Howard, Pam Ferguson, Tom Burney, Kathy Burney, A. B. Simpkins, Brett Bilyeu, Tony Regn, Don Ahern, Jeff Hobensart, Bob Heath, Lew Eklund, Ellen Meshefski

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Update from Robert Howard, RH Construction Services, regarding the status and timeline for the Development of property in the Industrial Park purchased by DFA, LLC, and all related matters. (Non-Action Item)

1. Don Ahern, DFA, reported their intention is within 2 weeks to do a "mass moving of dirt". He noted the plans are present and explained they met with Haycock who wants to develop the north end of the property five (5) acres. He noted they expect to rent to potential buyers or lessees. He stated they appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the City and intend to be a good neighbor.
2. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield confirmed the dirt work would be done on May 1.
3. Don Ahern stated sometime in May and stated the timeline would be approximately 4 weeks.
4. The Council expressed its appreciation.

II. Review, discussion and possible approval of a proposal to lease City Property to Robert DeMars, dba Gold Rush MX Park, to be developed as a multiple motor sports track and venue, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported he was approached by Elko to get a racetrack in Carlin and he talked to Bob DeMars and this would be an extension of what he already has.
2. Bob DeMars reported the track has been in operation for three (3) years. He stated they held 11 races in the last year. Ahern has been a huge contributor and the "City has been great". He noted he had been approached about circle racing, which would require more property and therefore he would be looking at leasing more property north of the Gold Rush MX Sports Park. He stated permitting would be through IMCA and explained there is not another track of this kind within 150 miles. He stated he would like to build a sand drag strip and mud bog to diversify the park for five (5) different races.
3. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired about the needed land.
4. Robert DeMars stated a total of 80 acres.
5. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the track is on the old dumpsite and the City has limited use for with recreation one of the approved uses.

6. Councilperson Steve Feasel agreed this was a good idea.
7. Robert DeMars explained their stewardship of the land to keep it looking good, noting there were more than 400 people on a day.
8. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield expressed his appreciation on the motocross, inquiring if this would be promoted by the DeMars.
9. Robert DeMars replied affirmatively.
10. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired about the IMCA.
11. Robert DeMars stated it would be a sanctioned track and explained that Elko needs a new place because the lease would be up in two (2) years.
12. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated IMCA requires 10 events a year and that can be five (5) weekends.
13. Discussion was held on the clay.
14. City Manager Glenn Trust stated that the DeMars have proven themselves. He stated with council approval, the City will know what has to be staked out and will have it surveyed.
15. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated this will draw business to the Industrial Park and stock racing will bring a different clientele who will stay in the City.
16. Discussion was held on a vote.
17. Karla Jones stated a person who attended the race stated it was “overly packed” where there were a lot of injuries and they were worried there were not certified EMTs and ambulance on the site/standby, because they could be sued. She inquired if that issue would be addressed in the contract, especially as the event grows.
18. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated IMCA requires an ambulance on site.
19. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated it is also in their contract now.
20. Robert DeMars stated they were asked to donate money and hopes they can develop a relationship with the Fire Department.
21. Karla Jones explained because Elko does not have a volunteer ambulance service for standby and charge \$15.00 per attendance as an ambulance fee. She stated if they do not have a schedule of when the events are, we could not sponsor. She stated part of the issue would be some type of pay for the volunteers.
22. City Manager Glenn Trust stated they should submit a schedule.
23. Angie DeMars stated they did pay Carlin Volunteer Fire Department once and there are three (3) at the track, one of which is trying to become a n EMT and two (2) are certified. She stated everyone has to sign a waiver that would prevent anyone involved with the track being sued, including the City. She stated they have insurance for the spectators, but the riders are not covered.
24. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated the riders are covered under their own insurance.
25. Robert DeMars stated they would be “glad to pay” for an ambulance to be on site.
26. Karla Jones stated from the Fire Department’s point of view, it does not matter if it is an EMT or ambulance on standby, but just what the required rules are. She explained that she is just trying to cover all the bases as the event grows.
27. Robert DeMars stated they are required to have two (2) EMTs on site at all times or within a 10 minute call according to his insurance.
28. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated this issue is one that Mr. DeMars needs to talk to the City and Fire Department to work things out. He suggested they get it scheduled to meet the terms of the contract with the City as well as their insurance. He stated according to the contract, they need to have something because the City needs to be protected.
29. Bob Bratcher, City Inspector, stated it is a great track and as a courtesy, offered his help.
30. Robert DeMars stated IMCA provides specifications on how it should be built.
31. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a proposal to lease City Property to Robert DeMars, dba Gold Rush MX Park, to be developed as a multiple motor sports track and venue, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

- III. Discussion and possible approval of an increase in the contracted compensation for Robert Bratcher, City Building Official and Permits Inspector, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
1. City Manager Glenn Trust explained that there is one entity in the City that is paying for itself, that of Mr. Bratcher, Building Permits and Inspections. He stated the City has taken in more funds than expenses. He noted the City is fortunate to have him, stating he retired from the State, knows virtually everyone from Carson City and through Elko. He explained he has been with the City for three (3) years, has not had a raise and has assured the City he is not “going anywhere”. He also pointed out he uses his own vehicle and his own staff. He proposed they offer him a \$2.00 per hour raise.
 2. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired about the raise.
 3. City Manager Glenn Trust stated he is proposing a raise to \$57.00 per hour.
 4. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner complimented Mr. Bratcher on how he handles issues.
 5. **Councilperson Steve Feasel moved for approval of a \$2.00 per hour increase in the contracted compensation for Robert Bratcher, City Building Official and Permits Inspector, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion and Mayor Cliff Eklund voted in favor.**
 6. Fred Montes de Oca stated he has heard good comments.
 7. Mike Tangreen agreed.
- IV. Review, discussion and possible approval of Special Events Liquor License, valid for one year to be issued to Karla Jones, dba Carlin Volunteer Fire Department, LLC, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
1. **Councilperson Lee Griswold moved for approval of a Special Events Liquor License, valid for one year to be issued to Karla Jones, dba Carlin Volunteer Fire Department, LLC, and all related matters. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**
- V. Presentation from Mayor Eklund and reading of a letter from Kathleen Sandoval regarding Mayors and Mommies Month and support for the “Text4Baby” program, and all related matters. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Mayor Cliff Eklund read a letter from Kathleen Sandoval on the importance of prenatal care for pregnant women and the vaccination policy for young children: *Dear Mayor, ¶Every year in the U.S. more than 500,000 babies are born prematurely and an estimated 28,000 children die before their first birthday. Many factors contribute to these staggering statistics, including healthcare, access, poverty, negative health behaviors, and lack of basic healthcare knowledge. Simply increasing knowledge and awareness of prenatal, infant, and maternal health can help decrease these numbers dramatically. ¶As Nevada’s First Lady and mother of three, I am writing to encourage your participation and support during Immunize Nevada’s Mayors and Mommies Month. This April, Immunize Nevada and the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services’ Maternal Child Health Division are focusing on infant and maternal health by encouraging new and expectant mothers to sign up for Text4Baby, a free health information service. Mayors and Mommies Month kicks off April 1, and our goal is to have 4,000 mothers sign up for Text4Baby by Mother’s Day on May 13. ¶As a mayor, you can help by publicly announcing your participation in Mayors and Mommies Month and pledging your support for Text4Baby, and encouraging your local health organizations and mothers in your community to do the same. For assistance hosting a media event at your office, inviting mothers and babies to help with the announcement, press releases, promotional materials, or more details on Text4Baby, visit www.immunizenevada.org/mayors. ¶Immunize Nevada, a statewide non-profit organization committed to increasing immunization rates in Nevada, is working with KPS3 Marketing to help coordinate Mayors and Mommies Month, and they will be contacting you soon to answer any questions and give you more details on Mayors and Mommies Month. In the*

meantime, feel free to contact Emily Stratton at 775-770-6704 or emilystratton@dignityhealth.org or Julie Kruper at 775-0686-7413 or juliak@kps3.com if you have questions or need materials. ¶Please join me this April and pledge your support to Text4Baby by encouraging mothers in your community to sign up for the program. Mayors and Mommies Month is an opportunity for all of us to help keep our mothers and infants healthy. s/Kathleen J. Sandoval, First Lady State of Nevada

2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated it is a good idea, as most young mothers do not know or think about this. She stated the vaccinations are important and helping the young mothers to have a better understanding is “a good idea”.
3. Councilperson Steve Feasel suggested Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner spearhead and host the event.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund appointed Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner to organize the event.

VI. Discussion regarding the Citizen of the Year program and the level of involvement to be taken by the City, and all related matters. (Possible Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported he was in a meeting with Lou Eklund, Bob Heath and Ellen Meshefski, noting there is confusion on whose program it is, noting there was an understanding by the committee that it was a City event and the City understood it to be a committee event. He stated they did research the Minutes and it stated, *Mayor Trousdale further informed the Council he felt it was time to carry on the Citizen of the Year award. He stated last year recognition was given to Naboko Goto, the foreign exchange student. He stated a committee had been appointed to receive nominations for this award and this committee will be getting in touch with the different organizations within the community for these nominations. The Council was in agreement with having a Citizen of the Year Award. Mayor Trousdale stated the Citizen of the Year Award will not be funded through the City, but will be privately funded.* Mayor Cliff Eklund stated there was no vote in those first minutes and no direction as to who appoints the committee. He stated he would like to have Council direction.
2. Bob Heath stated he has been involved since the third one and it was his thought that it was a City event, sponsored and supported by the City of Carlin. He stated that for 15-20 years if you were selected for the committee it was for life. He noted they have taken over the duties of the City and over the past few years, the committee has reduced in size. He explained the process and no one from the City has inquired about the program, noting they generally started in November, but now it is May or June. He stated there has been nothing to say the “City of Carlin appreciates what you do” and there are no Council Members who participate, as well as no citizens showing up for the presentations. He stated he does not want to participate in this way any more either in organizing or selecting the Citizen, but will do whatever the City wants. He stated it is no longer the City’s recognition and the citizens do not appreciate it, as they do not come. He stated maybe the City should “give somebody a break on their water bill for a year or hand them a check for \$500”. He stated in the minutes he read, it stated it would be privately funded and that has never been the case. He noted a lot of “us put our own money in”. He reported that Lou Eklund has done all of the video work at his own cost and “we buy \$500 in food and end up giving it to the Senior Center, because nobody comes to it”.
3. Councilperson Lee Griswold stated it “lacks the push that it had at one time” and people take it for granted. He noted this needs to be remodeled.
4. Discussion was held on the enthusiasm and new volunteers are not brought in to carry it forward.
5. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she never realized it was a “City thing” and inquired why the Council did not know it was their job.
6. Councilperson Lee Griswold stated the City was always in charge of it, but it was handled by a committee.
7. Karla Jones discussed the dinner, a committee of five (5) and the Council picking the winner.

- She stated she would not like to see it stop, but suggested that the committee members only stay on for five (5) years.
8. Bob Heath explained the dinner failed because no one brought anything so the Fire Department often went over to Scotts to purchase the food and they never know how many will come. He suggested they select a Citizen or City employee to coordinate. He explained it is no longer working.
 9. Discussion was held on two (2) Citizens of the Year held the previous year, the qualification of picking someone who had benefited the community and who appointed the committee and made the nominations.
 10. Councilperson Steve Feasel stated he did not think it should be a Council decision and it would be “wrong for the City to be involved”.
 11. Mayor Cliff Eklund agreed.
 12. Discussion was held on the duties of a coordinator.
 13. Bob Heath stated everything is political like the documents that they give, such as proclamations by the Council and Governor and he suggested it should be driven by the City and people should be recognized. He stated they were asked to make the presentation and it is now where they do all of the work and funding.
 14. Discussion was held on the community not being involved.
 15. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner suggested the citizens should be picking the nominee.
 16. Bob Heath agreed, stating that once they are chosen, the City could determine how they are to be recognized and tell the committee what to do.
 17. Rose Gift discussed the nominations and their involvement with the Citizen of the Year. She noted the communication has failed.
 18. Discussion was held on the dinners and the fact that no one shows up except the families of the nominees and suggestions for holding it during another event.
 19. Councilperson Steve Feasel stated the committee could have come to the Council.
 20. Ellen Meshefski stated the credibility has been lost and the committee did not want to run this as a competition and now “it is going downhill”. She explained they brought it to the Council, because they believe the City has to get behind this.
 21. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated there should be a unique venue for each one and the Lion’s Club can possibly spearhead this. He agreed it is not the City’s responsibility.
 22. Discussion was held on a liaison or a new committee.
 23. Discussion was held on putting something in the minutes that defines the parameters to be followed.
 24. Councilperson Steve Feasel stated there should be established criteria before it is taken over by anyone else.
 25. Mayor Cliff Eklund appointed Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield to meet with the existing committee and bring recommendations back to the Council, noting this is a possible action item and no vote would be taken.
 26. Bob Heath stated every member should be contacted.

VII. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Carlin City Council on January 25, 2012 and the Budget Workshop Session of the City Council on March 14, 2012, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. **Councilperson Steve Feasel moved for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Carlin City Council on January 25, 2012, and all related matters. Mayor Cliff Eklund seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner voting in favor. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield and Councilperson Lee Griswold abstained.**
2. City Manager Glenn Trust stated the March 14, 2012 did not have a quorum and therefore there were no minutes taken.
3. No vote was taken on the March 14, 2012 Budget Workshop Session.

VIII. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the period 3/15/2012 to

3/28/2012, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of payments for the period 3/15/2012 to 3/28/2012, and all related matters. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

IX. City Council Members Report. (Non-Action Item)

1. Councilperson Lee Griswold had no report.
2. Councilperson Steve Feasel had no report.
3. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield reported there have been break ins of cars and is covering the City, suggesting that everyone lock their vehicles, as well as homes and out buildings.
4. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported the Division of Aging will be inspecting the Senior Center and the Board decided to upgrade the director's office.
5. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported Justin Gerber contacted him about Peter Skeen Ogden ride on June 2 and a memorial service to the first rider, Joseph Paul, who died in Carlin and they now have the location of where he is buried. He stated this is coordinated with the Trail Center. He reported he and City Manager Glenn Trust have attended meetings.

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

1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson had no report.

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

1. City Manager Glenn Trust had no report.

XI. 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. Mike Tangreen reported he has been working on "getting a house built for quite some time and the State of Nevada told me I needed City water, so I came down and paid for my City water hookup and now I am being told it is not available". He stated he would like to work out a solution at this time, as he wants to have his house built. He stated he has 2 ½ acre feet of water in his well and suggested the City keep the money for his water hook-up of \$3,600, allow him to use his well until it is more feasible to bring out City water. He stated, "The bottom line is I would like to work out a solution so I can build my house".
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired how far the water line is from Mr. Tangreen's house.
3. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated, "I would have to guess 1000 to 1500 feet".
4. City Manager Glenn Trust inquired, as to why he could not use his current water connection to the well and stated that the City does not want the connection fee as it is irrelevant since there is no water line available.
5. Bob Batcher stated he could not speak to the problem of the water point, as he has not looked into it.
6. Mayor Cliff Eklund confirmed that "the State is telling you, you cannot use it".
7. Mike Tangreen stated "In the state laws, you can only have one well per acre, but my well is old and I have water rights, so it can be used for multi-houses. There are two houses up on it right now and you know the state government, it is black and white. Because of the lot size, there is not enough room for a new well and that I have to have City water. They did not even entertain using the existing well".
8. City Manager Glenn Trust inquired, "What brought this up? How did this get to the state?"
9. Mike Tangreen stated, "If I got the City sewer, it would not be an issue at all, but I have to go to the state for my septic system and that entails a lot".
10. Bob Batcher inquired if it is a fire issue.
11. Mike Tangreen replied negatively.
12. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated it is a safety issue.

13. City Manager Glenn Trust stated, "You cannot use that well for your new house, that is what you are telling us?"
14. Mike Tangreen stated, "I would love to be able to, but.."
15. Bob Batcher stated, "That would be pulling too much water out of the well that is what they are telling you".
16. Mike Tangreen stated, "They did not even entertain it, because it is very black and white, my lot size says I have to have City water".
17. Councilperson Lee Griswold inquired about the site that he needs water.
18. Mike Tangreen stated it is on Tuscarora Road.
19. Councilperson Lee Griswold inquired, "Where is it written that you have to have City water?"
20. Mike Tangreen stated, "That is what the state told me and they said that was one of my first things, so that day I came and paid for my water hook-up. I do not know this, I am just putting it out there, the City is okay with me using that well or not?"
21. City Manager Glenn Trust stated, "I would ask you that question".
22. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated, "My only comment is that the City has no jurisdiction over water wells. It is a state issue. My best suggestion would be to confer with Tom Ballew, he is more experienced with that and he would direct Mike in the right direction".
23. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "But you say there are two (2) other houses hooked to this well".
24. Mike Tangreen stated, "There are already two houses on that lot".
25. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired if they are occupied homes.
26. Mike Tangreen stated he owns both of them and they are rentals.
27. City Manager Glenn Trust inquired if there was a septic permit.
28. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he could understand why they would not let him drill a second well because of the spacing. He stated a residential well is considered...only so many gallons a minute for a residential well, noting, "If you already have two houses hooked to it, that may, in their calculations, exceed the gallons per minute".
29. Mike Tangreen stated, "I own water rights, I own 2 feet of water".
30. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "Maybe you need to talk to Mr. Ballew, because we do not know what you are talking about".
31. Mike Tangreen stated, "I just thought this would be a good place to begin".
32. Councilperson Lee Griswold stated, "Just a suggestion, do you have any idea what the capacity of that well is in water".
33. Mike Tangreen stated, "There is a lot of water".
34. Councilperson Lee Griswold inquired, "Have you put a hard pump on it and tested it, how many gallons per minute would it test?"
35. Mike Tangreen stated, "I know it is 1000 feet from Maggie Creek and that is a really substantial water table".
36. Councilperson Lee Griswold stated, "You are into the surface water then".
37. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated, "It cannot be an 18" well".
38. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired, "Carlos can you bring me an estimate as to distance, he does not know, he says 1000 to 1500 feet, do you have any idea?"
39. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated they could measure.
40. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "Assuming it is 1000 feet, that is a long way, over a football field. Assuming it is 1000 feet, what would be the cost of extending the water line there?"
41. Public Works Director Carlos Esparza stated, "We could not just extend it; we would have to go to Tom Ballew and it would have to be engineered. I would say it would be a minimum of a 6" water line, because we wouldn't just run it to his house. We would have to go to the end of the road, so ..."
42. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, "I think we ought to let him to use this well until he can get the water out there".
43. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, "The state would have something to say about that".
44. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated, "Mr. Ballew is the one to go to, that would be the

- first bet to go to him and see what he has to say about it”.
45. Mike Tangreen inquired if Mr. Ballew is still the City Engineer.
 46. Mayor Cliff Eklund replied affirmatively.
 47. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated, “If you can tell him just what you have, he might be able to get by the state, he might know how to do that. It does not sound like we know anything about it”.
 48. Mike Tangreen stated, “It is frustrating. Twelve feet from where my house is going to be, I have a spigot, 1 ¼ line, beautiful clean cold water”.
 49. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, “Why don’t you get a hold of Tom Ballew and then if you want you can contact me or City Manager Glenn Trust and let him know what Mr. Ballew told you”.
 50. Mike Tangreen stated, “I will do that and I appreciate everyone’s time. It was nice to talk to everyone at once”.
 51. Karla Jones reported that the 5th Annual Spring Fling is April 21 starting at 4:30 p.m. with entertainment. She explained the other auxiliary events that will be held. She reported the Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the association conference in Carlin in June and it will be held in Elko, but they will try to get some things brought to Carlin.
 52. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield expressed his appreciation on the potholes being filled on Bush Street.
 53. Bob Batcher expressed his thanks to the people of Carlin who he works with, noting they have made his job easier.

XII. Adjournment. (Action Item)

Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for adjournment with Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconding the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR CLIFF EKLUND

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON