

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
May 2, 2017**

The Honorable City Council met in a regularly scheduled Council meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor, Ken Tedford
City Councilman, Robert H. Erickson
City Councilwoman, Kelly Frost
City Councilman, James D. Richardson
City Engineer, Michael E. Miller
Police Chief, Kevin Gehman
City Clerk, Gary C. Cordes
City Attorney, Michael F. Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney, Leonard E. Mackedon
Legal and Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga
Deputy City Clerk, Elsie M. Lee
Deputy Public Works Director, Ryan A. Swirczek
Police Captain, Ron Wenger
Director of Tourism and Special Events, Jane Moon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Cordes advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments regarding the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants.

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants and authorize the Mayor to sign the same; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

No public comments were noted.

Appointment of confirmation of Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director

Mayor Tedford read the following into the record: “Originally from a small town in the Pacific Northwest, Brian moved to Northern Nevada in 2004 to attend the University of Nevada, Reno. While going to school at UNR, Brian began his career in the private sector, working for a general contractor in the Tahoe Basin and around Northern Nevada.

During this time, Brian quickly worked his way up the company becoming a superintendent of substantially sized projects. Brian graduated from UNR with a Bachelors of Art and he will complete his Masters of Science in Leadership and Management this June. Five years ago, Brian was hired by the Churchill County School District as their Director of Maintenance and relocated his family to Fallon.

Although Brian will always love the Pacific Northwest, the High-Deserts of Northern Nevada quickly became his home. With his wife, Shayna, and their two children, Braylon and Madelyn, Brian is happy to call Fallon his home and he can think of no better place to raise his family.”

Brian’s education, skill set and previous work experience and achievements will make him a great addition to the City of Fallon team.

It is with great pleasure that I offer as an appointee, Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director and bring him before the Council for your consideration and confirmation.” He added that we have worked with Brian since he took the job at the school district and we have had a great relationship with him through our special events with the school district. Internally, we started talking about parks and grounds and facilities and put a list together; it added up to 50 buildings and sites. We also have some special projects coming up in the future. As Ryan knows, as Deputy Public Works Director, he has a long chart with a lot of people that answer to him and sometimes we run him ragged so we thought maybe this might be a way the two can work together and attack a lot of things in public works. This led to Brian’s name and we think it is a great fit.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

Councilman Erickson noted that, in the last five years, the school district has undergone a massive capital improvement program under your direction as facilities manager. He asked which of those projects he found most challenging and which ones he found dearest to his heart.

Mr. Byrd answered that any construction projects condensed into a 6.5 week schedule, which is about the time they get during the summer break, it makes a majority of them challenging. Then he said he wanted to discuss the dearest to his heart first. For the project dearest to his heart, the future of West End was up in the air and a decision needed to be made to most effectively utilize that facility in the long term. Ideas ranged from selling it and subdividing the acreage into lots to demolishing the school. It did not take him long to realize that building had a deep connection to the school district and still had value to the school district. So, the project that was dearest to his heart was to be able to renovate that facility in a manner that allowed the school district to utilize the current facilities. The long term plan for the school district had lots of holes in it and one of the projections was a new warehouse for the

grounds department and additional buildings needed to be constructed. He felt like they were missing this large piece that already existed and could have been better utilized and a better situation for the community. So, being able to clean that site up and maintain that facility for the future of the school district and utilize it in an effective manner was rewarding. The amount of local contractors that we were able to involve in that project and many other projects has been a positive thing for this community. The most challenging project was the renovation at EC Best Elementary; there was a significant number of naysayers that did not think that we could get that work constructed in that time frame. When you are dealing with HVAC units that have an eight-week lead time and an additional \$1.6 million in site work it was incredibly difficult so that was the most challenging.

Mayor Tedford noted that he was glad that Brian did not get negative on West End, as he is an alumnus.

Councilwoman Frost noted that she has had the opportunity to work with Brian at the school when she experienced roof issues and graduation ceremony preparation. She was excited to welcome Brian to our team.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to confirm the appointment of Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Establish the salary of Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director at Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) per year

Mayor Tedford stated that, in consultation with Don Lattin, Esq., the City completed a salary survey of similar positions and carefully considered the job duties and responsibilities, and education, skill set and previous work experience necessary to successfully perform the functions of the newly appointed position of Deputy Public Works Director. Based on these analyses, it is recommended that the Council establish the salary of Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director at \$85,000 per year.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to establish the salary of Brian Byrd as Deputy Public Works Director at \$85,000; seconded by Councilwoman Frost.

At this time, Mayor Tedford administered the oath of office to Deputy Public Works Director Brian A. Byrd.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for March 2017

Chief Gehman presented the March monthly report. He added that the March incidents and activities were primarily in line with previous months. There was one homicide incident which is not common.

- Staff participated in multiple trainings.
- Sergeant Riley and Juvenile Probation Officer Andrea Schuman went to the Churchill County High School and did a presentation on Teen Dating Violence.
- Through the welfare assist account, we provided two people with bus tickets.

- The citizen survey results were mostly positive.
Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.
No comments were noted.
Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

Council and Staff Reports

City Attorney Mike Mackedon: Noted that he also attended West End School when it was brand new and was glad that it remained.

Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek: No comments were noted.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga: No comments were noted.

Deputy City Attorney Mackedon: No comments were noted.

Deputy City Clerk Lee: No comments were noted.

Tourism and Special Events Director Moon: No comments were noted.

City Clerk Cordes: No comments were noted.

Chief Gehman: No comments were noted.

City Engineer Miller: No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost: No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson: No comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson: No comments were noted.

Executive Session

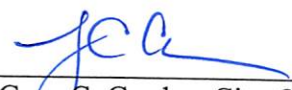
Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: 

Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer