

City of Elko)
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State of Nevada)

SS July 26, 2016

The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a regular meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Johnson.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Present: Chris J. Johnson

Council Present: Councilman John Rice (Arrived at 4:08 p.m.)
Councilwoman Mandy Simons (Arrived at 4:03 p.m.)
Councilman Robert Schmidlein
Councilman Reece Keener

City Staff Present: Curtis Calder, City Manager
Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director
Shanell Owen, City Clerk
Aubree Barnum, Human Resources Manager
Dawn Stout, Administrative Services Director
Jeremy Draper, Development Manager
Mark Gibbs, Airport Director
Ted Schnoor, Building Official
Bob Thibault, Civil Engineer
James Wiley, Parks and Rec Director
Nikki Johnson, Aquatics Manager
Cathy Laughlin, City Planner
Dave Stanton, City Attorney
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director
Brian Burgess, Deputy Fire Chief
Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant
Kara Vera, Minutes Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Matt McCarty, ECVA Board member, presented a video that was posted on the Facebook site for Cowboy Country Territory through the Nevada Commission on Tourism. There have been a

number of comments that have said “There’s no way this is Elko.” He wanted to show support and help with anything they could for downtown revitalization or anything else that continues to assist tourism into Elko. So far it’s had 60,000 views and 500 likes.

Councilwoman Simons arrived at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 12, 2016 Regular Session

The minutes were approved by general consent.

I. PRESENTATIONS

- A. A reading of a Proclamation by the Mayor recognizing August 2, 2016 as “National Night Out”, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation.

III. PERSONNEL

- A. Employee Introductions:
- 1.) Jake Jefferson, Senior Engineering Technician, Engineering
Present and introduced.

IV. APPROPRIATIONS

- D. Review, consideration, and possible authorization for Staff to solicit bids for the Elko City Pool Boiler Replacement Project, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Boiler Replacement Project for the Elko City Pool is ready to go to bid as the design, engineering, and bid documents have all been completed. Construction will begin in the late Summer of 2016 and will be completed in the Fall of 2016.
JW

James Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director, said the preliminary and final project estimates were very close. The final project estimate was only a couple grand more than the preliminary estimate. The design work and bid documents are done. We are requesting authorization to bid the project.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilman Keener, to authorize staff to solicit bids for the Elko City Pool Boiler Replacement Project.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration, and possible acceptance or rejection of \$250,000.00 offer of judgment made by Canyon Construction Company to the City of Elko to allow a judgment to be taken by the City of Elko against Canyon Construction Company in “City of Elko v. Canyon Construction Company” in the amount of \$250,000.00, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

On March 8, 2016, the City Council rejected a \$100,000.00 offer of judgment made by Canyon Construction Company. As you may recall, the case is still pending in District Court for the determination of attorney fees in favor of the City. CC

Councilman Schmidlein disclosed he was a principal of Canyon Construction and recused himself from the discussion and left the room.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, said in the packet there was a copy of the Offer of Judgment made by Canyon Construction. The City Council needed to be made aware of the offer. The offer would simply expire if the Council chose not to take action.

**** A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Reece Keener, to reject the offer of \$250,000.**

The motion passed. (3-0 Councilman Schmidlein abstained.)

Councilman Rice arrived at 4:08 p.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration, and possible approval of Map of Reversion to Acreage No. 3-16, filed by Robert Nielsen, for the purpose of reverting to acreage Lot 9, 10 & 11 and portions of Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 of Block 57R of Sunset Heights Subdivision, File No. 75368, located generally on the north corner of the intersection of E Street and West Cedar Street, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The removal of lot lines is required in order to bring the property into conformance in conjunction with a Zone Change for an existing commercial building built across lot lines. CL

Cathy Laughlin, City Planner, said a business license application came in for the current tenant. She reviewed the zoning for the application. The property was zoned half residential and half commercial. They contacted the property owner and they were willing to rezone the property as commercial.

Councilman Keener asked at some point later if they would subdivide it out with appropriate lot lines.

Ms. Laughlin answered no, it would all be one parcel. Similar to the tree streets, with the 25 foot wide lots and the house is one parcel but it has three lots. They have a rezone application in with the Planning Commission.

Councilman Rice asked if it could be subdivided at another time.

Ms. Laughlin answered no, it wouldn't meet those requirements.

Councilman Keener said if they wanted to sell it, would it be that whole large parcel.

Ms. Laughlin answered yes.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve the Map of Reversion to Acreage No. 3-16.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- B. Review, consideration, and possible action to fill a vacancy on the Elko City Planning Commission, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

On June 28, 2016, Council accepted a letter of resignation from Planning Commission member Joe Becker effective July 5, 2016. Staff conducted the standard recruitment process and has received two letters of interest to serve on the Planning Commission, copies are included in the Council packet. The new member will finish out the remainder of Joe Becker's term, which will expire at the end of July 2019. CL

Ms. Laughlin said one of the applicants was present for any questions.

Matthew Haley explained he would love to participate and help.

**** A motion was made by Mayor Johnson, seconded by John Rice, to appoint Matthew Haley to the Planning Commission.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- C. Review, consideration, and possible approval of a request from the Elko Convention Center for the closure of a portion of College Avenue and Moren Way for the Elko Classic Car Show to be held on September 9 & 10, 2016, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The location of the closure on College Avenue is from Chris Sheerin Way to ECVA Circle Drive. The closure on Moren Way is from College Avenue to Country Club Drive. The proposed street closures will take place from 7:00 a.m. September 9th to 7:00 p.m. September 10, 2016. SO

Shanell Owen, City Clerk, said the application was included in the agenda packet. City staff had some comments but recommended approval of the closures. The event takes place every year;

this was merely an expansion of that. We still need the liability insurance from the Convention Center.

Don Newman, Elko Convention Visitors Authority, said since they took over the Elko Classic Car Show, it has continued to show positive growth. They anticipate additional cars this year. Over the last couple of years the pedestrian traffic crossing at College Avenue has been a safety concern. That was why they wanted to close the street, to make it safer for everyone. The barricades that will be west of the driveway at Circle Drive will be manned to allow cars through. Once the proceedings end they should be able to open the streets back up at 7:00 pm. They are not going to do the parade this year.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to approve the street closure on College Avenue as described in the agenda from 7:00 a.m. September 9 to 7:00 p.m. September 10, 2016.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- D. Review, consideration, and possible approval of the City of Elko Fiscal Year 2015/2016 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, said she didn't have anything to add. She tried to incorporate the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that was created last year by the various Department Heads.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve the City of Elko Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Indebtedness Report, Debt Management Policy and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan as submitted.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- E. Review, consideration, and possible acceptance of a recommendation from the Centennial Committee for projects commemorating the Centennial of the City of Elko, identifying the locations of the projects and request authorization to begin fundraising for these projects, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Elko Centennial Committee has made the following recommendations concerning possible projects to celebrate the City of Elko's centennial in 2017:

- 1) A tower be constructed on 6th Street between Railroad Street and Commercial Street commemorating the founding of Elko as a railroad town.

- 2) A stone slab that has been donated for the Centennial Celebration be located in the proposed expanded park along 7th Street and consideration be given to renaming the park 'Centennial Park.'
- 3) A celebration take place on May 1, 2017 to celebrate the day the City of Elko was incorporated and to act as a ground breaking for the two projects. JD

Jeremy Draper, Development Manager, explained the Centennial Committee has been working pretty hard on a couple of different concepts. 1st) they would like the main project be an installed tower along the 6th Street block between Railroad and Commercial. The tower would be approximately 52 ft. tall. It would have some casino style lights that would flash LED's. There would be railroad tracks running up the tower to commemorate how an old water tower you would have seen out with the old steam engines. The Centennial Committee recommends moving forward with this. 2nd) they have a stone slab that is maybe 10 ft. wide and 7 or 8 ft. tall that was donated to us from Sticks and Stones. One of the concepts with the RDA Plan is to expand the Train Park and do some work. The Centennial Committee got to talking about that. They would like to have that slab on the 7th Street side as a kick off for the park expansion. The last thing was the celebration for the tower. It would be May 1, 2017 which will include a BBQ and other various events the weekend before. They would like authorization to move forward with these and also move forward with fund raising.

Councilwoman Simons asked what the fundraising goal was.

Councilman Keener said the original design was \$155,000 but this one is simpler

Councilwoman Simons asked if there were any specific fund raising plans.

Mr. Draper said they wanted to talk to the RDA since this is downtown. The board also recommended going to the DBA. They thought they would ask the DBA if they could use one of the Wine Walks as a fundraiser. They have a few leads.

Councilwoman Simons thought families may want to donate as well.

Councilman Rice said remember it's a community centennial and a broad appeal is in order and felt it would be welcomed.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Rice, to accept the recommendation from the Centennial Committee consisting of constructing a tower commemorating the founding of the City of Elko along 6th Street between Railroad Street and Commercial Street, install the donated slab from Sticks and Stones along 7th Street in the expanded park and rename the park Centennial Park, begin preparations for celebration to take place on May 1, 2017, and finally, authorize the Centennial Committee to begin fundraising for the projects.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

VII. PETITIONS, APPEALS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Ratification of the Police Chief issuing a 60-day temporary Retail Liquor License and Caterer's Liquor License and possible issuance of a regular Retail Liquor License and Caterer's Liquor License to Jesse Sutherland, Roger Sutherland, and Allan Fisk, dba Tomato's Italian Grill, located at 245 3rd Street, Elko, NV 89801, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Rich Genseal, Police Lieutenant, said they have met with all three applicants and they recommended approval.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilman Keener, to ratify a 60-day temporary retail liquor license and caterer liquor license and approve the issuance of a Regular Retail Liquor License and Caterer Liquor License to Jesse Sutherland, Roger Sutherland and Allan Fisk, dba Tomato's Italian Grill, located at 245 3rd Street, Elko, Nevada.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- B. Consideration of a request from VFW Post 2350 to acquire, under acceptable terms and conditions, Assessor Parcel Number 001-200-002, formerly known as the Elko City Police Department building, located at 1401 College Avenue, and the street segment located between parcels numbers 1 and 2, known as VFW drive, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A copy of the formal request letter from VFW Post 2350 has been included in the agenda packet for review. CC

Curtis Calder, City Manager, explained Chuck Galloway from the VFW requested the item be tabled till August 9, 2016.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to table Item VII-B.**

The motion passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont.)

- B. Review, consideration, and possible authorization for Staff to proceed with the acquisition of approximately 1.42 acres of vacant property located between Douglas Street and Water Street for an appraised value of \$250,000, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Staff has evaluated several options for the possible development of a permanent humanitarian campground. The evaluation included identifying suitable vacant properties or areas, the proximity of those properties or areas to existing social services and neighborhood characteristics. A potential property located between

Douglas Street and Water Street was identified. There are multiple uses on the property in addition to a large portion of the property being vacant. Staff engaged the property owners to determine a willingness to sell a portion or all of the property. As a result, Staff and the property agreed to share the cost of an appraisal of the property. The appraisal consisted of appraising the various components of the overall property. The area proposed for acquisition is a vacant portion of a larger parcel. The property owners have indicated a willingness to sell approximately 1.42 acres of the property for the appraised value of \$250,000.
SAW

Scott Wilkinson, Assistant City Manager, explained discussions with FISH, although the Board has not acted on taking any action towards that end, they are interested in maintaining a permanent campground. The property is zoned General Industrial (GI). The question comes up in the GI as to whether this use would meet a criteria defined for a Conditional Use Permit. He felt it would but the Planning Commission needs to consider that application. He will consult with legal counsel to verify. They would need to determine with the property owner whether they are going to do a boundary line adjustment or create a parcel with a parcel map. We will incur some additional cost to hire an outside surveyor to do the map.

Mayor Johnson asked what the property appraised for.

Mr. Wilkinson answered the entire property, which included the RV Park and the warehouse, was over \$800,000 but they have expressed their desire not to sell that area. They are interested in selling just the 1.42 acres.

Councilwoman Simons disclosed she is a board member for FISH but she will still vote on this issue.

Mr. Wilkinson said this is the first step. There will be development costs. We envision developing a campground that is improved to a standard such as you see on BLM or Forest Service property. It would have restroom facilities, well defined camp areas, maybe some base material for the tent area, water distributed throughout the campground area, and it would be fenced around a majority of the perimeter.

Councilman Rice asked if we knew of any other communities who have done something similar.

Mr. Wilkinson said he didn't know of any specific examples.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, said over the last few years they have come across a number of communities that have humanitarian campgrounds to different standards.

Perry Hutsell, 287 Springfield Pkwy, asked if the campgrounds in other cities were controlled by the city or entities such as FISH.

Mr. Wilkinson answered we envision FISH operating the campground under a license agreement.

Ms. Hutsell said she was at the temporary campground today handing out water. She hoped any future campgrounds would be better because there is no shade. The food they are receiving was expired. The milk was curdled and the yogurt was expired. These food items came from FISH. If the property was purchased would it be a permanent contract with FISH to operate it or would that be up for other entities?

Mr. Wilkinson said if she was aware of any other non-profits that would be interested in operating a campground we would like to hear it from her.

Ms. Hutsell said she was with Underdog Street Ministries. She felt they shouldn't be herded onto a piece of fenced property and told to stay in a certain area or they will be arrested. The homeless people won't fit in that location. She asked why there was a need for a chain link fence.

Mr. Wilkinson explained they would like to direct ingress and egress to the campground so that it protects the neighboring properties. It also protects occupants within the campground from outside intruders. The owners that are willing to sell a portion of this property have requested that we put up chain link fence to address those issues.

Ms. Hutsell asked if the RV Park was included in the acquisition. (no) Her main objection was the size and that it wouldn't be adequate.

Jan Reckner, 1175 Southside Drive, asked why the city provides a wonderful shelter for animals but not for our homeless. The homeless are living on contaminated ground with a fence around them. This time of year it's too hot out to just let them sit outside. A lot of the homeless are veterans.

Councilwoman Simons said the property is small and remembered when they started looking at a solution. This location is closer to FISH where they can get things that they need.

Councilman Keener said it was a great opportunity for a camp. Regardless of what they do there it will be controversial. For homeless veterans there are full housing benefits in metropolitan areas. There is a coordinator here for them. Elko Daily Free Press recently did an editorial and were positive on the homeless camp situation and how there has been a decrease in fatalities and violence. He was in support of acquiring the property.

Councilwoman Simons noted no one on the board is saying this is the best solution. They are trying to head in the right direction. This is where we are at and what we can do now.

Councilman Rice said he wanted them to understand they do what they can with the resources available to them. It's a step in the right direction. We have Joshua Tree working on its project. We have been making zoning changes in order to accommodate development for their homeless shelter. It's not a problem that they are in a position to solve overnight.

Councilman Schmidlein said they set up a temporary facility and they are moving forward slowly. Whether they are able to house 40 people or 100 people, it's moving in the right direction.

Ms. Hutsell said her question was how many campsites could be put on the 1.42 acres.

Mr. Wilkinson said we haven't done a layout but probably 25 campsites could be done. They want to make the best use of that area.

Ms. Hutsell said the goal is to put every homeless person in a camp. They are being ticketed for falling asleep in the park. There is no leeway for that. Is there room for expansion by this property?

Mr. Wilkinson answered as it stands, no. A lot of homeless people refuse to go to the campsite.

Ms. Hutsell reiterated the property wasn't big enough.

Councilman Rice said it was large enough to accommodate our present needs. She had valid questions. There is a group of hard working volunteers in the community that he urged her to join in with. We addressed all those questions for several months before we established the humanitarian camp. Everything you say is legitimate. We are doing what we can with the resources we have. He felt it was generous for our community to embrace a humanitarian camp next to the services they need.

Ms. Hutsell asked if this was considered temporary or permanent.

Councilman Keener answered, permanent.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to authorize staff to proceed with the acquisition of approximately 1.42 acres of vacant property, located between Douglas Street and Water Street for an appraised value of \$250,000.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

After the motion and before the vote, Councilwoman Simons asked what fund this will come out of.

Mr. Calder answered the Ad Valorem Capital Fund.

Council voted on the motion.

IV. APPROPRIATIONS (Cont.)

- A. Review and possible approval of Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve the regular warrants.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- B. Review and possible approval of Print ‘N Copy Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

No Action

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Review, consideration, and possible approval of a request from Rob and Sharon Oeschger to assign Airport T-Hangar Ground Lease D8 to Leslie Olmstead, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Robert and Sharon Oeschger have recently sold Airport T-Hangar D8 to Leslie Oeschger providing airport management notification via written letter. The Assumption of the Airport Hangar Ground Lease is before you for consideration. MG

- B. Consideration and possible appointment of three (3), four (4) year positions on the Airport Advisory Board, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

On June 30, 2016 the terms of the three member advisory board expired. On March 11, 2016, Council authorized to advertise the one vacant position left by Norman Rockwell who retired from the Board after 28 years of service. The three appointments under consideration are Mr. Jim Meeks, Mr. Mathew McCarty, and Mr. Mike Creek. MG

**** A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Rice, to approve the consent agenda.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Mayor and City Council
 - Councilman Rice said he and his wife were bingo callers in the park on Friday night for a bingo event set up by the Parks and Recreation Department. It was a beautiful night, the pool was open, a little league game going on, and people laughing and singing. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for putting the event on.*
- B. City Manager
 - Curtis Calder said based on commentary at the last meeting, with regards to the hospital item, he would ask the CEO of the hospital to make a presentation to City Council. Then once we get some information we can be in a position to draft a response.*
- C. Assistant City Manager
- D. Utilities Director
- E. Public Works
 - Dennis Strickland reported microsealing will go on the rest of this week.*
- F. Airport Director
- G. City Attorney

- H. Fire Chief
- I. Police Chief
Rich Genseal reported National Night Out is coming up. It's really fun and he extended an invitation to everyone in the city.
- J. City Clerk
- K. City Planner
- L. Development Manager
Jeremy Draper said they are working with the landscapers at the Police Station and they will be fixing several things this week. They will have final acceptance of the Police Station sometime in late August or early September.
- M. Administrative Services Director
Aubree Barnum reminded council that she sent an email regarding the City Manager's performance evaluation. She asked that they be returned by August 12, 2016.
- N. Parks and Recreation Director
James Wiley reported another event was the State Little League Tournament. Elko Little League hosted it. All he heard was compliments and good reviews about the City of Elko and the fields. It's great for the future of our sports complex.
- O. Civil Engineer
- P. Building Official

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Don Newman, ECVA, said recently they attended a summit in Las Vegas regarding airport infrastructure. Elko came to the table and was very well prepared. Mark Gibbs and Curtis Calder were very impressive and they were able to convey the fact-finding. The commission should be proud of their work and how they presented the facts.

MAYOR JOHNSON CLOSED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

The meeting was reopened to vote on the following:

III. PERSONNEL (Cont.)

- B. Review, consideration, and possible approval of an Agreement between the City of Elko, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The City of Elko has concluded negotiations for FY 2016/2017. A redlined copy of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement has been included in the agenda packet for review. AB

Note: This portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to NRS 288; therefore the Council may move to adjourn the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilman Keener, to approve an agreement between the City of Elko and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- C. Review, consideration, and possible approval of an Agreement between the City of Elko, and the Elko Police Officers Protective Nevada Association of Public Safety Officer Communications Workers of America AFL/CIO Local 9110, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The City of Elko has concluded negotiations for FY 2016/2017. A redlined copy of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement has been included in the agenda packet for review. AB

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**** A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Rice, to table Item III-C.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

- D. Review, consideration, and possible approval of an Agreement between the City of Elko, and the Elko Fire Fighters Association Local No. 2423 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The City of Elko has concluded negotiations for FY 2016/2017 and FY 2017/2018. A redlined copy of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement has been included in the agenda packet for review. AB

Note: This portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to NRS 288; therefore the Council may move to adjourn the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

**** A motion was made by Councilman Keener, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to approve the collective bargaining agreement dated July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, between the City of Elko and the Elko Firefighters Association, Local No. 2423.**

The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

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Councilman Rice said he went to the Nevada Lands Council meeting and learned a lot. He personally doesn't think it's feasible, the whole discussion of taking state control of public lands. There was a lot of concern from ranching community about it. There are a lot of unanswered questions regarding grazing rights and when it goes to private hands. Pete Goichoechea compared it to mineral rights where you might own a piece of property but you may not own the mineral rights on that property.

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

Mayor Chris Johnson

Shanell Owen, City Clerk