

City of Elko )  
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State of Nevada )

SS July 22, 2014

The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a regular meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 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 Robert Schmidlein  
Councilman Reece Keener

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager  
Delmo Andreozzi, Assistant City Manager  
Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director  
Shanell Owen, City Clerk  
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director  
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director  
Rick Magness, City Planner  
Scott Wilkinson, Development Manager  
Matt Griego, Fire Chief  
Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant  
Jeremy Draper, Civil Engineer  
Lorraine Martinez, Accounting Supervisor  
Diann Byington, Recording Secretary

## **ROLL CALL**

## **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**

*There were no public comments.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 8, 2014 **Regular Session**

Councilman Schmidlein reminded council he was not present for the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*The minutes were approved by general consent.*

July 1, 2014 **Special Session**

*The minutes were approved by general consent.*

## **I. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. A reading of a Proclamation by Mayor Chris Johnson recognizing National Night Out 2014. **INFORMATION ONLY- NON-ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation.

- C. A presentation of a Retirement Plaque for Ms. Jennie Lage, Public Works Department. **INFORMATION ONLY- NON-ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Johnson presented Ms. Jennie Lage with a plaque in appreciation for her 25 years and 4 months of service to the City of Elko.

Jennie Lage said thank you for the opportunities she has had over the years. It has been a good place to work. There are a lot of good people working for the city.

Councilman Rice wanted to thank Ms. Jennie Lage further for all of her dedication. Since she had already left, he asked Mr. Strickland to pass on his thanks for her dedication.

- B. A reading of a Proclamation by Mayor Chris Johnson recognizing Parents Day 2014. **INFORMATION ONLY- NON-ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation.

- D. Presentation by Fire Chief Matt Griego regarding the ISO, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY- NON-ACTION ITEM**

Matt Griego, Fire Chief, gave a presentation and a handout. (Exhibits "A" and "B")

Councilman Rice asked if a cost analysis was ever done to put a training facility in place. He has seen them in place in other communities. They appear to be cinderblock buildings that can have multiple uses. Would that be worth it?

Chief Griego answered that is difficult to answer. He tried to put this together for Councilman Perry last year, trying to get an exact price per ISO point. There are a lot of factors involved. There is a cost savings as we move up on ISO ratings but it can be hard to calculate. If dispatch were to upgrade their facility the ISO rating would go up in all the affected communities that they dispatch for. When looking at a training facility, we have found some area on the airport for

them to hold ARFF training. On that same plot of ground we would be able to do other training. He would like to see it be a regional training facility and possibly share costs. He continued with his presentation.

Councilwoman Simons asked how often the ISO does their ratings.

Chief Griego answered they used to do it every ten years or if you asked for them to come back and rate you. Now they are talking about going to every three years.

Councilwoman Simons asked if the two big things to improve our score are a better training facility and E911.

Chief Griego answered the dispatch center would be an area where a lot of points could be earned. The training center would be another one. Another one would be the company personnel put on a fire on the first alarm.

Councilman Rice felt our community is underserved. We are way behind in terms of the technology that is available. If a little kid calls in and doesn't know their address; dispatch knows there is an emergency but doesn't know where it is. We need to work on this with the county and other communities because it is paid for with a surcharge with our telecommunications. If we get ISO points that is great but right now our emergency services are losing valuable time and our communities are at a higher risk than they need to be.

Chief Griego continued with his presentation.

Councilman Keener asked if the criteria area is strictly the city limits.

Chief Griego answered that is correct.

## **NO ACTION TAKEN**

## **II. APPROPRIATIONS**

- B. Review, consideration, and possible approval to purchase three (3) fully equipped patrol vehicles through the Nevada State Purchasing Program, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

As a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, the City of Elko is able to utilize the State of Nevada Purchasing Division for equipment and fleet acquisition. This acquisition has been included in the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget. BR

Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant, explained this was a request to go forward and purchase these police vehicles that are already included in the budget. This request is just for the vehicles and not for the equipment.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to authorize staff to purchase three fully equipped patrol vehicles from the Nevada State Purchasing Division.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- C. Review, consideration, and possible award of a contract for the Main City Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Project, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

At the November 12, 2013 Council meeting, Staff was authorized to solicit for bids for the reconstruction of the Tennis Courts in the Main City Park. At the April 8, 2014 Council meeting all bids were rejected and Council authorized Staff to rebid the project. The bids were opened on Friday July 11, 2014. A bid tab will be provided for Council to review. JD

Jeremy Draper, Civil Engineer, explained the bid tab was in their packets. We did receive three bids. He recommended awarding the contract to Malibu Pacific with alternates 1-5 awarded as a contract with a total amount of \$484,200.

Councilman Schmidlein asked if there was an addendum sent out with a new bid form.

Mr. Draper answered yes. The low bidder was rejected because they didn't use the correct bid form. They did acknowledge the addendum but did not use the correct bid form.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Rice, to award the Tennis Courts Replacement Project to Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts Inc. with additive alternates 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the amount of \$484,200 pending the five day bid protest period.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review, consideration, and possible approval of Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed between the City of Elko and the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada for two parcels of City owned property located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, known as "the Girl Scout House," 001-250-002 and 001-250-003, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NRS 268.055 allows the governing body of a City to convey real property of the City without consideration to a corporation for public benefit if the property is not needed for the public purposes of the City and the property is actually used for charitable or civic purposes. Council directed Staff to begin the conveyance process at their July 8, 2014 meeting. SO

Shanell Owen, City Clerk, explained we have the documentation that our attorney drew up. Everything is ready to finalize, go into escrow and complete the transfer.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve the Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed between the City of Elko and Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada for two parcels of city owned property located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, known as the “Girl Scout House,” parcel numbers 001-250-002 and 001-250-003 and it is Resolution No. 25-14.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review, consideration, and possible approval of the City of Elko Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Indebtedness Report, Debt Management Policy, and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as required by NRS 350.013, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pursuant to NRS 350.013, all entities must file the Indebtedness Report, an updated Debt Management Policy, and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The updated reports are included in the agenda packet for your review. DS

Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director, explained this is our annual/yearly report. She didn't include in the financing for the debt management policy, the three million dollar medium-term financing because we don't have the specifics on that yet. It was included to reflect the overall debt capacity.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Rice, to approve the City of Elko's Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Indebtedness Report, Debt Management Policy, and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as submitted.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- B. Review, consideration, and direction to Staff for inclusion of certain Federal lands in the discussion draft of the Nevada Sagebrush Landscape Conservation and Economic Development Act drafted by Senator Reid and Senator Heller, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Senator Reid and Senator Heller are in the process of completing Discussion Draft Version II of the Nevada Sagebrush Landscape Conservation and Economic Development Act. The Act, as drafted includes possible conveyances of certain Federal parcels to various municipal jurisdictions. As part of that process, Senator Heller's office has contacted the City with regard to Federal property, identified by the City, which may be included in the draft bill. The City has identified several areas under Federal jurisdiction as shown in the adopted Development Feasibility, Land Use, Water Infrastructure, Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure, Transportation Infrastructure and Annexation Potential Report dated November 2012. Areas for consideration are as follows and identified within areas as shown on the image files included as background information:

- Section 18 within the Exit 298 area (approximately 634 acres)

- Portion of Section 3 within the Jennings Way East area (approximately 320 acres)
- Portion of Section 8 within the North Fifth Street area (approximately 135 acres)
- Portion of Section 22 within the Errecart West area (approximately 10 acres)

Inclusion of the BLM areas in the bill, if successful, would require the conveyance of property at not less than fair market value. SW

Scott Wilkinson, Development Manager, explained Senator Heller's office reached out to the Mayor. We wanted to get this before the council for consideration. In the packet is the draft bill with exhibits that show the area. All the areas listed in the agenda packet are also areas that are identified under the BLM Resource Management Plan for disposal. Theoretically the city could approach the BLM and initiate a realty action to try to acquire those properties directly. We have the potential for the Sage Grouse listing out there and this is a bill that both senators have come up with as a second draft. Initially there was more proposed wilderness area. Based on some comments they have reduced that down. Most of the proposed areas for Wilderness Areas are identified as Wilderness Study Areas right now. They are de facto wilderness areas under the BLM program. Senator Heller's office is looking for a response back by mid-August. The National Wildlife Service is under a court order to decide on whether they will list the bird by September of 2015. The idea is to get this bill drafted and possibly passed through the federal legislative process before that takes place. This bill doesn't prevent the listing of the bird. What is required under this bill is that the Fish and Wildlife Service would consider these actions that have taken place under this bill when they consider that listing.

Councilman Keener asked if this were to pass and be signed into law these sections or parcels of land would be put up for sale to the highest bidder.

Mr. Wilkinson answered no. There would be specific language in the bill that would have this conveyance directly to the City of Elko. There are conveyances to Elko County and other municipalities in the bill.

Councilwoman Simons asked if this bill passed, those areas would be offered to the city and we would just get the property appraised and pay whatever the appraisal was.

Mr. Wilkinson said it would be fair market value. He couldn't answer exactly how that process would work. We tried to get some of that information. They are looking at a timeline to convey this to the different entities within a year timeframe. If you were to approach the BLM under a realty action right now you might see some of these transactions take from five to ten years.

Councilman Rice asked if he had a ballpark feeling about the fair market value of those lands right now.

Mr. Wilkinson said they have looked at property at close proximity to the city and they thought \$10,000 an acre may be fair but he would hate to speculate.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, agreed it would be hard to speculate about values in those areas without seeing appraisals. We have had an interest in exchanging section 17 (which we own) for section 18. Perhaps that could be something they could throw into the mix so we didn't have to come up with all the cash necessary.

Councilwoman Simons asked if this land would immediately be incorporated into the city.

Mr. Wilkinson answered that section 18 is annexed into the city. He had Jeremy Draper pull up an annexation file on the overhead screen.

Councilman Schmidlein asked of the proposed areas, how much of them are already annexed into the city.

Mr. Wilkinson answered section 18 and 10 acres on the south side.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Wilkinson to go over each piece. Mr. Wilkinson demonstrated each area that is already annexed into the city on the overhead screen.

Councilman Rice asked about disposing of the property after it is conveyed to us. Are there any limitations as to how we could dispose of it?

Mr. Wilkinson answered we would acquire it fair market value. There wouldn't be any restrictions. He thought the way the senators are viewing this is this gives some level of certainty rather than just have 70% of Elko County listed as protected habitat for the sage grouse. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking at regulatory certainty over the prime habitat areas and adequate funding to protect those areas. Both senators feel that this bill addresses both of those concerns.

Councilman Rice asked if the establishment of the wilderness areas assures some habitat protection and the proceeds from the sale would be the funding that would continue to help mitigate it.

Mr. Wilkinson answered not yet. If you look at the wilderness study areas they have high percentages of identified habitat for the sage grouse.

Councilman Schmidlein said he has a lot of concerns with this. No one wants to put a price tag to anything. For the overall purchase of this land, what are you looking at?

Councilman Rice gave his estimate of \$2 million to \$5 million.

Councilman Schmidlein asked why don't they put that up for auction. In Clark County they had all that desert tortoise area that was put on the open market. If this is already annexed we don't need to compete with private enterprise if it could go to auction.

Councilman Keener agreed we don't want to own the property. We want it to be in private hands so it can be developed.

Mr. Wilkinson said we would have to dispose of it under NRS. A private developer could approach the BLM regarding purchasing the property.

Councilwoman Simons asked if it would take them five to ten years to acquire that land. (yes) She thought if we got hold of the land we could put it in private developer hands quicker.

Mr. Wilkinson said time is of the essence. If BLM decided today that they wanted to put it up for auction they probably couldn't accomplish auctioning it off and going through all the EIS requirements and NEPA requirements in front of the court date of Fall 2015.

Councilman Schmidlein felt they were being bound to adopting the sage grouse rehab area and it doesn't have anything to do with us. It is more county than it has to do with the City. We shouldn't be held hostage. It isn't fair that this be held over our heads.

Councilman Rice said he thought it was our business due to the economic development to our area.

Councilman Keener said we do have some subject matter experts in the audience and he wanted to hear from them.

Mr. Wilkinson noted one concern is that if we include any of this acreage in this bill, as long as it is in this bill it would prevent us from approaching the BLM and initiating a realty action to acquire it directly from the agency. If we did that it wouldn't prevent the acreage from being included in some federal legislation at a later date. If it is already included in a bill can you go to the agency and initiate a realty action? He thinks the answer would be no but he wasn't certain.

Charlie Myers, County Commission, said don't get sidetracked on the wilderness designation. The real action on this is sage grouse wilderness designation. It is not wilderness designation. All the wilderness you have up there already is designated as wilderness. This will add 136,000 additional acres of wilderness under sage grouse designation. Why does it impact Elko? It will impact Elko tremendously. When you remove 136,000 acres of prime ATV/hunting/recreation area from the inventory, that is a direct impact on the City of Elko because most people stay here.

Councilman Rice thought the 136,000 acres is already wilderness study area.

Charlie Myers said no it is not. It is brand new, 136,000 additional acres of sage grouse wilderness area. It has nothing to do with study areas or wilderness areas that are already designated under the US Government. The county has five different pilot projects as it stands right now. We want to find out whether or not Heller or Reid will consent to reducing that 136,000 acres to the exact amount that we have as study areas right now. We think that makes sense because we have already designated these areas as study areas of sage grouse.

Randy Brown, Assistant County Manager, Director of Natural Resources for Elko County, explained initially the House wanted to reject the bill as it was written. Senators Reid and Heller went back and rewrote some things and made some substantial changes. He offered to go over the points in the revised bill. The City of Elko already has those land disposals set aside by the current resource management plan from BLM. The city is already entitled to those lands as they



come available. This bill gives you nothing more than you are already entitled to. You are gaining more land annexed into the City of Elko for development but do we have the resources available to develop that land? If you build out, isn't the city at a point of complete usage of all of the water rights in this area? There are no more water rights available in this basin. What are you actually getting for economic development? That means you have to increase your infrastructure requirements and that will cost you more money. The bill talks about offering for disposal 15,000 acres of land to each of seven northern counties in order to alleviate the checkerboard. Elko County has over 3 million acres impacted by the checkerboard. This will not provide any benefit whatsoever. It will invite people to come out and buy up that land at auctions. The land was sold in Southern Nevada through the Southern Nevada Land Management Policy Act which provided the BLM access and ability to sell those public lands under public auction. It was an act for the growth of Las Vegas. Under economic development, the bill talks about categorical exclusions for geothermal drilling. This makes no sense to us. Statewide we are looking at 150,000 acres that would be disposed of through this bill as a minimum. The land the city has been offered for disposal as part of this bill is already in the RMP. It is already there and cannot be taken out without your permission. Additionally, when you go to purchase this land at fair market value, you have to acquire two separate appraisals, you have to provide the surveys and all closing costs, which is something you pass onto the purchaser or whoever you sell it to in the end. That drives the cost up. The Federal Government will not convey mineral rights so there is no resource value in that property. If the lands are part of a grazing allotment, that grazing allotment stays until they drop the grazing allotment itself. You are looking at eight wilderness areas in Elko County. They will be increased by 136,502 acres. Very little of these areas have a high content of sage grouse habitat. This bill is not about sage grouse habitat; he is not sure what it is about.

Councilman Rice asked if the areas discussed are currently designated as wilderness study areas (WSA).

Mr. Brown answered yes. There are permitted multiple uses in a WSA. They are not wilderness areas right now, they are WSA.

Councilwoman Simons asked we would love more control over the lands in this area, what is the best route to take?

Mr. Brown wasn't sure what the best action will be. This bill doesn't preserve sage grouse habitat. We don't know what this bill accomplishes. This is not a conservation act. It does nothing for sage grouse. We have had studies done regarding the economic impact this would have on Elko County. When you take land and motorized access away from it no one will use it anymore. You lose value in that land for recreation uses which puts back economically into every town and city in this county. We will lose this land to public use whether or not that bird gets listed. The bill also gets into wildlife management. If you develop in a sage grouse habitat you will pay \$750 per acre. That fund will be put into a special fund for general sage grouse habitat observation management but 85% of that fund will go to the federal government and only 15% will come back to the State of Nevada. We have to manage that land. The money will not stay here.

Councilman Rice asked if that mitigation fee is applicable anyway.

Mr. Brown answered yes, to a certain extent. That primary sage grouse habitat has to be established by the Secretary, not NDOW. The way it is set up right now by BLM, Fish and Wildlife, and the Forest Service over 70% of Elko County is sage grouse habitat; everything north of I80 basically. Any development or disturbance there will cost \$750 per acre. He didn't have a good feel about what this bill is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Calder said he attended the Winnemucca forum. On this revision of the bill it listed some Elko County areas. Was that done with any coordination with Elko County or was it just put in there.

Mr. Brown answered there was no coordination with Elko County. The bill states that the mining industry has submitted something but he has not seen a word of it. The only disposal we have asked for is the west Elko shooting range and the west Elko motocross. Those are a separate issue (RP&P).

Councilwoman Simons noted that the mines have asked for lands but they won't get any mineral rights or water?

Mr. Brown answered any time the federal government conveys property they retain the mineral rights. The industry could acquire the mineral rights through mining patent claims but it doesn't ensure water rights. You have to have water rights through the State of Nevada. The state may or may not grant any water rights.

Cliff Eklund, Mayor of Carlin, has been working with Congressman Amodei for a while to get BLM land into the City of Carlin. One thing in committee hearings that was brought up was the BLM's concern was that it was a sage grouse sensitive area. What constituted a sage grouse sensitive area? The BLM responded that they didn't have the resources or the personnel to go out and check every 40 acres so they just make a blanket policy that ranges from North Dakota to California. The sage grouse issue has the potential to economically hurt every city in Elko County and the State of Nevada. He didn't agree with what happened at the Bundy Ranch. Both sides were probably wrong on that. If you take a look at it, Clark County once had a lot of ranches. It doesn't anymore after they designated the desert tortoise an endangered species. He doesn't agree with this bill and he thinks it is bad for every community in the county.

Mayor Johnson asked if Carlin will be retracting their request from the bill.

Mayor Eklund answered no. They will still be proceeding forward trying to bring that land into the City of Carlin. The Carlin Land Bill will still proceed but not on the sage grouse basis.

Councilman Rice said it was the same for the City of Elko. He didn't request that it be included in the bill but it has been included.

Mayor Johnson noted that the Senators' office is asking for the City of Elko's support to include to the bill.

Mayor Johnson thought there seems to be conflicting information from the senator's office. We can take action tonight or push this until the next meeting.

Councilman Rice would like to push it to the next meeting. When we have had these discussions at NNRDA the private sector has always been really quiet. He would like to have some conversations with private stake holders before we make a decision on this. There have been some recommendations from the mining industry that are not entirely clear. He would like to know more about that. NNRDA's public statements on this have been very measured.

Councilwoman Simons agreed with Councilman Rice. She would like a couple of weeks to clarify things.

Councilman Rice added this will cost millions of dollars. This isn't a gift. Even if we could dispose of it, how quickly could we dispose of it?

Councilman Keener said unless you are Eureka County or Lander County, municipalities do not have the money to pay for this.

Mr. Wilkinson said we need to develop more questions and get answers to them. The BLM already established a value on sage grouse habitat with the \$750 an acre. They actually have that in the bill.

Mr. Calder said he would like to get some additional maps from Randy Brown. He had some great maps at the Winnemucca meeting. The point he was trying to make tonight was that all of those sage grouse habitat areas are on the north side of I80. A lot of the wilderness study areas are to the south of those. The general consensus at the Winnemucca meeting from everyone there was that it's not going to matter if this bill passes or not. The sage grouse will be listed. If this passes you just lost that to wilderness and you will never get it back. No matter what happens with this bill, the areas are not inclusive in the sage grouse habitats. The Fish and Wildlife Service is still going to list them. It doesn't accomplish the purpose.

Ryan Limberg provided some information on water rights.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to table the agenda item to the first meeting in August.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- C. Review, consideration, and possible approval of a request from the Blind Onion for the closure of a city street located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Silver Street and River Street, for a concert to be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Blind Onion is requesting this closure for an event called Baby Steps. The actual time of the closure will be from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. SO

Shanell Owen, City Clerk, explained the application from the Blind Onion was included in the packet. Mr. Willis is present representing this item. When he went to the departments some conditions were brought up: 1) we need the liability insurance from the applicant, 2) the Fire Department would like to inspect on the day of the event to ensure public egress and electrical code compliance, 3) the Street Department needs to have a traffic control plan approved before they will approve the closure. The applicant is working on these items.

Chris Willis said he has been working on this event for the last couple of weeks. He has talked to Ruby Dome about traffic signs and all of that today. He has also talked to the insurance company over the last week. This event is inspired by Walt Lovell because all his years of service. He is involving three musicians in this event so they may get their names out there. He feels the public is taking a negative path and wants to make a difference. He wants to show people that we can have a good time and culture our society.

Councilman Rice said it does not appear that alcohol will be served.

Mr. Willis answered it will be held during one of the wine walks so alcohol will not be supplied by us but it will be in the area.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to conditionally approve, pending receiving the required liability insurance and proper traffic control for this street closure request of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Silver Street and River Street for a concert scheduled for August 9, 2014 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm and also have the Fire Department inspect the day of the event.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

## **II. APPROPRIATIONS (Cont.)**

### **A. Review and possible approval of Warrants. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Councilman Keener asked about the Recreation Fund \$820 for Kettle Korn. It says Jamboree Saturday Meal.

Rich Genseal explained the Police Department out of the Recreation Fund purchases meals for the officers during the Jamboree Event.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to approve the warrants.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

## **V. REPORTS**

### **A. Mayor and City Council**

*Councilman Keener made a comment on the architect's cost estimate for the tennis courts which was very conservative and how the contractor's estimates came in less than what LCA had estimated. He asked Mr. Wilkinson if prior to the next meeting if he would prepare more information on the bill.*

*Councilman Rice reported on the Newmont meeting regarding Exit 298. ECVA is taking more steps in the direction of the expansion project.*

### **B. City Manager**

*Curtis Calder reported on the upcoming Nevada League of Cities Conference in Las Vegas on September 23.*

### **C. Assistant City Manager**

### **D. Utilities Director**

*Ryan Limberg reported on some complaints of air in the water in some areas and the problem should be improving.*

- E. Public Works
- F. Airport Director
- G. City Attorney
- H. Fire Chief

*Matt Griego handed out copies of the Fire Watch newsletter (Exhibit "C").*

- I. Police Chief

*Rich Genseal said they are preparing for National Night Out and hope to see everyone out there.*

- J. City Clerk

*Shanell Owen reported on the final ballot for the general election.*

- K. City Planner
- L. Development Manager
- M. Administrative Services Director
- N. Parks and Recreation Director
- O. Civil Engineer

*Jeremy Draper reported they have been readdressing some additional mobile home parks on Bullion Road.*

- P. Building Official

#### **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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*There were no public comments.*

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

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Mayor Chris Johnson

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Shanell Owen, City Clerk