



Board of Mineral County Commissioners

Hawthorne, Nevada

January 4, 2017

The Honorable Board of Mineral County Commissioners met this day in a regular session with the following people present:

Honorable Garth D. Price	Chairman
Honorable Jerrie Tipton	Vice-Chairman
Honorable Chris Hegg	Member
Honorable Christopher Nepper	Clerk-Treasurer
Honorable Sean Rowe	District Attorney

Absent: None

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Safety Message

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hegg

Safety Message was provided by Interim Fire Chief Mann Don't Drink and Drive.

2. Public Comment – None

3. Approval of Agenda/Necessary Changes

Commissioner Tipton suggested reports and correspondence could be moved to accommodate the time specific agenda items.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to move Reports and Correspondence to later in the meeting.

4. Accounts Payable Vouchers, Credit Card Approval Form Requests, Capital Outlay Purchase Orders and Auditor's Cash Report by Fund presented for review, discussion and possible action.

Honorable Christine Hoferer presented vouchers for approval. Discussion ensued regarding the payment processes.

Public Comment: None

5. Reports and Correspondence

Deputy Clerk Treasurer read into the record a letters from:

Mineral County Independent News regarding Tax Assessment List not being printed in the newspaper.

Department of Health and Human Services regarding 4th quarter billing for fiscal year 2017.

6. Business License Applications – The following applications will be presented for discussion and possible action.

A. Sinh, Hitendra; Motel 6; 1301 5th Street, Hawthorne, Nevada; New Applicant

Mineral County Building Inspector Mike Fontaine advised the State Fire Marshall requested the owner to install a sprinkler system for fire protection. The owner advised the Building Inspector they would apply for a variance with the State Fire Marshall to open with 10 rooms.

Mr. Fontaine said the new owners would need a business license to begin renovations; however they would not be allowed to open for business operations until all conditions were met and certificates were obtained.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Business License for Sinh, Hitendra; Motel 6; 1301 5th Street, Hawthorne, contingent on terms and conditions of the State Fire Marshall are met, possession of a Certificate of Occupation and Certificate of Compliance.

7. **Honorable Randy Adams, Sheriff** – For consideration and possible action relative to request for payout of annual leave to employees.

Sheriff Adams requested annual leave to be paid out for critical staff that were not able to use their leave due to Sheriff office staffing needs. Discussion ensued regarding leave.

Ms. Hoferer stated her concerns regarding paying out of “use or loose” leave year after year.

Public Comment: None

No action taken.

8. **Cherrie George, Senior Services Program Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to the 6th Street School; may include action relative to the following topics: environment, property acquisition, structural, renovations, funding issues and sources, collaboration with School District and other agencies.

Ms. George read a letter received from the Mineral County School District stating the School Board voted to approve deeding the 6th Street School and adjoining property to Mineral County.

Discussion ensued regarding the Care & Share building flooring and the 6th Street School structure.

Mike Fontaine, Mineral County Building Inspector advised if the renovation of a commercial building is greater than 50% of the value of the building, then the building would need to be brought up to current building codes.

Public Comment:

Richard Bryant discussed the history of the 6th Street School building.

Tom Gallegos advised the Board of the asbestos abatement that was recently completed on the 6th Street School Building.

Walt Hackford, Mineral County School Superintendent stated the School District does not foresee using the 6th Street School for students in the future.

The discussion was tabled until the January 18, 2017 Commissioners Meeting to allow a representative from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to be available to discuss the 6th Street School with the Commissioners.

9. **Larry Grant, Hawthorne Utilities Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to the First Reading by Title Only and Proposal amending Ordinance 207A, Bill 223 as defined in Mineral County Code, Chapter 3.24 by altering the procedures for the petition of modification to rate of assessment for the Mineral County Landfill operations, equipment replacement and closure-post closure.

Commissioner Tipton read by Title only and Proposal amending Ordinance 207A, Bill 223 as defined in Mineral County Code, Chapter 3.24 by altering the procedures for the petition of modification to rate of assessment for the Mineral County Landfill operations, equipment replacement and closure-post closure.

Public Comment: None

TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS:

- 10:00 AM Public Hearing** – For consideration and possible action relative to adoption of amending Ordinance 190A, Bill 206 to Expand Garbage Service Area, Rates and Collection.

Ana Fitzgerald explained the amendments to the ordinance.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve to adopt amending Ordinance 190A, Bill 206 to Expand Garbage Service Area, Rates and Collection.

- Immediately Following** **Honorable Christine Hoferer, Recorder-Auditor** – Discussion and possible action for financial discussions and pre-budget instructions for the upcoming budget process for FY 16-17 & FY17-18. *All Elected Officials and Department Heads are encouraged to attend to discuss the process for the Budget Hearings in March 2017.*
- Ms. Hoferer gave an overview of the budget process to the Commissioners. Discussion ensued.
- Budget hearings would be scheduled to begin the week of March 20th and continue to the week of March 27th if needed.
- Public Comment: None
- No action taken.
- Immediately Following** For consideration and possible action relative to continuing as the initial administrator for Mineral County for the Web-based Fiscal Note System for the 2017 Session.
- Ms. Hoferer explained the duties of the administrator for Mineral County for the Web-based Fiscal Note System for the 2017 Session.
- Public Comment: None
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Recorder Auditors office as continuing administrator for Mineral County for the Web-based Fiscal Note System for the 2017 Session.
- 10:45 AM** **Mark Nixon** – For consideration and possible action relative to approval of Walker Lake General Improvement District (GID) board members.
- Letters of interest from Randy Samson and Peter Nuemann were presented to the Commissioners.
- Public Comment: None
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Randy Samson, Peter Nuemann as a Board member of the Walker Lake General Improvement District (GID).
- 11:00 AM** **Eric Hamrey, Public Works Director** – For consideration and possible action relative to Mineral County Letter of Commitment for Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant for Fiscal Year 2017.
- Mr. Hamrey gave background on the Brownfields Coalition and how they have assisted Mineral County. Discussion ensued.
- It was agreed that fees would be paid from the Buildings and Grounds budget and a line item would be added to their future budget, funds not to exceed \$4,000.00 annually.
- Public Comment: Sherri Samson stated the importance of the Brownfields Coalition to our community.
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve \$2,000.00 to be paid to the Brownfields Coalition by Buildings and Grounds.
- Immediately Following** **Mike McNeill, Mineral County Convention and Tourism Authority** – For consideration and possible action relative to Mineral County Convention and Tourism Board letters of interest and appointments.
- Mr. McNeill presented a letter of interest from Larry Grant for the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Board.
- The Board urged the Mineral County Convention and Tourism Authority Board to contact community members that have motel interests to fill the open position.
- Public Comment: None

No action taken.

1:30 PM Public Hearing – For consideration and possible action relative to proposed rate increases for Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Garbage Department, and the Mina/Luning Water Systems.

Ana Fitzgerald, Hawthorne Utilities explained the requested rate increases Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Garbage Department, and the Mina/Luning Water Systems, discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Richard Bryant commented on the water system history at Corey Canyon.

No action taken.

5:30 PM Public Hearing – For consideration and possible action relative to proposed rate increases for Hawthorne Water System, Sewer Operations, Garbage Department, and the Mina/Luning Water Systems.

Ana Fitzgerald read the Mina/Luning Water Systems Resolution 17-001.

Commissioner Hegg said he was concerned with water systems in Mina/Luning.

Public Comment:

Ana Fitzgerald would like to see residence from Mina/Luning at next years' Public Hearing regarding rates and water increases if they are requesting an increase of water allowance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve a 1% increase for Mina/Luning Water for fiscal year 2017-2018, giving a 28% increase of the recommended 34% increase from the financial status report of 2012.

Ana Fitzgerald read the Hawthorne Water System Resolution 17-002.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Hegg, seconded by Commissioner Tipton and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the removal of the 10% discount option for early bill pay in lieu of a 2% increase for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Ana Fitzgerald read the Hawthorne Waste Water System Resolution 17-003.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to approve an increase .10 cent per thousand Sewer Operations Fund and .05 cent increase per one thousand Sewer Capitalization Fund for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Ana Fitzgerald read the Garbage Department Resolution 17-004.

Public Comment: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Commissioner Tipton, seconded by Commissioner Hegg and unanimously carried by the Board to adopt a resolution adding .05 cent increase for Hawthorne and Corey Canyon Garbage for fiscal year 2017-2018, \$21.00 per service for Walker Lake to establish garbage service for fiscal year 2017-2017.

Board of Highway Commissioners

Public Comment

Commissioner Recognition – None

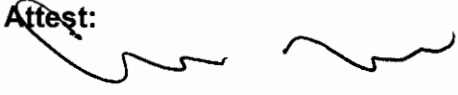
There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting of the Board adjourned until Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

A verbatim recording of this meeting has been prepared and by reference becomes a part thereof.

Approved: Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Garth D. Price, Chairman

Date: 1/18/17

Attest: 
Christopher Nepper, Clerk of the Board

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