

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
June 17, 2019**

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 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  
Deputy City Attorney, Leonard E. Mackedon  
Legal & Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga  
Deputy City Clerk, Elsie M. Lee  
Director of Tourism & Special Events, Jane Moon  
Public Works Director, Brian A. Byrd  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Kaitlin Ritchie  
Deputy City Attorney, Trent deBraga  
City Engineer, Derek Zimney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.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.

Mayor Tedford noted for the record that Councilman Richardson was not present today.

**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.

Ms. Margaret Elaine Brannen, of Mane Attraction Salon located at 149 South Maine Street, stated that bad things have been going on around her place of business on South Maine Street. On Friday nights, the doors to Leah's Bar are wide open and music is playing, starting at 6:30 in the evening and going until who knows when into the night. When she remodeled her shop, she was working until 1:00 a.m. and witnessed people coming out of Leah's Bar "blitzed" and then get into their cars and drive. This made her rethink getting into her own car and driving. Her main problem is that she finds broken beer bottles every Saturday morning. She noted that Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek visited her after her first complaint and kindly cleaned her sidewalk of the broken bottles and even vomit and urine that ends up on the street and sidewalks after Friday and Saturday nights. She asked what could be done to stop this. Businesses are needed and wanted downtown, but the bars are making it difficult for other businesses. The only bar that should be allowed is in a nice dinner house. She brought in small air canisters that are used in paintball guns. She advised that they are also used in the practice of huffing to get high. She stated that she recovered a bag full of these spent containers in her rear storage area that is gated. She cannot lock it because she must allow meter reader access. There are also beer bottles littered around the rear of these businesses. She asked what could be done to keep downtown safe. She has a business that caters to people with families; she also cuts hair for military members and new residents. New people are moving into Fallon all the time, they are running away from California by the hordes. They want to come to our City. This needs to be addressed and cleaned up. There are drugs here. There is an ordinance that lets people walk around with an open container and she asked why the Council would ever pass such a bill. She did not understand it. She noted that she pays taxes and asked that this problem be figured out. She stated that she is doing her best to move to a different part of Churchill County to get out of downtown because she needs to protect her people and her children.

Mayor Tedford explained that all that can be done today is to take her comment. We will look into this because it is a problem and we need to fix it. He did not have a problem with her locking that gate, a key can be provided to the meter reader.

Ms. Brannen stated that it is Kent property, so she did not have control of the lock on the gate. She would be willing to assist with handling a key for the meter reader.

Mayor Tedford noted that meter readers access locked areas with keys in other places. He advised that we would look into this. We will meet internally first and then make a recommendation as to what we can get done. We do the best we can do to keep the front part of Maine Street clean, but this is new information about the back part and the alley.

Ms. Brannen asked Mayor Tedford if he was aware that there are six bars between Nevada Street and Maine Street.

Mayor Tedford confirmed that he knew about the bars.

Ms. Brannen stated that she was scolded by a police officer that conveyed to her with his tone that she was wasting his time with her complaint; that they had other things to do and they were a small police department and could use their resources on something else.

Mayor Tedford stated that should not have happened and apologized for that. They do have a lot of things to do and a lot of them deal with downtown, so they are not too busy to handle her problem. He added that the response she received from Deputy Public Works Director Swirczek is the response the City should give on all issues. That is the policy of this Council and this Mayor. In the future, he hopes that is the response that she gets. If that is indeed how she felt, she should not have felt that way. He stated that we will try to do our best with this situation. Bars are bars and we try to do the best that we can around them. We know some are better than others in how

they behave, and we are usually in deep discussion with those that do not behave very well because that liquor license is a privilege and not a right and they are usually well aware of that. There will probably be some discussion with her neighbor about what is going on and how their premises are left at night and the control of their patrons both in the front and the back of their place. He can tell her that is probably what will happen, and we would do our best at trying to get to the source of this and handle it. We will try and do the best we can.

Ms. Brannen asked if the City could approach Governor Sisolak for money to hire more officers and let him know about the drug issue.

Mayor Tedford advised that there are enough police officers in our department to handle what is going on there.

Ms. Brannen stated that was not true according to that officer she spoke with.

Mayor Tedford stated that officer does not speak for this Mayor, this Council, nor the Chief of the Police Department.

Ms. Brannen added that officer told her they are running on a shoestring. He also had the nerve to ask her for her identification. She asked why she would complain about a drug problem if she had something wrong in her life. She was very insulted – extremely insulted.

Chief Gehman advised that he would look into that, as that is not the image we strive to put forward. He noted that he would take corrective steps to try to solve her problem down there.

Ms. Brannen stated that the problem was not just hers, it was all the businesses downtown.

Mayor Tedford advised that we understood her issue; the Chief will get onto this. He added that we do not have an issue with every bar downtown, and we do not have an issue with every business downtown either, because we know a lot of those business owners. We will follow up and the Chief will find out from where this issue started, and he will be in contact with the owner and will follow up with her.

Ms. Brannen stated that a lot of her business comes from the base and they bring their children in for haircuts and to park their car and have to step over vomit and broken bottles is too much. There are no water spigots to connect a hose to so she could wash down the area. She asked if she should keep cat sand in her business to sprinkle onto the area. This happens on Saturday when the City is off, and she is still there working.

Mayor Tedford asked Ms. Brannen to give us a chance.

Ms. Brannen agreed and was looking forward to a follow up from Chief Gehman.

Mayor Tedford thanked her for her comments.

No other public comments were noted.

### **Approval of Council meeting minutes for April 15, 2019**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for April 15, 2019.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for April 15, 2019 as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 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 Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

### **Canvass of returns for the City of Fallon General Election held June 11, 2019**

City Clerk Cordes read the following into the record: "Pursuant to NRS 293C.387(2), after the City Council receives the returns for the general election from all the precincts and districts in the City, the City Council and the Mayor must meet to canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the sixth working day following the general election. Pursuant to NRS 293C.387(3), in completing the canvass of the returns, the City Council and the Mayor shall:

- a. Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and
- b. Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.

After the canvass is completed, the City Council and the Mayor shall declare the result of the canvass pursuant to NRS 293C.387(4). The City Clerk shall enter upon the records of the City Council as abstract of the result pursuant to NRS 293C.387(5). Pursuant to NRS 293C.387(6)(B), after the abstract is entered, the City Council shall, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, cause the City Clerk to:

1. Certify the abstract;
2. Make a copy of the certified abstract;
3. Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;
4. Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State within seven working days after the election; and
5. Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public library in the City, or post on a website maintained by the City or the City Clerk on the Internet or its successor, if any, a copy of the certified abstract within thirty days after the election."

City Clerk Cordes referred to a worksheet titled City of Fallon Abstraction of Election Results. The first part of the abstraction reconciles the votes cast. There were 244 votes cast; of which 99 early voted, 53 absentee voted, and 92 voted on Election Day. This represents a 15% voter turnout of the total registered voters of 1,642. The next part of the abstraction indicates there were two candidates on the ballot: Jack Beach and Karla Kent. The results indicate that Jack Beach received 80 votes and Karla Kent received 160 votes, for a total of 244 votes all accounted for. For the record, during the process, no clerical errors were discovered or occurred.

Mayor Tedford clarified for the record that Karla Kent received 164 votes, not 160.

City Clerk Cordes concurred and stated for the record that Jack Beach received 80 votes and Karla Kent received 164 votes for a total of 244 votes.

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 public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to enter an Order causing the City Clerk to:

1. Certify the abstract;
2. Make a copy of the certified abstract;
3. Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;
4. Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State within seven working days after the election; and
5. Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public library in the City, or post on a website maintained by the City or the City Clerk on the Internet or its successor, if any, a copy of the certified abstract within thirty days after the election.

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-06: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 General Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$337,177.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the General Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-06: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 General Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$337,177.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-07: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Unemployment Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$14,521.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Unemployment Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget.

The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-07: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Unemployment Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$14,521.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-08: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 General and Drug Forfeiture Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$6,313.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the General and Drug Forfeiture Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-08: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 General and Drug Forfeiture Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$6,313.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-09: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Convention Center Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$37,732.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Convention Center Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will

allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-09: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Convention Center Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$37,732.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-10: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Airport Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$1,108,176.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Airport Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

Mayor Tedford reminded that we received grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for airport improvements after the budget was approved so now we need to take this funding into account as we close out the fiscal year.

Councilwoman Frost added that this FAA grant is a good one.

Mayor Tedford agreed that it certainly was; these airport projects are 93% paid by the Federal government and 7% by the City.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-10: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Airport Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$1,108,176.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-11: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Public Works Internal Service Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$124,590.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Public Works Internal Service Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were

not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.  
No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-11: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Public Works Internal Service Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$124,590.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-12: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Electric Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$578,769.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Electric Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.  
No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-12: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Electric Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$578,769.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-13: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Water Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$150,462.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Water Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.



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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-13: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Water Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$150,462.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-14: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$93,634.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-14: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$93,634.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-15: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Sanitation Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$62,106.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Sanitation Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-15: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Sanitation Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$62,106.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-16: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Landfill Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$36,180.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Landfill Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-16: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Landfill Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$36,180.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-17: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Water Treatment Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$198,779.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Water Treatment Enterprise Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-17: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Water Treatment Enterprise Fund of the City of Fallon in the

amount of \$198,779.00; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 19-18: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Mayor's Youth Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$5,500.00**

City Clerk Cordes noted for the record that this item has been properly posted as a public hearing in the Lahontan Valley News. The purpose of this resolution is to properly budget the resources and expenditures of the Mayor's Youth Fund Budget. The submitted schedule presents the final approved budget that was adopted by the City Council in the column titled Final Budget. The column titled revisions reflect changes in financial estimates that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted by the Fallon City Council. Pursuant to NRS, this resolution will allow us to properly reflect the changes in financial estimates. He recommended adoption of this resolution.

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

No comments were noted.

As this was a public hearing, Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No public comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-18: A resolution authorizing the augmentation of the 2018-2019 Mayor's Youth Fund of the City of Fallon in the amount of \$5,500.00; seconded by Councilman Erickson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

**Adoption of Resolution No. 19-19: Adjustment of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts – Enterprise Fund Account Receivables**

City Clerk Cordes explained that, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, which is our fiscal year; \$18,818,524.00 was charged to utility customers for the services of electric, water, sewer, sanitation, and water treatment. We have not been able to collect \$69,924.57, or 3/10 of 1% of the total amount charged during that time. These accounts are over one year old and are no longer City of Fallon utility customers. The balance due to the City has been turned over to a collection agency. This resolution allows for the adjustment of the doubtful accounts in our enterprise funds and does not prohibit the collection of monies owed should these individuals return to the City for services or be located by the collection company.

Mayor Tedford noted that 3/10 of 1% is pretty good and the fact that you are still pursuing payment through a collection agency is good. Some people move back into the City and we are able to collect those monies owed before they receive services again.

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

Councilwoman Frost noticed that some of these account balances are in the thousands of dollars. She asked if they were large utility users.

City Clerk Cordes explained that we have the ability to offer extensions in our office when people are experiencing difficult financial times and we work with them on payments. Most of those who come out of those difficult times get back on their feet and pay off their payment extensions. Unfortunately, there are a few that were not able to get back on their feet and those larger amounts reflect several months of payment extensions.

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

Councilman Erickson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-19: Adjustment of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts – Enterprise Fund Account Receivables; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Councilwoman Frost thanked City Clerk Cordes for his efforts on all the budget resolutions, she could tell a lot of work went into them.

City Clerk Cordes thanked Councilwoman Frost for her kind comment.

### **Presentation of the Police Department Report for April 2019**

Chief Gehman presented the April monthly report. He added that the April incidents and activities were primarily in line with previous months with no exceptional variances.

- Staff participated in several hours of training.
- Detective Shyne provided the indoctrination lecture to newly stationed Navy personnel.
- Through the welfare assist account, we provided one gas voucher, one bus ticket, and one person with lodging.
- Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) donated 165 hours to the agency.
- The citizen survey results were positive.

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

No comments were noted.

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**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

Councilwoman Frost received a letter from a citizen commending Public Works Director Byrd for his outstanding service in dealing with a weed issue. She commended him and his crew for taking care of that citizen and she was very happy with the end result.

*{The following personal tributes will include less formal first names as they are stated into the record.}*

Councilwoman Frost also noted that this would be Councilman Erickson's final Council meeting and wanted to make a few comments: We will really miss Bob on the Council, she has looked to him as a mentor, he was always a gentleman and very knowledgeable in the history of Fallon. The only good she saw in losing Bob on the Council is that now she will get to talk to him about issues and learn more history about Fallon. She commended him for his years of service as a Councilman, a Mayor, and again as a Councilman. She wished him the best and thanked him for all his service to Fallon and in doing it in such a great way. He always did his homework and she appreciated the knowledge he brought to the Council.

Applause from City staff and City Council was given to acknowledge Councilman Erickson.

Mayor Tedford stated that this was a difficult time for him because he started a long time ago with Bob and then he left for a while and returned. Mayor Tedford's first day in this Council Chamber was with Bob at the old dais, which is now the Cabinet table in the Mayor's Office, and these very same chairs which are quite old and uncomfortable now. When Mayor Tedford started as a Councilman back in 1987, he did not know how any of this worked. He had lived in Fallon his entire life and had never stepped foot in City Hall until Mayor Mert Domonoske asked him to attend a Council meeting. He knew Laura Mills Park did not have bathrooms and when he went door to door campaigning, that was the most requested item. His main mission was to get bathrooms constructed at Laura Mills Park. He brought it up toward the end of the meeting during Council reports, stating that we need bathrooms in Laura Mills Park. He remembered Councilman Jack Frank and Councilman Dick Graham telling him that he needed to wait. He waited until the next Council meeting and brought it up again and just kept bringing them up at each meeting. The two other Councilmen got tired of him bringing them up at every meeting and they finally told him to quit bringing them up. Then Bob brought him into his office and told him there was a process that we have here; it is a budget process. Mayor Tedford was used to the budget process at Tedford Tire, if they needed something, they had a five-minute meeting to decide whether they could afford it or not, then they either bought it or they did not buy it. This process was a budget process and it started in July and ended in June and if you could afford it you put it in the budget, and he was stunned as Bob was explaining this. He told constituents that he would get them bathrooms. Bob advised him that was not the way it worked. The people in Fallon are great, the residents around Laura Mills Park allowed mothers to bring in their kids to use their bathrooms in their houses. Anyway, he had to wait until this budget session process started. Finally, Dick was so exasperated with him that he said to "just give Kenny those bathrooms" and not even wait until budget time because they were so fed up with him asking every meeting for bathrooms. They were included in the budget, they got approved and about 18 months later, construction was complete. Bob has been his mentor for many years and his banker too. Bob gave him his first loan for his first car. He was out of town working at the time, and it was back in the old days where you just gave the guy a check and he told the guy at the car place the check was good. We went through lots of learning processes together with him trying to learn how governmental accounting was totally different than business accounting, and how citizens are to be treated and they learned some things together like they both enjoy parks and they were very important to the people and he shared some things with Bob along the way that were important to him. After eight years of serving together, Bob taught him the dignity of how to run a meeting and how to treat people and how to do most things – like this lady today, Ms. Brannen, we handle those things outside meetings and take care of their problem and not wait every two weeks for a Council meeting. We get them done before the two weeks, so they do not have to wait for a meeting. We handle things now and do not make people wait. Then Bob left and it was a big void because he was so well-versed in the work that City Clerk Cordes does in the Clerk's Office and the financial aspect of operations. Then we had a need and he came back on the Council. They have served many years together and he will be deeply missed. They have dealt with numerous government agencies, fighting for the people of Fallon; and reiterated that the people are who we serve, and this building is the people's building. City Hall is not a structure, it is the people within it and outside it that serve the citizens; that is the City and Bob did a good job conveying that over the years. He will miss Bob, he knew he would not be too far away, but he will miss him.

Councilman Erickson reflected on the 32 years he and Mayor Tedford have been serving together here at the City, minus ten years where he took a bit of a vacation. In any organization or endeavor, it is really all about the people; and he was associated with a dedicated, wonderful, talented group of people that is the City of Fallon. Starting with Ken, who's passion for the City is unbelievable, along with the community and the welfare of the citizens. Kelly, they have known each other for so many years, and like she alluded – when you have friends that are elected to the Council, people that you have watched grow up, Rachel Dahl as an example for her tenure on the Council, and Kelly and James – then all of a sudden you can no longer talk to them because of the Open Meeting Law and it is really a hardship of being a public body, the restrictions that are placed on you about the kind of conversations and the kind of associations you have had in the past with people that are close to you and that you admire and you would love to be able to sit down and have a cup of coffee and discuss your families and discuss any number of things but you adhere to the Open Meeting Law in spirit as well as the letter of the law and you just have to avoid that. It has been seven years since Kelly and Bob could really sit down and have a good conversation. With Rachel, it was about the same amount of time, and he had known Rachel since she was a baby because he knew her dad up in Elko. That is really a downside of the Open Meeting Law. Reflecting back on all those years, it has been a lot of fun. They have had battles and they have certainly won more than have been lost, and it was fun and challenging. Everybody in the City, both present and past, he has never worked with more dedicated and honorable people in his life; he felt really blessed by that. Just a little insight on the process they went through today with budget augmentations, when Ken alluded to the bathrooms in Laura Mills Park, and by the way, his house was a regular restroom stop since he lives so close to the park, he had a personal vested interest in those bathrooms too – when he first started, Nevada State Statute did not allow you to do that, you had a budget, it was fixed, if you did not have an item budgeted, you waited until the next budget cycle, which could be as long as 18 months, before you could even start accomplishing something. Partially because of efforts on the City's part and our legislators here and throughout the State, they recognized that the process was completely unworkable in the 20<sup>th</sup> century because revenues change, expenses change, needs change, and you have to have flexibility in that budget process during the year to make adjustments. Fighting for those changes revolutionized what a Council could do and how they could do it. Under Ken's leadership and our philosophy of taking care of citizen needs immediately if we could – that is how the City has evolved from a philosophy and a cultural standpoint, if people have a problem, they come in and let us know what the problem is, Public Works are probably 80-90% of them, and it is addressed immediately. The City tries to be responsive to people's needs, not tell them they have to wait two weeks to come to a Council meeting and then hear what their problem is, then get on it, then maybe a month or two months from now it will be resolved. Most problems, well, you go in and talk to Valerie and she routes it to who best can solve the problem and we hope to have it done by nightfall. That is how the City works. We should all take great pride in the service we deliver to our constituents. He will miss this chair. It is a nice, stable chair. When Ken was elected Mayor and Bob retired from office, he warned Ken to be careful because that Mayor chair bucks. If you lose your focus, you will find yourself on the floor. He believed that the chair still bucked.

Mayor Tedford confirmed that the chair did indeed still buck at the worst possible moments.

Councilman Erickson acknowledged that this would be a big change for him. He will miss coming here and miss being with everybody.

Mayor Tedford thanked him and reminded that he was a very effective Mayor and Councilman for the people. We will miss his service and we have had a lot of fun over the years, even through some problems, it was still fun. Bob was right; we have some great people that we work with and they understand the goal that we get things done now. That makes this job a lot easier. He wished Bob and Mary Beth the best. He appreciated both their service – it takes a lot of dedication from a spouse too.


**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 10:19 a.m.

  
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Mayor Ken Tedford

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Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer