WEST WENDOVER CITY COUNCIL, MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 02, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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Others Present: Laura Oslund, Judy Bartlome, Ameé Gutierrez, Mary Park, Jeff Durham, Mike Crawford, Arbie Stone, Chad O’Brian, Corinne Copelan, Elijah Haynes and Kathy Durham

Mayor Corona called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the West Wendover City Hall, Council Chambers #137. All those present and excused are noted above.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Corona led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None offered or received.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (For Possible Action)

a. City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 19, 2017 7:00 PM Accepted

Council Member Holm made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Flores and passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Decision to Authorize the City Manager to Proceed with the Forthcoming 2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations Associated with the Police Officers

“The City of West Wendover is an equal opportunity provider.”
Association and Local 4041 for the Contract Period Beginning July 2018 and Others Matters Appropriately Related Thereto (For Possible Action)

Report By City Manager
Review/Comment/Action: City Council

Chris Melville explained that this is so he may proceed with the negotiations with the Police Officers Association and the Local 4041 on behalf of the City. The negotiations will start in March after budget numbers are received from the State. Council Member Hanson asked what may be discussed with the unions. Chris stated that it is what the unions will bring to the negotiation table and could include a cost of living adjustment. Council Member Hanson asked if the Council will be involved in the process. Chris stated that he will keep the Council informed and if a negotiation meeting with the Council needs to be held they will schedule one. Those meetings are confidential meetings due to labor negotiations statutes and not open to the public.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the forthcoming 2018 collective bargaining agreement negotiations associated with the Police Officers Association and Local 4041 for the contract period beginning July 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holm and passed unanimously.

b. Discussion and Decision with Regard to Proceeding with City Code Amendments and/or Modifications as it Relates to Recreational Marijuana and the Licensing of Such Establishments in the City of West Wendover and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto (For Possible Action)

Report By City Manager
Review/Comment/Action: City Council

Chris Melville stated that based on the last meeting in December there were several Council Members who wanted this discussed at an early meeting in January. Council Member Holm stated that we need to know where the City stands on recreational marijuana before people go into the Industrial Park. Council Member Anderson stated that we had been very clear about doing medical marijuana first than recreational marijuana. Council Member Gutierrez stated that we are moving forward on the medical marijuana but should still move forward with recreational marijuana also. Council Member Flores stated that we had been straight forward with the entity that came in by stating that we were only doing medical marijuana to start with and we should find out what the impact will be before moving on to recreational marijuana. Council Member Hanson stated that it is premature to make a decision on recreational marijuana at this point but need to see more on the recreational marijuana in other areas especially where they can and cannot smoke it. Council Member Hanson stated that we need to see what type of impact it is having on the communities that have allowed recreational marijuana. Mayor Corona stated that other cities have been dealing with recreational marijuana for six months with no big or negative impact. Mayor Corona stated that we did say we would deal with medical marijuana first but it is time to talk about recreational marijuana and be proactive. Council Member Flores stated that the places that have recreational marijuana already had medical marijuana established and they know what is going on but we need to test the waters. Council Member Gutierrez stated that recreational marijuana is here in Nevada and people are already doing it. Council Member Holm stated that we did address the medical marijuana and the State sent our ordinance back as to restrictive.
Mayor Corona explained that people are growing marijuana in their house and he would rather have it in a dispensary; he has been to several dispensaries and they are very controlled. Council Member Holm stated that people buying land in the Industrial Park should know what they can and cannot sell there; she believes the City has a conflict of interest if they choose in the future not to allow recreational marijuana. Council Member Hanson stated that Deep Roots in Mesquite bought land there not knowing that if they would be able to do recreational marijuana there. Mayor Corona explained that people voted to have recreational marijuana. Council Member Holm asked when they should vote on recreational marijuana.

Council Member Gutierrez asked Mayor Crawford (Wendover Utah) what type of impact marijuana would have on his City. Mike Crawford stated that marijuana is illegal in Utah and could have a big impact on them due to the small police force and not receiving any revenue. Mike stated that you do need to see what type of impact recreational marijuana would have on the community. Mike stated that you do not want to chase the money and you need to keep the community the community.

Laura Oslund from the PACE Coalition explained that she could provide information on how marijuana has effected other communities and the Council should wait to make a decision until they have more information. Laura stated that this is just another drug and why would you want it in your community.

Jeff Durham stated that the Council wants to wait and see but what do you need to see. Jeff stated that the City voted yes on recreation marijuana and they want it here. Jeff further stated that the tax revenue has been huge. Jeff stated that marijuana is here as Nevada is not the first to do it and there is already data out there. Jeff wished that the Council would quit messing around and open it up as you have already been in trouble for being too strict.

Corinne Copelan stated that you should continue with medical marijuana and once it is running smoothly than make a decision on recreational marijuana. Corinne stated that there are other countries that only have medical marijuana. Corinne stated that you can wait to see about recreational marijuana.

Chad O'Brian stated that he lived in Las Vegas for 9 years and the medical marijuana market is there nothing has changed with the addition of recreational marijuana. Chad stated that there are people who would still go to the black market to get marijuana but most are going the legal route.

Council Member Holm asked if we let medical marijuana come in then when will a decision on recreational marijuana be made; will it be a year or more than a year. Council Member Anderson stated that there should not be a time limit. Council Member Hanson stated that previously Deep Roots knew there had not been a decision on recreational marijuana and he does not feel that we are holding that back.
Council Member Hanson explained that we should not make a quick decision. Council Member Holm stated that if she was going to invest she would want to know what she can and cannot do. Council Member Hanson stated that at the facility cultivation and distribution could also take place. Council Member Anderson asked Council Member Holm if the questions where coming from her or a business. Council Member Holm stated that she was asking the questions. Mayor Corona stated that the State has not issued a license yet and Deep Roots had previously stated that without recreational marijuana there was not the demand for a grow and cultivation facility. Council Member Gutierrez stated that he will be in Henderson and Las Vegas and he could talk to their Council and administration to see what their thoughts are about recreational marijuana and how it has affected their communities. Mayor Corona stated that he had spoken to members of the Mesquite City after recreational marijuana had been allowed and there had been no negative impact but that had been a few months ago.

Council Member Gutierrez made the motion to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holm and did not pass; Council Members Anderson, Flores and Hanson voted nay. A roll call vote had been taken.

Discussion and Decision with Regard to Proceeding with City Code Amendments and/or Modifications as it Relates to Recreational Marijuana and the Licensing of Such Establishments in the City of West Wendover and Other Matters Appropriately Related Thereto (For Possible Action)

Report By City Manager

Review/Comment/Action: City Council

Council Member Flores made the motion to table this item with no set date on when to bring it back. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson and passed unanimously. A roll call vote had been taken.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Youth City Council

Elijah Haynes stated that the Youth City Council is coming up with a list of candidates to take the place of the Council Members who will be leaving at the end of their term. Elijah stated that they are also discussing holding some fund raisers to help get the word out on the Youth Council.

2. Fire Chief

Jeff Knudtson stated that the Bomarc Project is moving along with the first building framed and the heating and air conditioning units on the roof; the floor and footings are finished on the second building. The Peppermill projects are looking nice but there is still a lot of work to complete on the front of the facility. Jeff stated that Santa had gone around the community on December 20th with over 900 kids seen. Jeff stated that they are celebrating 25 years as a Fire Department as the doors to the new facility opened up on January 1, 1993 with seven members.

Mayor Corona congratulated the department on 25 years.

3. Police Chief
Burdel Welsh introduced new Police Officer Antonio Escareno who started on December 26, 2017. Burdel stated that Antonio grew up in Wendover and has an Associate of Science degree in criminal justice.

Council Member Hanson asked if Officer Escareno would be attending POST. Burdel stated that he would start with Field Training and then attend POST in July.

Mayor Corona congratulated Officer Escareno and stated that he is always happy when the officers come from the community.

4. City Clerk/Records Officer

Anna Bartlome reminded all the elected and appointed officials to file their Financial Disclosure Statements that are due by January 15, 2018.

5. Chief Financial Officer

Michelle Giovo explained that the Consolidated Tax for October has come in higher than it has been which puts the City at an increase over prior year and on budget year to date. Michelle stated that we are getting ready to start the budgets for the next fiscal year.

6. Public Works Director

Bryce Kimber stated that there had been extra meter reads this past month due to the change in ownership of the Wendover Nugget and Red Garter Casinos as well as the Pueblo Apartments. Bryce stated that there had been some water leaks in Clearview and Wendover Mobile Home Trailer Parks that had been fixed by the property managers. Bryce explained that Amber Dehn and Gustavo Chavez attended MSHA training to help comply with Newmont procedures which will allow for access to Pequop Wells #1 and #2. Bryce stated that the new digester blower which had been installed had an oil leak in the gear box and was sent back to the vendor. The Aerzon Blowers are having a problem with the membranes and someone will need to come and diagnose the problem. The Public Works crew did maintenance on the sewer manholes throughout the City which consisted of inspecting, cleaning and clearing any debris. Bryce stated that the street sweeper had been out earlier in the month to help clear the gutters. Two of the decorative street lights on Pueblo Boulevard needed to be repaired where the connections to the underground junction boxes had corroded and come apart. Bryce explained that the traffic light on Wendover Boulevard had to be reset and a new controller installed. There had been some maintenance at the City Hall this month which included blowing out the light sensors and exhaust fans, replacing lightbulbs and fixing a leaky sink in the women's bathroom. Bryce stated that there had been some work done on the brakes for the roll off truck by Roadway Diesel Repair out of Wells and the Public Works crew also did an oil change, replaced a PTO switch and a battery will it was at the shop. Bryce explained that he had a contractor install 2000 feet of secondary fencing around the landfill which went around two sides of the operating MSW cell and the southeast perimeter fence.

7. City Manager

Chris Melville stated that the West Wendover Middle School has not been issued the final certificate of occupancy as there is still some work under review. Chris stated that the plan review for the Christian Fellowship Church is nearly complete as the project architect had not adequately addressed the exiting out of the large sanctuary/chapel room which had been
designed by the combining of two buildings. Chris stated that the lease renewal with the Air Force for the Compost/Waste Water Facility is still being worked on and now just waiting on approval from their attorney on a language change. Chris stated that there is a meeting in mid-January with representatives of the Air Force and BLM to discuss the Air Force property conveyance. Chris stated that he will be meeting in mid-January with the BLM to discuss the revisionary interest purchase of the downtown property. Chris stated that he is nearing completion of the CDBG application on the Downtown Infrastructure Phase 1 grant which is due January 16th. Chris stated that the CDBG Better Cities grant had been denied due to not meeting the funding priorities. Chris stated that he had discussed the Better Cities program with Sheldon Mudd the new Executive Director of NNRDA about potential funding through EDA but they may not fund the two studies for Elko and Winnemucca. Chris explained that the TV advertising is underway which included December and February; the 1% Committee also advertised with Larry Miller Sports & Entertainment and they are working on some billboards in the baggage claim area at the Salt Lake City Airport. Chris stated that the State has opened up an applications period of January 2nd to January 16th for cultivation and production of medical marijuana; there has been one request so far for property in relation to the application process by Harvest Inc. Chris explained that there will be some cost adjustments to the employee health insurance due to higher usage of the plan and having a stop loss also occur during the last year. Chris stated that the recruitment process is still underway for a Dispatcher with a conditional offer of employment being made.

Council Member Holm asked if the marriage license process could be added to the advertising being done. Chris stated that it was something that could be added. Chris stated that he will be speaking to the County Manager about the marriage license computer and what the timeframe is to have it installed.

Council Member Holm asked if there was something that could be added to the website about the animals at the Animal Shelter as in how much time they have left and what is available. Chris stated that is something that should be referred to the Police Chief.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Reports by Elected Officials

Council Member Holm stated that she is optimistic about the marriage license project; she also wants to speak to the casinos and other businesses about a Valentine’s Day promotion for the marriage license. Council Member Holm welcomed Officer Escareno and congratulated Jeff Knudtson on the Fire Departments 25th anniversary. Council Member Holm stated that it is nice to be coming in over budget on the Consolidated Taxes. Council Member Holm stated that the marijuana issue is not personal but it does need to be hashed out.

Council Member Anderson congratulated and welcomed Officer Escareno. Council Member Anderson thanked the Departments Heads and staff for all the work they did over the holidays. Council Member Anderson feels that the marijuana issue will be worked out.
Council Member Flores wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked all the Department Heads and employees for the work that they do. Council Member Flores welcomed Officer Escareno and congratulated Jeff Knudtson and the Fire Department on 25 years. Council Member Flores stated that the marijuana issue has been nerve-racking but there have been some great comments from the public and we are moving forward.

Council Member Gutierrez welcomed Officer Escareno and congratulated Jeff Knudtson and his department for their 25 years of service. Council Member Gutierrez thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to keep coming to the meetings. Council Member Gutierrez stated that he would be in Henderson January 8th and 9th.

Council Member Hanson thanked those who attended the meeting and for their opinions. Council Member Hanson welcomed Officer Escareno and congratulated Jeff Knudtson and the Fire Department for 25 years of service. Council Member Hanson wished everyone a happy healthy New Year. Council Member Hanson thanked the Department Heads for their work.

Mayor Corona congratulated Jeff Knudtson and his crew for 25 years of service and welcomed Officer Escareno to the police force. Mayor Corona stated that marijuana is not an easy issue but people can disagree and still be respectful; he stated that recreational marijuana is something we will have to deal with eventually and we need to take our time and do research.

8. APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS
   a. Claims for January 2, 2018 (For Possible Action)
      Council Member Holm made a motion to approve the claims for January 2, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gutierrez and passed unanimously.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC
   Alan Benjamin stated that it has been a long day as he has been trying to speak to multiple people including the Police Chief, City Manager, Mayor, Attorney General’s Office, Governor’s Office and the White House. Alan continued by saying that he is a disabled veteran and was handcuffed by 2 security guards at one of the casinos and beaten.

   Laura Oslund stated that the PACE Coalition is trying to work with police and fire groups on having naloxone available. Laura stated that PACE is a resource for what makes a community healthy.

   Jeff Durham is frustrated that the marijuana issue was tabled and wants to know what needs to happen. Jeff stated that marijuana is what the voters wanted.

   Council Member Hanson stated that in his personal opinion they made the right decision for the community as it is a major decision and he does not know how long it could take to make a final decision.
10. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

a. Motion to: *Adjournment (For Possible Action)* Adopted

The next meeting date is a regular meeting on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Wendover City Hall, Council Chambers #137. Council Member Gutierrez made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson and passed unanimously.


ATTEST:

Anna E. Bartlome
City Clerk/Records Officer