

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
April 6, 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 Ken Tedford
City Councilwoman, Kelly Frost
City Councilwoman, Karla Kent
Legal & Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga

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.

Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006. Pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of that directive, the Governor suspended the requirement of posting a physical copy of the agenda in any physical locations. Most places where an agenda would be posted are closed. It was required that we post on the City's website and the State of Nevada's public notice website. We posted the agenda and all the supporting material on both of those websites. That occurred prior to 9:00 a.m. last Wednesday. Since that time, the Governor issued a Stay at Home Order on Thursday, so it put us in a difficult position for this meeting. We had intended to hold this meeting like we are doing now, actually as much as we can with it being open to the public. After the posting of the agenda, the Governor issued the Stay at Home Order and emphasized the City's ability, now under the Emergency Directive, to use electronic or even email means for the public to participate in a meeting. But we felt that it was important, since we had already posted the agenda and the agenda made it clear that the public could still attend, that we proceed as planned and as posted rather than try to post an amended agenda and create that confusion. This meeting is open to the public, we have people stationed at the doors to let people in if they want to attend the meeting and we may make some changes going into our next City Council meeting that are still in compliance with the Governor's Orders, but may look a little different than this meeting. That is the reason for still holding the public meeting and not wanting to create that confusion with us having already posting the agenda prior to that additional Stay at Home Order.

Mayor Tedford thanked Legal and Administrative Director Erquiaga for that explanation and acknowledged that the setup of the meeting was a bit awkward today and certainly not what

we are used to. He noted for the record that there were less than 10 people in attendance and that those in attendance are maintaining the proper social distancing guideline of at least 6 feet apart.

Mayor Tedford noted for the record that Councilman Richardson was absent this morning.

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.

Approval of Council meeting minutes for March 16, 2020

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for March 16, 2020.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for March 16, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Kent 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 Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants and authorize the Mayor to sign the same; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Appointment and possible confirmation of Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Tedford stated that our City Clerk Gary Cordes has served us for 30 years and has done a great job. He will be retiring soon and is not in attendance as we only have limited staff attendance at this meeting to comply with guidelines for gatherings. He reiterated that City Clerk Cordes has been very loyal to the City and has worked very hard and we wish him well in his next endeavor. Time must go on and we must move on with new people. It was an honor for him to offer the appointment of Sean Richardson as the next City Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Tedford read the following into the record: "Sean moved to Fallon while in Junior High when his father was still active duty in the US Navy. Along with his father, he moved to

Fallon with his mother, older brother and younger sister. He and his siblings all went on to graduate from Churchill County High School. After high school, he attended Carroll College in Helena, MT. At Carroll, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting.

After college, he moved back to Nevada where he has lived ever since. Sean is a Certified Public Accountant with experience in public, private and governmental accounting. Early in his career he worked in public accounting for four years which included auditing the City of Fallon. He spent seven years in the Comptroller and Finance offices for Churchill County and the Churchill County School District. He has 14 total years in private industry with 13 of those years as the Controller for Fallon Ford Toyota.

Sean is married to Michelle Richardson who is a teacher for the Churchill County School District. They have 3 children – Maxton (11), Camden (9) and Miya (6).

Sean’s knowledge, education and experience, and especially his prior governmental accounting experience, will make him a great City Clerk-Treasurer. It is with great pleasure that I offer as an appointment, Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer and bring him before the Council for your consideration and confirmation.”

Mayor Tedford added that he had known Sean for many years, and we were very fortunate to have someone like Sean who has been in our community and has the skills required for this position. He really knows our community. Over the years, we have had the opportunity to appoint some fine people from outside our community that learn it and sometimes we have had the opportunity to have people not learn it and it did not work out well. We are very fortunate to have Sean in this position. He invited Sean to the podium to answer any questions the Council or the public may have. He noted that he did not have any questions, they had spoken at length and he had known him for years.

Mr. Richardson approached the podium.

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

Councilwoman Kent advised that she did not have any questions because she had previously spoken with Sean. She added that she was grateful the City was able to find someone so qualified.

Councilwoman Frost added that she had also known Sean for years and she did not have any questions for him. She noted that he was an outstanding person in our community and very involved. She was very excited that he was joining the City of Fallon and he would be a great addition.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to confirm the appointment of Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford noted that a formal swearing-in would be held at a later date.

Consideration and possible action to establish the salary of Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer at One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) per year

Mayor Tedford stated that this agenda item was for consideration and possible action to establish the salary of Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer at \$120,000.00 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.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to establish the salary of Sean Richardson as City Clerk-Treasurer at One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) per year; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for February 2020

Mayor Tedford presented the February monthly report for Chief Gehman. He inquired if the Council had any comments or questions that he could answer, or he would bring Chief Gehman in if there were questions.

Councilwoman Kent wanted to inquire about the citizen survey comment regarding a gentleman that was inviting felons to live in his yard.

Mayor Tedford stated that he would look into that and follow up with her. He thought he knew where it was but did not want to comment at this time because he was not exactly sure.

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 applauded the City and all City staff for efforts in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis and for looking ahead instead of just reacting; she appreciated the proactive thinking and planning that was going on.

Councilwoman Kent added that she was grateful that there were zero COVID-19 cases in Churchill County at this time.

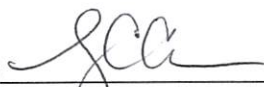
Executive Session

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 9:12 a.m.

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes, City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor Ken Tedford