

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
February 3, 2020**

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 Tem, Kelly Frost  
City Councilman, James D. Richardson  
City Councilwoman, Karla Kent  
City Clerk, Gary C. Cordes  
City Attorney, Michael F. Mackedon  
Emergency Management Coordinator, Steve Endacott  
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 Pro Tem Frost at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost 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 Tem Frost noted for the record that Mayor Tedford was out of town.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any public comments. She 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.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he understood there was a five-minute limit and he probably went over that last time. He welcomed everyone to the City Council meeting and stated that we would offer parts of God's Word. He stated these words are what the Council's constituents believe and read Romans 10:14-15. He then started reading Isaiah 3, beginning with verse 4. He began a prayer asking that today's session be touched with the Holy Spirit and know the difference between good and evil. He read parts of the Declaration of Independence. He asked where God was in government. He stated that the morality of Fallon and Churchill County had sharply fallen. He stated that he presented these truths to the Churchill County Commissioners and the Churchill County School Board and people were not understanding; children are being abused and people are dying more than ever before. He asked to be told if he went over five minutes. He returned to reading portions of the Declaration of Independence. He stated that the Pledge of Allegiance was just given and "under God" in the pledge appears to be hypocrisy. He thanked the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost thanked Mr. Knell for his comments.

### **Approval of Council meeting minutes for October 7, 2019 and January 21, 2020**

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for October 7, 2019 and January 21, 2020.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for October 7, 2019 and January 21, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council with an abstention by Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

### **Approval of Warrants**

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

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

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the same; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council with an abstention by Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

### **Consideration and possible approval and adoption of Resolution No. 20-03: A resolution providing for the deannexation of 11.51 acres, more or less, from the City of Fallon, located at 100 Airport Road, and owned by Greg and Eve Holmes, and other matters properly related thereto**

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga explained that this item is back before the Council after a request from Greg and Eve Holmes in late 2019 to consider the deannexation of their property. Upon receiving that request, City staff performed a survey that has been filed with the City Clerk and was completed by a competent surveyor and accurately describes the

property to be deannexed. At the November 2019 Council meeting, City staff was given direction by the Council to initiate the procedures that are required under NRS 268. That was completed by the City notifying Churchill County; they took the matter up at the Planning Commission and then ultimately at the Churchill County Commission. Both have approved the request and then the matter returned to the City for proper publication which we accomplished in the Lahontan Valley News on January 22, 2020 and now the matter is back before the Council for potential final action on the resolution. As we discussed in November 2019, the property was annexed in 1988 along with some larger parcels, with different intentions by the prior property owners. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes intend to build a single-family residence and want to put a well and septic tank in to accomplish that; and the only way to do that is to not be in the City of Fallon. So that is the purpose of their request. We have gone through all the required procedures which brought us to the Council's consideration of this resolution. If it is passed, the final steps would be for the City to publish it in City Hall and record it with the Churchill County Recorder; then that would be the end of the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if any public comments were received after the first posting.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga stated that no comments had been received.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he attended the Churchill County Commission meeting and he advised his representative to vote for this. He stated the United Nations are sticking their noses in our business. He stated the government is taking away our property rights and water rights. He stated they want to put meters on our wells to take control of our water; it is our liberty and freedom to use that resource and that is pitiful. He stated he wanted this to be passed unanimously.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-03: A resolution providing for the deannexation of 11.51 acres, more or less, from the City of Fallon, located at 100 Airport Road, and owned by Greg and Eve Holmes, and other matters properly related thereto; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council with an abstention by Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

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

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

- Staff participated in multiple hours of training.
- Officers and volunteers have been very active in the community.
- A school resource officer was introduced into the Churchill County Middle School and another officer is expected to enter the school system in the coming months.
- The citizen survey comments were mostly positive.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost asked Chief Gehman if he commended Officer Itskin for going above and beyond the call of duty with the CVS incident that was identified in the survey comments.

Chief Gehman stated that they are hung in the squad room and then there is some communication with the staff after that; everything positive that is said is posted down there.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if the Council had any comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost thanked Chief Gehman for the report.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place addressed the Council and stated that the Bible says he is to be a thorn in their side to make them accountable to the people. He stated the problem with capitalism is greed and power; the moral state of the country and the world has been degraded. He stated capitalism is the freedom to decide our future for ourselves. He stated the City of Fallon has vape stores and tattoo parlors and more bars than ever before. He stated the laws have prevented preachers from coming outside the four walls and giving advice to say stop; people become drunk, violent, break things, and throw up on the street. He stated the City is corrupt by allowing these things; the good is being held back and evil is moving forward. He stated that an eleven-year-old says she is bisexual because she is persuaded, and the government lets it happen. He stated God must be brought back into government. He read Acts 17:30 and stated that he hoped it shook everyone in their boots.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost advised Mr. Knell that it had been five minutes.

Mr. Knell thanked Mayor Pro Tem Frost.

### **Council and Staff Reports**

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

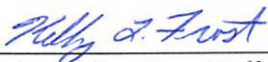
No Council or staff reports were noted.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Frost tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Frost adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Frost

Attest:   
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Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer