

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA
January 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Cliff Eklund called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund
Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Councilperson Steve Feasel
Absent: Councilperson Lee Griswold
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield
2. Administrative Staff: Assistant City Clerk Heather Trujillo
3. Present: Roger Anderson, Lloyd Myers, Lisa Wolf, Rick Anderson, Howard Wright, Fred Montes de Oca, Zack Spencer

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Review and discussion of an update from Eureka Moly, LLC regarding the Mount Hope Project and possible approval of a request for a letter of support and favorable comment from the Carlin City Council, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. Zack Spencer, General Moly Communications Manager, reported the Mt. Hope Project is located 70 miles southwest of Carlin. He noted it is a regional mine, a molybdenum mine, which diversifies the mining industry in this area. He stated there is a 44-year mine life, employing 400 people in high quality mining jobs and a 20-month construction period that will employ an average of 600 people. He reported they have been working on the permitting of the Mt. Hope Project more than five (5) years and recently reached a milestone when the Battle Mountain BLM office published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. He stated it is a 1000 page document and is very thorough. He stated the Socioeconomic effects of higher-level workforce commuting for the project show substantial housing resources in some places outside of Eureka County, such as Carlin, Elko and Ely. He stated there is also a substantially larger housing base in these communities, which could provide housing opportunities for project operations employees, depending on economic activities and housing abilities at the time the project operations workers are seeking housing. He stated they cannot tell the workers where to live, they do provide excellent jobs, explaining the average mining wage is \$88,000 a year. He stated they are currently in the comment period of the draft EIS and BLM held two meetings last week, one in Eureka with 125 attendees and in Crescent Valley with 75 attendees, all supporting the project. He stated the comment ends on March 1, 2012 and asked the Council to consider a letter of support to the BLM.
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired about buses from Eureka through Carlin to Elko.
3. Zack Spencer replied affirmatively, but nothing has been finalized. He stated they have approximately 60% of the engineering completed, but are still working on all of the logistics, such as bussing and housing.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund confirmed that 50-55% of the workers would be in the Carlin, Elko area.
5. Zack Spencer agreed. He stated people are used to commuting to the mine.
6. Discussion was held on the Eureka support of 80%.
7. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated some of the dissension came from water rights, but that has been resolved.
8. Zack Spencer stated there is a hearing on the suit filed against the State for approving the water rights. He stated they have all the water they need at this point from Colby and

Diamond Valley. He stated it is a billion dollar project and they have all their financing done. He stated they put a sustainable trust together for Diamond Valley to manage and help them conserve their water. He stated they would be using 7,000 gallons of water per minute in their processing at Mt. Hope.

9. Fred Montes de Oca inquired if the buses would stop in Carlin.
10. Zack Spencer agreed.
11. **Councilperson Steve Feasel moved for approval of an update from Eureka Moly, LLC regarding the Mount Hope Project and approval of a request for a letter of support and favorable comment from the Carlin City Council, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

II. Discussion and possible approval of a proposal to begin the process of disposal of the City-owned lot at 410 Hamilton Street by obtaining a market appraisal of the lot, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported this parcel was obtained due to taxes not being paid. He stated in order to sell it; they have to get an appraisal.
2. Councilperson Steve Feasel agreed, noting the trailer should be sold and an appraisal done.
3. Fred Montes de Oca suggested they leave the trailer there.
4. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of a proposal to begin the process of disposal of the City-owned lot at 410 Hamilton Street by obtaining a market appraisal of the lot, and all related matters. Councilperson Steve Feasel seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

III. Discussion and possible approval of a proposal to authorize the City Manager to investigate and negotiate a possible purchase of property, Parcel 002-200-006, adjacent to the Chinese Gardens owned by Union Pacific, for consideration by the City Council, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported the property sits on the east side of Chinese Gardens. He stated there are some people interested in purchasing it and they thought it belongs to the City, but there is 14 acres that belongs to the school district and the remainder to the railroad. He stated the railroad is willing to sign it over to the City of Carlin. He stated the people want to purchase the parcel and it is agendaed to determine whether the Council is in favor of purchasing it.
2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated she is for going ahead.
3. Councilperson Steve Feasel stated he would like to see if they could get it for a reasonable price.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the railroad is not interested in selling to a developer.
5. Discussion was held on the property size.
6. Fred Montes de Oca stated the railroad should just give it to them.
7. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they have changed their policy and would like to get some monetary value for the land.
8. **Councilperson Steve Feasel moved for approval of a proposal to authorize the City Manager to investigate and negotiate a possible purchase of property, Parcel 002-200-006, adjacent to the Chinese Gardens owned by Union Pacific, for consideration by the City Council, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion and Mayor Cliff Eklund voted in favor.**

IV. Review and discussion of a legal opinion from the City Attorney regarding section 1-6-4 of the Carlin City Code pertaining to votes cast by the Mayor and possible approval of a recommendation to amend the City Code to bring it into compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241.0355, and all related matters. (Action Item).

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund explained the Mayor can no longer break a tie, because the City Attorney

has informed them that the Nevada Legislature changed the law and that is no longer the case. He stated they have to change the City Code to be in compliance with the State Legislature's ruling.

2. Lisa Wolf confirmed there is no tie breaker.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated if a motion ends in a tie, it just does not pass.
4. **Councilperson Steve Feasel moved for approval of a recommendation to amend the City Code to bring it into compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241.0355, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

V. Review and discussion of the City's insurance claims experience through the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated if there were any questions, it should be tabled until City Manager Glenn Trust can answer those questions.
2. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of the City's insurance claims experience through the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool, and all related matters. Councilperson Steve Feasel seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

VI. Review, discussion and possible approval of the City's financial report for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, and all related matters. (Action Item)

1. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of the City's financial report for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, and all related matters. Councilperson Steve Feasel seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

VII. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the period 1/12/2012 to 1/25/2012, and all related matters. (Action Item).

1. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of payments for the period 1/12/2012 to 1/25/2012, and all related matters. Councilperson Steve Feasel seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Cliff Eklund voting in favor.**

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

1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they would hold Sweetheart Bingo in February.
2. Councilperson Steve Feasel reported he would not be at the next two (2) meetings.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported he attended ECEDA and the housing market was discussed. He stated AB44 requires all community developments to merge into one development area with negotiations between White Pine, Elko and Eureka Counties and there are problems with the concept. He suggested that Elko County be its own economic district because of its size. He stated RHDC reported they have \$2.3 million dollars for Small Business Loans in Nevada. He commented on the City staying under budget last year. He discussed doing work on the baseball fields. He stated there should be lighting at the Equestrian Center next year without much expense.

XV. City Clerk's Report

1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson was not available.

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

1. City Manager Glenn Trust was not available.

XVII. 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. Lisa Wolf reported she is a member of the Eureka Economic Development Board and attends the Future Industrial Needs Committee, which has participation from Elko, Lander and Eureka regarding development along the 1-80 corridor. She noted there is already a strong focus and alliance with Lander County. She complimented those who are involved.
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated they want to put Pershing County in with Elko, which would not work. He stated the needs, problems and expectations are different. He stated Pam Borda with ECEDA has the authority to get things going without going back for approval. He stated it seemed that there was confusion on how this would work, not necessarily anyone opposed to it.

XVIII.

Adjournment. (Action Item)

Councilperson Steve Feasel 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 7:48 .m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR CLIFF EKLUND

ATTEST:

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK HEATHER TRUJILLO