

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
August 17, 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 Councilman, James D. Richardson
City Councilwoman, Kelly Frost
City Councilwoman, Karla Kent
Police Captain, Ron Wenger
Deputy City Attorney, Leonard E. Mackedon
Legal & Administrative Director, Robert Erquiaga
Deputy City Attorney, Trent deBraga
City Clerk-Treasurer, Sean C. Richardson

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 Emergency Directives, the agenda and the supporting materials were posted on the City's website and the State of Nevada's public notice website on or before 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2020.

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 June 30, 2020 and July 6, 2020

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for June 30, 2020 and July 6, 2020.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for June 30, 2020 and July 6, 2020 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 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 3-0 vote by the Council.

Presentation of the Police Department Report for July 2020

Captain Wenger presented the July monthly report. He noted that the calls for service were down, related to COVID-19 protocol where officers are taking measures to make officer-observed stops for safety reasons only and not making contact for reasons other than safety.

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

Councilwoman Kent stated that she had not seen a speed survey attached to the report before and asked for clarification.

Captain Wenger explained that there was a request from a citizen to put up a radar trailer on Fifth Street at Laura Mills Park due to speeding. The trailer recorded the information and the average speed was close to the speed limit of 15 MPH. A few were in excess, but the majority of citizens are complying with the posted speed limit.

Mayor Tedford advised that the average was 15.9 MPH and the speed limit at the park is 15 MPH.

Councilwoman Kent noted that the indicator really helps – it keeps you in line.

Captain Wenger concurred.

Mayor Tedford noted that there must be more than just four citizen survey comments. He knew many more than that were sent out, but even with a conservative return rate it should be more than four.

Captain Wenger advised that they send out a certain amount per day and these are the ones they get back, certainly not close to what they send out.

Mayor Tedford thought the average return rate was around 5% and even at that rate it would be more than four per month; perhaps the process of sending them out needs to be revisited. We used to get about 10-12 per month in this report.

Captain Wenger advised that he and Captain Alexander would reassess the survey process.

Mayor Tedford noted that he usually sees a monthly indoctrination lecture for newly stationed Navy personnel included in this report. That was an important function for us to keep up on.

Captain Wenger advised that he was unsure if the department provided a lecture last month, he would check. He did not think the Navy was moving a lot of personnel right now; his son-in-law is on hold in Jacksonville, FL right now and has not returned home to Lemoore, CA.

Mayor Tedford thanked Captain Wenger for the report.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Jim Hunt of 510 Rachel Court inquired as to the reason the speed limit was raised on Highway 50, heading east from the center of town.

Mayor Tedford advised that the City had several meetings with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT); it was 35 MPH to Fallon Auto Mall and then it dropped to 25 MPH east from there. Since it dropped like that, maybe people were speeding the rest of the way through town from Fallon Auto Mall so maybe it was worth looking at something closer to that speed limit. We met with NDOT quite a few times to discuss 30 MPH through town. They did several studies and it met NDOT's parameters for 35 MPH through town and through our discussions, it was decided to proceed with 30 MPH and leave everywhere else in town at 25 MPH. NDOT did many studies, this decision was not made overnight, it took about 18 months to come to a final decision. We have not had any accidents since then, which was a good thing, and we have been monitoring that. We believe it was a good decision.

Mr. Hunt advised that many trucks do not observe the 25 MPH speed limit on Highway 95.

Mayor Tedford advised that was a Police Department issue and he could talk to Captain Wenger.

Mr. Hunt added that many trucks roll right through stop lights in town too.

Mayor Tedford advised that it was is an issue that there is not a stop light east of town on Highway 50, which we have asked NDOT to install on Sherman Street and East Williams Avenue. That has been a discussion with NDOT in time. A light would slow that traffic coming into town. There is not a stop light from Austin until right here at the corner of Maine Street and Williams Avenue. He hears the trucks hit their J-brakes at his business on East Williams Avenue, so he knows how fast they are going.

Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor and Council.

No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

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

No Council or staff reports 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 9:16 a.m.

Attest: 
Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor Ken Tedford