

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA
February 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

1. Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund
Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Councilperson Lee Griswold
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield
Absent: Councilperson Steve Feasel
2. Administrative Staff: City Manager Glenn Trust, and City Clerk LaDawn Lawson
3. Present: Roger Anderson, Lloyd Myers, Rick Anderson, Thomas J. Burney, Kathy Burney

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. **Review, discussion and possible approval of a Proclamation by the Carlin City Council, Resolution 2012-01, ordering a general election for the City of Carlin on November 6, 2012 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 related matters. (Action Item)**
 1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of a Proclamation by the Carlin City Council, Resolution 2012-01, ordering a general election for the City of Carlin on November 6, 2012 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 related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**
- II. **Review, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2012-02, authorizing the City Clerk to provide notice for candidates to file for candidacy for the Carlin City General Election on November 6, 2012 and establishing the filing period as beginning at 8:00 am on March 16, 2012 and ending at 5:00 pm on March 29, 2012 and requiring a twenty-five dollar (\$25) filing fee from each candidate, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
 1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of Resolution 2012-02, authorizing the City Clerk to provide notice for candidates to file for candidacy for the Carlin City General Election on November 6, 2012 and establishing the filing period as beginning at 8:00 am on March 16, 2012 and ending at 5:00 pm on March 29, 2012 and requiring a twenty-five dollar (\$25) filing fee from each candidate, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**
- III. **Review, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2012-03, authorizing the City Clerk to cooperate with the County Clerk in all matters pertaining to the election and to have all printing done, publications made and ballots prepared as shall be proper and lawful and to reimburse the County Clerk for any of these acts performed on behalf of the City of Carlin, for consideration by the City Council, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
 1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of Resolution 2012-03, authorizing the City Clerk to cooperate with the County Clerk in all matters pertaining**

to the election and to have all printing done, publications made and ballots prepared as shall be proper and lawful and to reimburse the County Clerk for any of these acts performed on behalf of the City of Carlin, for consideration by the City Council, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion and Mayor Cliff Eklund voted in favor.

- IV. Discussion and possible approval of a proposal to make no change to the property tax rate levied by the City of Carlin and to authorize the City Manager to relay this information to the Nevada Department of Taxation, and all related matters. (Action Item).**
- 1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of a proposal to make no change to the property tax rate levied by the City of Carlin and to authorize the City Manager to relay this information to the Nevada Department of Taxation, and all related matters. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**
- V. Review and discussion of consolidated tax distributions and the City Council's position on any proposed change in the manner of distributions, and authorization for the City Manager to state those positions in a letter to the Chairperson of the Legislative Commission Subcommittee to Study the Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
1. City Manager Glenn Trust reported he had a conversation with David Frasier about the distribution and his appearance before the subcommittee. He stated it is in Carlin's best interest to respond.
 2. County Commissioner Jeff Williams explained John Ellison is on the committee and he will be bringing information back with him. He stated the Commission had to vote on the issues.
 3. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated that Marilyn Kirkpatrick is "powerful within the state" and agreed it was in Carlin's best interest to vote on the issue and address a letter to her.
 4. City Manager Glenn Trust stated David Frasier was told by Ms. Kirkpatrick that any city that did not respond would not receive any consideration. He explained a couple of the issues, such as the Consolidated Tax accounts for 60-70% of the revenue in Carlin and if that were changed it would drastically impact the City. He stated assessed values had dropped in southern Nevada and the property tax had decreased there. He explained that the City of Fernley felt they were not getting a fair evaluation. He stated this is Carlin's primary source of revenue and he would suggest they include that they have the right to state their concerns later.
 5. Mayor Cliff Eklund agreed that should be expressed in the letter.
 6. Commissioner Jeff Williams explained the shortfall to the state because of the property tax decreasing. He stated that John Ellison is in Carson City trying to ensure that rural Nevada has a say in what happens and there is a fair distribution.
 7. Mayor Cliff Eklund explained there is a major move to shift the portion of that budgeted money to Southern Nevada. He stated Carlin needs to voice its opinion and there is a big movement to levy taxes on the mining industry and shift that money to the southern counties.
 8. Commissioner Jeff Williams stated there are two formulas in order to do that and rural Nevada needs to ensure that those do not affect them adversely.
 9. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval for the City Manager to state the Council's positions regarding distributions of Consolidated Tax, and any possible changes in the distributions, in a letter to the Chairperson of the Legislative Commission Subcommittee to Study the Allocation of Money Distributed from the Local Government Tax Distribution Account and that the Council concurs with the City Manager's recommendation that any distribution impact can be addressed at a later date, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

- VI. Review, discussion and possible approval of the minutes for the regular meetings of the City Council on January 11, 2012 and January 25, 2012, and all related matters. (Action Item)**
1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of the minutes for the regular meetings of the City Council on January 11, 2012, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund abstaining.
 2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved to table approval of the minutes for the regular meetings of the City Council on January 25, 2012, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.
- VII. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the period 1/26/2012 to 2/8/2012, and all related matters. (Action Item).**
1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of payments for the period 1/26/2012 to 2/8/2012, and all related matters. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.
- VIII. City Council Members Report. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Councilperson Lee Griswold had no report.
 2. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield had no report.
 3. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported the Sweetheart Bingo fundraiser dates.
 4. Mayor Cliff Eklund expressed his wishes for a speedy recovery for Ed Nash. He reminded the members that the developers would be in Carlin on February 22 to present a proposal for a possible extension of the contract. He stated he hoped to have a large group in attendance.
- IX. City Clerk's Report**
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. Commissioner Jeff Williams reported on the Instruction Manual from the BLM, which might tie up everything as far as federal lands. He stated there is going to be a public meeting on March 3 in Elko chaired by former Assemblyman John Carpenter. He stated the County Commission is not going to take a leadership role. He encouraged everyone to attend as it is a big issue for everyone. He stated the Western Water Shed was pushing to get the sage grouse listed as endangered, but there was a ruling against them. He stated they need to be proactive.
 2. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated this could impact grazing right, mining rights and anywhere sage grouse are.
 3. Commissioner Jeff Williams further explained the issues and impact. He stated that Western Water Shed's main goal is to take grazing off all federal lands. He stated there has not been a bench mark established to determine what the population should be and all the detrimental factors, such as predators and wildfires. He noted one of the problems could involve taxes and mining growth.
 4. Discussion was held by the Members on the issue of predator control.
 5. Roger Anderson addressed the issue of dogs in Carlin and a person almost was bitten. He inquired if the dogcatcher has a list of catches and fines she has done. He stated the citizens pay for her job. He stated something has to be done.

6. Discussion was held on electric fences.
7. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated this has been an issue for a long time. He noted they had a fulltime dogcatcher, but then they saved money by combining two (2) jobs, but he feels it is not working.
8. Roger Anderson stated the cats are "getting bad".
9. City Manager Glenn Trust reported there are 7-8 dogs caught each week and he will talk to the dogcatcher. He requested that if anyone sees something they call him immediately.
10. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the owners should be held responsible, with many letting their dogs out at night when the dogcatcher is not working.
11. Thomas Burney stated that he sees the dogs caged in the dog pounds that have not been let out. He also stated there has been difficulty with the AT&T service in Carlin and inquired if the City could send a letter to AT&T.
12. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he personally called the company and filed a complaint, which they were supposed to check all the receivers in 48 hours between Carlin and Elko. He stated that he received a text stating they had corrected the problem and one of the officers a few days later called for help and the call did not get out.
13. Thomas Burney stated that AT&T's response has been that no one is complaining.
14. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she called and told them she could send a list of complaints.
15. Discussion was held on various emergencies and the use of another carrier.
16. City Manager Glenn Trust stated he would send a letter.

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 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR CLIFF EKLUND

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LADAWN LAWSON