

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
January 16, 2018**

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
Legal & Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga
Deputy City Clerk, Elsie M. Lee
Deputy Public Works Director, Ryan A. Swirczek
Deputy Public Works Director, Brian A. Byrd
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 Council meeting minutes for December 5, 2017 and January 2, 2018

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for December 5, 2018 and January 2, 2018.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for December 5, 2017 and January 2, 2018 as submitted, seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

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 Richardson 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.

Consideration and possible approval of proposal by Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. to provide professional consulting services relative to expansion of the City's Russell Pass Landfill in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$83,910)

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga explained that this is a proposal from the City's landfill consultants, specifically, Mr. Randy Bodnar, to evaluate and help the City through the process of identifying a potential landfill expansion and walk us all the way through the permitting phase that would coincide with that. This is a project that has been discussed internally for a long period of time and we thought it best to have Mr. Bodnar and Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC) provide this proposal. He and his company do a lot of work for the City at the landfill; they provide a number of consulting services, mostly done under a master agreement that we get billed for, but this really is a stand-alone project and one that we felt needed a separate identification as it related to the timeline and the total price. We know from our experience that Mr. Bodnar and his company provide good work and he believed they will continue to do that for us. Staff also believes that they have the expertise to accomplish this project and we are excited to get this started if the Council approves this proposal tonight. The proposed timeline is about 18 months and we are hopeful that both the timeline and the total cost will be shorter and less than what is proposed but there is a cushion built in to cover any wild cards that could pop up during the process. The price is not to exceed \$83, 910 and we will rely heavily on our knowledge and expertise from the initial process we went through at the landfill. We are hopeful that our efforts back then will provide us with abbreviated processes as we move forward. We have good information to rely on, especially with City Attorney Mike Mackedon's knowledge and his dealings with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) back then that may shortcut the process a bit for us.

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

City Attorney Mike Mackedon asked if Mr. Bruce Murphy was working with Mr. Bodnar again.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga stated that they had some arrangement or did for a bit. He did not know if they have a current arrangement. Mr. Murphy was doing a little bit of consulting for us and it was under the umbrella of CEC but he did not believe Mr. Murphy was ever actually an employee of the company. Mr. Bodnar is our go to guy. We did not have him fly out from Phoenix for this meeting; he would have if we asked. Anytime we need him in Fallon, he is here. Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga and Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek probably deal with Mr. Bodnar most often; really, multiple times a week as issues come up and he is always responsive. So, Mr. Bodnar is our guy; he uses Mr. Murphy at times, but he did not believe that Mr. Murphy works for CEC.

City Attorney Mike Mackedon stated that, from his own experience, it is absolutely necessary to have Mr. Bodnar and CEC working on this.

Councilman Erickson stated that we need to move forward with expanding that landfill to protect our investment out there and accomplish the goal that was originally set when we decided to have a City-owned landfill to serve the community and the citizens which has worked out very well for us.

Mayor Tedford added that they may find out when they get into this project that more may be expected than what was originally planned in some of our preliminary discussions; we need to leave the door open to that. He is in most of these meetings but in the event that he is not in one, he wanted to be sure that is kept in mind. When Councilman Erickson started out on this venture when he was Mayor, he thought we needed more land and cut back a little bit. We need to make sure that Councilman Erickson's statement is true and we protect our investment and plan for the future.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga agreed; the proposal's phases are planned to help the budget, so we are not hit with a large lump sum right up front, but it also sets up at least three points where we have the opportunity to really sit and reflect on what we have done through those phases. We will be involved through the process and our hope is that we will find a few things that will reduce the time and reduce the cost but we may find that the opposite may be true. We plan to keep a close eye on that and do the best for the City and not take on a short-sighted analysis.

Mayor Tedford noted that if we need to expand this proposal and bring it back to the Council then we just need to do that.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga concurred.

Councilwoman Frost asked when the landfill first opened.

Councilman Erickson remembered that we sited it in 1995 but it was not open until 1998.

City Attorney Mike Mackedon noted that during planning there were issues with Russell Spit and it was moved to the other side of the road.

Councilwoman Frost asked if this would be the first expansion.

Mayor Tedford said yes.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve a proposal by Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. to provide professional consulting services relative to expansion of the City's Russell Pass Landfill in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$83,910); seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Set a public hearing date for a proposed zone change at 80 South Allen Street, APN 001-382-02

Mayor Tedford set the date for the public hearing for a proposed zone change at 80 South Allen Street, APN 001-382-02 on February 6, 2018.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for November 2017

Chief Gehman presented the November monthly report. He added that the November incidents and activities were consistent with previous months with no exceptional variances.

- Staff participated in 80 hours of training.
- Police Explorers continue their law enforcement exposure and related trainings.
- Through the welfare assist account, we provided one bus ticket and one person with lodging.
- The citizen survey results were positive.

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

Councilman Erickson inquired as to how many Police Explorers are enrolled in the program.

Chief Gehman stated that he thought there were eight.

Mayor Tedford thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.
No public comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

City Attorney Mike Mackedon: No comments were noted.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga: No comments were noted.

Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek: No comments were noted.

Deputy Public Works Director Byrd: No comments were noted.

Deputy City Clerk Lee: No comments were noted.

Tourism 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.

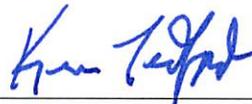
Councilman Erickson: No comments were noted.

Executive Session

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

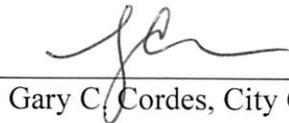
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer