

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Avenue  
Fallon, Nevada  
November 16, 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 Chief, Kevin Gehman  
Chief of Staff, 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.

Chief of Staff Erquiaga advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directives, the agenda and the supporting materials were posted at City Hall, on the City's website, and the State of Nevada's public notice website on or before 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 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.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that Jesus Christ is King; He is the lawgiver and judge. He read Psalms 5. He stated that he walks these streets with his dog, talks to people on the street, and surveys the environment of the City of Fallon. There is so much evil in the City, it is uncanny. People are threatening people's lives and doing foolish things. He praised the stop sign installed on Serpa Place; it is still not stopping it, but it has reduced it quite a bit. It is the mindset of how our environment – our City – has become. We have Satan strongholds in this City. We have witches and witchcraft. It is alive today – just hearing what people say – he does not bring it up, they bring it up. It is just amazing. Psalm 5 says to rely on Him in your decision making; rely on Him in all circumstances because we are seeing evil in the world today, especially with the deception of our elections. Matthew 24 says that lawlessness shall abound.

He sees people rolling through stop signs, no matter where he goes. People are angry and bitter. In Matthew 24, Jesus says hearts will grow cold and he is seeing it today.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Knell.

**Approval of Council meeting minutes for August 3, 2020, September 8, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 19, 2020, and November 2, 2020**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for August 3, 2020, September 8, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 19, 2020, and November 2, 2020.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for August 3, 2020, September 8, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 5, 2020, October 19, 2020, and November 2, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Frost 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 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 3-0 vote by the Council.

**Appointment and possible confirmation of Dusty Casey to the City of Fallon Board of Adjustment**

Mayor Tedford stated that it was his honor today to present Dusty Casey to the Council for confirmation to the Board of Adjustment. "Dusty Casey is a fourth generation Fallon resident. He was raised on a ranch in Stillwater and graduated from Churchill County High School in 1996. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems and a Master of Arts in Economics, both from the University of Nevada, Reno. His wife, Dr. Amanda Casey, is also a Fallon native and a graduate from UNR and the UNR School of Medicine. They are currently raising 2 daughters, Sequoya and Lakota, and reside in Fallon. After spending a decade solely in the private sector as an employee and entrepreneur in the fields of construction and land development, Dusty now works in the public sector as well. He is a founding board member of Oasis Academy, and the school's current Chief Financial Officer and Athletic Director. He is also on the board of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the Commission on School Funding for the State of Nevada, the president of the Fallon Youth Basketball League, and a former volunteer reserve deputy at the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. Dusty is also the operations manager for his wife's medical practice, Casey Professional

Health Service, PLLC, as well as a dedicated coach for youth sports in our community. It is with great pleasure that I appoint Dusty Casey to the Board of Adjustment, and I bring him before the Council for your consideration and confirmation.”

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 confirm the appointment Dusty Casey to the City of Fallon Board of Adjustment; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

At this time, Mayor Tedford administered the Oath of Office to Dusty Casey.

**Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract with Atkins North America, Inc. for engineering design and bidding services for the Replacement of Runway Edge Lights at the Fallon Municipal Airport in an amount not-to-exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00), of which the FAA share would be 93.75% or Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$65,625.00) and the City’s share would be 6.25% or Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$4,375.00)**

Chief of Staff Erquiaga explained the City has identified the replacement of the runway edge lights at the Fallon Municipal Airport as our next capital improvement project. Like in years past, we are asking the Council to approve Atkins to move forward with the design and bidding services. If approved, this contract would get the project designed, we would make application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and assuming that we are approved, Atkins would take us through the actual bidding and award of a contract to a successful bidder. As always, we advance the design money and then when our application is approved by the FAA, we would be reimbursed at the 93.75% FAA share once we started construction, which typically occurs in the summer. We had hoped to do a little more this round, but the FAA is under some budget constraints and this is the project that they were willing to go forward with. We are asking the Council to approve the contract so we can continue to improve the airport and continue to be successful with these FAA grants.

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

Councilwoman Kent noted that the FAA has been very good to the City. She asked if the FAA would approve the project to actually replace the lights in 2021 or was it a subject for when we get to that point.

Chief of Staff Erquiaga noted that both the City and Atkins, our consultant, are in communications with the FAA as we submit proposed projects – typically on a 5-year scale – where the FAA is involved in the conversation and essentially agrees that those would be appropriate projects for the upcoming years. Then, when we get to this time of year, going into the grant application timeframe, we communicate with them and they let us know how their budget is looking and what they think they can approve. In the City’s history with the FAA, they have never gone back on that word, of telling us that this is the project that we can go forward with. As long as we get the design to them and get it awarded in time, they typically approve both the design and going forward with funding for the project. The FAA is pretty well in the mix by the time we get to this point, so we do not give them any surprises. Every once in a

while, we get lucky and there is a little more money available. The Mayor has been good at that, keeping projects on the shelf and ready to go, so if we get the word that there is additional funding available, we can jump in line and bite off another project a little quicker than we had anticipated. Atkins will do the design; they are very good at it. He was certain the FAA would approve the design and that is to replace the lights.

Mayor Tedford stated that the key to what Chief of Staff Erquiaga said is this: If your 5-year plan is in order, the projects you have for a certain year are usually always granted. There have been exceptions where it has been close because of federal money beginning to fall out, but we seem to always get our projects funded. Our 5-year plan is firm enough so projects will not slip out of place. Once you have a strong consultant, they talk to the FAA all the time so when you get this far down the track, your project is usually a go. Chief of Staff Erquiaga is correct; we are good about having projects on the shelf, so if they call and say they have some money that another City did not use and ask if we have a project ready to go – we are able to say that we do. We have had projects move up the list that way. At a 93.75% match, these grants are too good to let go.

Councilwoman Frost asked if the lighting would be upgraded to LED lighting.

Chief of Staff Erquiaga replied affirmative; LED offers both cost savings in the long run and they are easier for the approaching pilots to see.

Councilman Richardson asked if we knew an estimated amount for the actual project.

Chief of Staff Erquiaga explained that he had not seen a zeroed-in estimate. We put it in the 5-year plan, but we are working with a new contact at Atkins, so we are pushing the timeline and keeping things on track. Our prior contact at Atkins left to pursue a different opportunity, so we have been a bit scrambled, so he has not seen an updated number, but he thought it would be in the couple hundred thousand dollar range with the lighting, cans, and wiring. We know that the City's match is 6.25% of whatever that amount turns out to be. There is also a little bit of hope, perhaps, that the FAA would fund at 100% again. With our CARES Act allocation, they funded at 100%. There is some talk of that, but it depends on what Congress gets done.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve a professional services contract with Atkins North America, Inc. for engineering design and bidding services for the Replacement of Runway Edge Lights at the Fallon Municipal Airport in an amount not-to-exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00), of which the FAA share would be 93.75% or Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$65,625.00) and the City's share would be 6.25% or Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$4,375.00); seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

### **Presentation of the Police Department Report for October 2020**

Chief Gehman presented the October monthly report:

- We provided indoctrination lectures to newly stationed Navy personnel last month. One was given by departing Detective Decker and the other was given by new Detective Goodrick.
- We participated in a drug take-back event at CVS Pharmacy that was coordinated with the State of Nevada. The Churchill County Sheriff's Office was collecting at Walgreens.
- The Police Explorers served meals at Fallon Daily Bread.

- The School Resource Officers were active in the schools. They put together a video about drug prevention, the dangers of drugs, and the negative consequences of peer pressure. They showed this video to classes throughout the school.
- VIPS donated 43 hours of their time in October. They contacted shut-in citizens and helped with some administrative things around the office.
  - 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.  
 Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that there are 23 imprecatory prayers in the Book of Psalms. He implored the Council to check them out, adding that he had a list of the numbers if they would like to have them.  
 Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Knell.

**Council and Staff Reports**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.  
 Councilwoman Frost noted there was progress in the crack sealing of some of our streets. She was happy to see it and was sure citizens were happy to see it too.  
 Mayor Tedford advised that the contractor is crack sealing right now, and due to upcoming cold weather, would return in the spring to apply the slurry seal. The South Maine Street project – which is the fifth phase of the downtown revitalization – has begun, as well as the Front Street Reconstruction project. A&K Earth Movers is the contractor on those two projects. The D Street electrical upgrade was also just completed; PAR was the contractor on that project.

**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 9:25 a.m.

Attest:   
 Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
 Mayor Ken Tedford