

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
September 4, 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 Pro Tempore, Robert H. Erickson  
City Councilman, James D. Richardson  
City Councilwoman, Kelly Frost  
City Clerk, Gary C. Cordes  
City Attorney, Michael F. Mackedon  
Deputy Public Works Director, Ryan A. Swirczek  
Deputy Public Works Director, Adrian Noriega  
Police Chief, Kevin Gehman  
Legal & Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga  
Deputy City Clerk, Elsie M. Lee  
Public Works Director, Brian A. Byrd  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Kaitlin Ritchie

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson 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.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson advised that Mayor Tedford was not present tonight as he was ill.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson 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.

## **Approval of Warrants**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson 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 2-0 vote by the Council.

## **Consideration and possible approval and adoption of Resolution No. 18-27: A resolution providing for the installation and maintenance of stop signs on the north and south legs of the intersection of Allen Street and "A" Street and for the removal of the stop signs on the east and west legs of the intersection of Allen Street and "A" Street**

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga explained that this resolution proposes a change in the stop signs at Allen and A Streets. Upon citizen inquiries, he, along with Public Works Director Byrd and Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek, looked at the intersection and felt there were some changes that may be necessary. Lumos & Associates was retained to evaluate the intersection, traffic flow and car counts, at both A Street and Allen Street. They also looked at other stop signs and controls on A Street from Venturacci Lane to Taylor Street as well as from Taylor Street to Maine Street and they put together a recommendation that they believe in essentially swapping the stop signs to stop traffic on Allen Street rather than A Street. This is appropriate and a good change at that intersection. Lumos & Associates also provided a recommendation as to the phasing in of that change. City staff is in agreement with that proposal. It will help educate drivers and people in the area. That phasing would be to add the additional stop signs on Allen Street first, which will make it a four-way stop for a period of time. Lumos & Associates recommended 30-60 days, giving people the ability to get used to the new stop. After that, we would go back and remove the stop signs on A Street. City staff is in full agreement with the recommendation of Lumos & Associates. The goal of the resolution is to give City staff the approval to install the new stop signs on Allen Street and then remove the stop signs on A Street as City staff saw fit, in consultation with Lumos & Associates. So we would not have to come back to the Council again to ask to remove the stop signs on A Street.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

Councilwoman Frost stated that some constituents were concerned about this intersection, they had a few close calls, so she thought this was a great solution. It will make it a much safer intersection. She agreed with the recommendation of City staff and Lumos & Associates.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 18-27: A resolution providing for the installation and maintenance of stop signs on the north and south legs of the intersection of Allen Street and "A" Street and for the removal of the stop signs on the east

and west legs of the intersection of Allen Street and "A" Street; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson stated that there would not be an Executive Session this evening.

**Consideration and possible action to approve negotiated agreement between the City of Fallon and the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to be effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. (Pursuant to NRS 288.153, the proposed agreement and any exhibits or other attachments to the proposed agreement are available to the public on the City's website, fallonnevada.gov, and at the City Clerk's Office, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.)**

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga stated that he would ask the Council to pull this agenda item tonight. Our intention was to have an Executive Session to discuss the agreement with the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and to hopefully get Council action. Unfortunately, the agreement was not posted on the City's website. The agenda had been properly posted in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), however, there is a specific provision in NRS Chapter 288.153 that requires the City to post a copy of the agreement that is being considered and could ultimately be acted upon, at least three business days prior to the Council's meeting. We had emailed that agreement to our website administrator and unfortunately, it did not get posted until this afternoon. So, we are in a position, that is actually a pretty easy one at this point, and that is not to have any discussion tonight, not to move forward. We want to absolutely do things correctly, so he recommended that this item be pulled and brought back at the next Council meeting. The agreement is now on the website, so the public will have far in excess of the three business days to review it.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson tabled this item and advised that it would be considered during the September 18, 2018 Council meeting.

### **Presentation of the Police Department Report for July 2018**

Chief Gehman presented the July monthly report. He added that the July incidents and activities were primarily in line with previous months with the exception of a homicide in July.

- Staff participated in 80 hours of training.
- Detective Decker provided the indoctrination lecture to newly stationed Navy personnel.
- Police Explorers participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade at the Fallon Police Department static display.
- Through the welfare assist account, we provided two people with lodging.
- The citizen survey results were positive.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

## **Council and Staff Reports**

City Attorney Mike Mackedon: Noted that Mayor Tedford was doing well and had offered to hold a special Council meeting to consider the agreement that was tabled tonight.

Mr. Phillip Herring, Business Representative for Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, advised that they did not have any time constraints, the next regularly scheduled Council meeting would be fine with them.

City Clerk Cordes: No comments were noted.

Chief Gehman: No comments were noted.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga: Advised that the Federal Aviation Administration approved the City's airport grant to reconstruct the center apron and connectors and A&K Earth Movers mobilized today to begin the 49-day contract. This will be another nice improvement to our airport.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson asked for a status update on the youth club project.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga stated that it is really coming along. We have tied in the water line, so the utility portion is moving right along. We may see some concrete poured this week, some curb and gutter.

Deputy City Clerk Lee: No comments were noted.

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Ritchie: No comments were noted.

Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek: No comments were noted.

Public Works Director Byrd: No comments were noted.

Deputy Public Works Director Noriega: No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost: No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson: No comments were noted.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson: Thanked the City's public works crew and the police department for their efforts during the Labor Day parade. It is a big job that starts early and runs late, and he noted they did a great job. It was very well orchestrated – resulting in a lot of future work for the dentists in town.

## **Public Comments**

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson inquired if there were any public comments.  
No public comments were noted.

**Adjournment**

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

  
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Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson

Attest:   
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Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer