

City of Elko)
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State of Nevada)

SS May 1, 2017

The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a regular meeting beginning at 6:02 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Present: Chris J. Johnson

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

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager
Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager
Jeremy Draper, Development Manager
Bob Thibault, Civil Engineer
Adeline Thibault, Environmental Coordinator
Ben Reed Jr., Police Chief
Ty Trouten, Police Lieutenant
Shelley Peterson, Administrative Assistant
Kim Wilkinson, Administrative Assistant
Cathy Laughlin, City Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

A short play was presented by Council Members and narrated by County Commissioner Delmo Andreozzi (Exhibit "A").

I. SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION

- A. Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Chilton Centennial Tower on 7th Street between Railroad Street and Commercial Street, and matters related thereto.
INFORMATION ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM

Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers all joined in for the groundbreaking.

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There were no public comments.

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

Mayor Chris Johnson

Shanell Owen, City Clerk

"SAGEBRUSH TO RAILS: CREATING A CORRIDOR OF COMMERCE"

By

Delmo Andreozzi

Elko Centennial Celebration Program
Performed in Elko, Nevada
May 1, 2017

CAST

[*NARRATOR*]: Delmo Andreozzi
[*J.A. MCBRIDE*]: Chris Johnson
[*19TH CENTURY ELKOAN*]: Thomas Edward Stafford IV
[*HOWARD HICKSON*]: Demar Dahl
[*DEMAR DAHL*]: As himself
[*WILDLIFE COUNTER*]: Curtis Calder
[*BING CROSBY*]: Lauren Roovenart
[*ENGINEER*]: Reece Keener
[*COLLEGE FOUNDER/ACADEMIC*]: Mark Curtis
[*MINER*]: Robert Schmidtlein
[*ARTIST*]: Cynthia Delaney
[*SALOON GIRL*]: Mandy Simmons
[*ABRAHAM LINCOLN*]: John Patrick Rice
[*AMELIA EARHART*]: Catherine Wines
[*ELKO HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF INDIANS*]: The National Anthem
[*ELKO HIGH SCHOOL CHORALIERS*]: Home Means Nevada

CREW

[*PRODUCERS*]: Delmo Andreozzi, Catherine Wines, Frank L. Sawyer
[*WRITERS*]: Delmo Andreozzi and Catherine Wines
[*DIRECTOR*]: Frank L. Sawyer
[*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR*]: Bailey Billington-Benson
[*SOUND ENGINEER*]: John Wells

(Enter NARRATOR)

INTRODUCTION

[Scene description/opening]

NARRATOR

Good afternoon and welcome to the 1st ever centennial celebration of Elko's incorporation. To kick off our event today, please welcome our Elko High School 'Band of Indians', under the direction of Katie Gentry, as they perform our National Anthem.

(ENTER EHS BAND.)

ELKO HIGH SCHOOL 'BAND OF INDIANS'

(Performs "The National Anthem".)

NARRATOR

Our history dates back to 1868, 49 years before Elko's incorporation which was MAY 1, 1917. The Elko Municipal Water Works was established and J.A. McBride was our first mayor.

(ENTER J.A. MCBRIDE)

J.A. MCBRIDE

(Reads the incorporation proclamation)

NARRATOR

So I want to invite you to take a step back in time. First-of-all, I invite you to look around you and take in all that you see...now imagine a time when the place you are standing right now did not have buildings, cars or sidewalks, it was covered in sagebrush.

(ENTER native drum circle. Play (how long do we want them to play or is this underneath the dialogue, also how long do they need to set up? Should they be preset since it is early in the program?)

NARRATOR

Early human activity in this area comprised of native Americans, followed by fur trappers, early settlers, and others searching for a way to create opportunity

out of a region that perhaps others may have overlooked.

[SOUND EFFECT 1.0: RAILROAD TRACK BUILDING SFX.]

In 1868 the railroad was busy creating the first ever transcontinental railway across America

A west bound section of that track went right down this corridor.

[SOUND EFFECT 2.0: TRAIN MOVING SFX.]

In fact, if you look at the Green Belt Express Park right over there, you will see a later era engine and caboose that was retired, and commissioned to sit in a state of grandeur in its new relocated location as a reminder of the track that once connected the east to the west and vice-versa that was later relocated into the rail road's current location by Project Life Saver in the early 1980's. And, if you look overhead, this corridor also is aligned with our important air transportation

[SOUND EFFECT 3.0: PROP PLANE FLYING SFX.]

that began when Elko was designated as an airmail station on the first transcontinental route.

AMELIA EARHART

Hello Elko, my name is Amelia Earheart, thank you for coming out to witness the first ever transcontinental solo flight by a woman. I am so honored to be here with you today.

NARRATOR

Getting back to the railroad. The new transcontinental railroad required stops along the way. These stops quickly became an opportunity for budding industry that needed workers to tend to the rail infrastructure that lead to support industries.

This location became an important route and central gathering point of commerce and distribution, which allowed new forms of industry to crop up. This area was soon converted into a "tent city" with over sixty canvas dwellings in place.

Being in the middle of all the development, Elko was selected and named as the county seat. The new-found opportunities led to the town's continued prosperity. In 1869 the town was laid out with lots selling from \$300-\$500 apiece. Soon after, this central business district, which it is still known as, had permanent buildings with our economy portfolio continuing to expand to include gambling, ranching, and mining all of which continues to be ever staple industries for our economy.

(ENTER 19TH CENTURY ELKOAN)

According to the onlinenevada.org/articles/elko,
19TH CENTURY ELKOAN

Just six months after the railroad arrived, Elko supported two banks, three hardware stores, eight physicians, eight attorneys

[SOUND EFFECT 4.0: PLAYER PIANO SFX.]

(ENTER SALOON GIRL to mingle with the audience)

forty-five saloons among many other businesses. With shootings a common occurrence, the town built a much-needed courthouse and jail in December 1869. Just one month later, a school was constructed with an initial enrollment of seventy children.

(ENTER HOWARD HICKSON)

By this time the Central Pacific had completed three freight depots, and the census of 1870 recorded a population of 1,160.

NARRATOR

Howard Hickson said in an article he wrote..

HOWARD HICKSON

From 1869 to 1917 the community was run by Elko County Commissioners whose motto was: "The best government is the least government."

DEMAR DAHL

We don't like political correctness either!

NARRATOR

When I was growing up here, there were about 7,000 residents. I had never ever heard of another place that was called Elko. I was surprised one day, when driving with a friend of mine, seeing a sign for Elko Illinois. I thought to myself, "Geesh what's the odds of that?" Kinda like having 2 Delmos. Well like all other technological advances, Google has shown me that in fact, there are a few Elkos and even a few more Delmos!

While both of our names may be a bit unique, a story about how Elko got its name is this old tale the town most likely named by Charles Crocker, superintendent of the Central Pacific Rail Road.

(ENTER WILDLIFE COUNTER, carrying a clipboard and pencil.)

Apparently, he liked animal names and simply added an "o" to Elk. Another version is that "Elko" was an Indian swear word.

(WILDLIFE COUNTER begins to move about cataloging animals)

But my favorite version is the story of a wildlife counter who was counting animals and when he got to elk, noting there wasn't any, meaning zero, tallied..

WILDLIFE COUNTER

"0"!

NARRATOR

We've had our share of famous people too, including governors like Elko cattleman, Lewis "Broadhorns" Bradley, Morley Griswold, Edward Carville, Charles B. Russell, Grant Sawyer.

(ENTER BIG CROSBY mingling)

And what about the golden baritone voice of Bing Crosby? He had quite a presence here and was an honorary mayor. Bing brought the world premiere of movie, "Here Comes the Groom", a movie he starred in. The first "Vegas" style shows were pioneered here in Elko when big name entertainment opened in The Lounge

of Elko's Commercial Hotel with Ted Lewis and his orchestra. We had Williams and Ree,

[SOUND EFFECT 5.0: SNIPPET OF MATY'S BROTHERS PERFORMANCE SFX.]

our own Maty's brothers, cowboy Dakota Eldridge, poet Waddie Mitchell, and others!

NARRATOR

Culture, everything from the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering that just celebrated its 33rd anniversary and the annual "Basco Fiasco" or more formally known as the National Basque Festival is celebrating its 54th anniversary,

(ENTER Basque Dancers first, perform dance.)

to the Hispanic Folkloric Dancers

(ENTER Folkloric Dancers second, perform dance.)

culture has always been a part of our history, beginning with an opera house that was in a tent when our town was a tent city. And don't forget about the legacy of Garcia, a tradition still carried on by the artisans at Capriolas.

NARRATOR

So what's so special about Elko anyway, there's a feeling in the air a vibe. Do you know what it is? It's authenticity. A place where people are real, what you see is what you get. We see opportunity where others overlook it. We are proud of who we are, and we don't often pat ourselves on the back. We see opportunity and thrive.

(ENTER an ENGINEER, COLLEGE FOUNDER/ACADEMIC, MINER in appropriate costume.)

Look around you...there are examples everywhere. Our predecessors made something out of nothing.

ENGINEER

Oh...you want to relocate a railroad, or maybe realign a river...we can do that!

COLLEGE FOUNDER/ACADEMIC

Oh...you want to provide higher educational access to 86,000 square miles of Nevada...we can do that!

MINER

Oh...you want to be the world leaders in revolutionizing hard rock mining...we can do that!

ARTIST

Oh...you want six foot tall Cowboy Boots to mark 100 years, we are doing that!

NARRATOR

The list just continues to go on and on. We just do, continually.

Steeped in rich history, we cherish our heritage, celebrate our diversity, and capitalize on our ingenuity. Elko is a representation of who we are, a place full of civic minded, independent, self-sufficient people, and industries. We are also united in patriotism, and volunteerism while remaining firmly rooted in family values, stewardship, and just being down-right neighborly.

This is truly a great day to be a Elkoan! I think you will all agree, that while all of Nevada is as beautiful as she is diverse and unique, it is no coincidence that we are also known as the Battle Born state. Here in Elko, we find people, I consider to be among the most hardy, resilient, independent, and high-spirited. We all come from different backgrounds but, we have one thing in common:

(ENTER ABRAHAM LINCOLN mingling in the crowd.)

we are the kind of people you can count on, something that President Abraham Lincoln recognized 150 years ago.

Those that do not know us, think we are in the middle of nowhere, but those who discover us, and this great, authentic community of ours realize that we are in the middle of everywhere and at the center of opportunity. Oh and btw, if you ever need a hand, there's a place that I know of, where every single one of us will roll

up our sleeves.

Lastly, before we go our separate ways, let's welcome up the Elko High School Choraliers under the leadership of Karen Rogers, a 4th generation native.

(ENTER ELKO HIGH SCHOOL CHORALIERS)

But before they begin, let's reflect on this historic corridor and how it was transformed from sagebrush to rails creating a corridor of opportunity and commerce may we always look to the future, capitalize on the present and cherish our past.

ELKO HIGH SCHOOL CHORALIERS

(Performs "Home Means Nevada")

(After the conclusion of "Home Means Nevada", all dignitaries, cast members, etc join together for the ground-breaking ceremony)

THE END