

City of Elko)
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SS March 25, 2014

The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a special meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Johnson.

NOTE: The order of the Agenda has been changed to reflect the order business was conducted.

Mayor Present: Chris J. Johnson

Council Present: Councilman John Rice
Councilwoman Mandy Simons
Councilman Reece Keener
Councilman Robert Schmidlein

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager
Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director
Ben Mangeng, Information Systems Manager
Shanell Owen, City Clerk
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director
Fritz Sawyer, WRF Superintendent
Vince Smith, Water/Sewer Superintendent
Mike Haddenham, WRF Assistant Superintendent
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director
Mike Hess, Landfill Superintendent
James Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director
Brian Mickels, Golf Course Superintendent
Matt Griego, Fire Chief
Ben Reed Jr., Police Chief
Rick Hofheins, Airport Security Manager/Assistant Director
Lorraine Martinez, Accounting Supervisor
Diann Byington, Recording Secretary

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no public comments.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration, and possible direction to Staff regarding the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget, inclusive of all Enterprise Funds, and matters related thereto.
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director, gave a presentation included in the packet.

Water Fund

We are not anticipating any rate increases this year and have not increased rates since July 1, 2007.

Mayor Johnson asked about the water meter grant program and if the city would bill the owners over time or would the meter go in at the city's expense based on circumstances.

Ms. Stout noted we have a lot of people on the flat rate system who are on small lots. We have gotten complaints over the years that it is too expensive, especially on the tree streets, to install a water pit and a water meter. The grant program was designed so if we had those people that wanted to apply for these grant funds the city would install the meter pit but the person would be responsible for the meter and all the appurtenances and they would be billed at the metered rate. Nobody has applied for the program.

Mayor Johnson likes it because it can save some money for people on the smaller lots. Maybe we need more details to it. He felt the city could manage it.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to direct staff to include in the budget \$25,000 for a water meter grant program and also accept the preliminary budget for the Water Fund Enterprise Fund for 2015.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ms. Stout continued her presentation.

Sewer Fund

They are not anticipating any rate increases this year. Council did increase one rate in the sewer fund (the operating rate) last year.

Councilman Rice asked about \$150,000 for the design on the sewer expansion; that is over the \$1.65?

Mr. Limberg clarified on the Park Reuse costs; that would be engineering related costs for designing reuse water mains to deliver that water to different parks.

Councilman Keener asked about land acquisition component at \$63,000. What was that for?

Mr. Limberg answered it was for a lot out in the Hamilton Stage vicinity. We don't have any access on that side of the property so that is why we budgeted those funds. We are looking at purchasing a lot out there for access.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Rice, to accept the Sewer Fund Enterprise Fund budget estimate for fiscal year 2015 as submitted.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ms. Stout continued her presentation.

Landfill Fund

We are not anticipating any additional increases in fees. Right now our tipping fee is \$31 per ton of refuse dumped. There some other rates but we don't receive a lot of refuse in those categories.

Mayor Johnson asked Mike Hess about the equipment at the Landfill.

Mike Hess, Landfill Superintendent, answered they are in good shape right now.

Mayor Johnson asked about the new shop.

Mr. Hess answered we have a lot of old equipment up there. The shop has been a boom and we really appreciate it. It is a good thing. The shop is 7-8 years old. The next major purchase will be along the line of a new compactor in about 3-4 years.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilman Keener, to accept the Landfill Enterprise Fund tentative budget for 2015.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

After the motion and before the vote, John Carpenter asked if they still had that \$60,000 in the Landfill Fund to clean up the downtown corridor.

Ms. Stout answered it is still in there.

Mr. Carpenter asked who does that cleanup.

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, answered that cleanup is all facilitated by temporary services and we run those guys through the summer months.

Council voted on the motion.

Ms. Stout continued her presentation.

Airport Fund

John Carpenter said he was glad to see the ARFF services in the Airport Budget so it will be easier to follow now.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to accept the Airport Enterprise Fund preliminary budget as presented for fiscal year 2015.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ms. Stout continued her presentation.

Golf Fund

Earlier in the year, prior to the golf season beginning, the Golf Financial Committee had recommended some rate increases to the Golf Fund. Those rates have been implemented so all the new fees coming in this year do include those increases.

Councilman Keener asked if the trade-in value of the old golf carts was included in the cost of the new ones.

Ms. Stout answered that is the net estimate of what we anticipate paying after the trade-in.

Councilman Rice asked do you have an ongoing plan to rotate them out.

Ms. Stout answered we have talked about that at the staff level. We would like to stay with the gas carts because the electric carts are more expensive. Eventually we would like to change out all the electric carts with gas carts.

Councilwoman Simons arrived during the discussion about the golf carts.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to approve the tentative budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2015 as presented.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0 Councilwoman Simons abstained)

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There being no further business, Mayor Chris Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Chris Johnson

Shanell Owen, City Clerk