

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
December 21, 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, Kris Alexander
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 December 16, 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 was alive and calls on us to love one another. He stated that he loved everyone present today and did not hold a grudge. He stated that he would provide truth and facts. We are supposed to honor God in this nation. We will go through trials and tribulations as we encounter one another. He had often encountered the Police Department, which he loved. The officers are gracious and kind, but they need to come to Christ. He thanked the Mayor and Council individually. He invited them to come back to Jesus Christ. Our nation is divided. There are 17 different churches in Fallon, and they do not come together. Many churches have become a religious crutch, in that they are limiting the word of God. Many people are unskilled in righteousness and leadership restricts the Word of God. God is angry with the wicked every day. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Knell.

Approval of Council meeting minutes for December 7, 2020

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for December 7, 2020.

No additions or corrections were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the Council meeting minutes for December 7, 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 November 2020

Captain Alexander presented the November monthly report. He referred to page 2 of the report, noting overall calls for service were down compared to last year. He believed it was indicative of the current times with the COVID-19 virus. Officers are trying to have as much limited contact with the public as they can by taking care of most calls via telephone or in open air space, outside of confined areas. This is for officer safety as well as the safety of citizens. On page 4, arrests were also down compared to last year. Officers are trying to handle situations via citation to limit the jail population to keep everybody safe. On page 6, traffic accidents were about the same as last year. Animal shelter numbers were on page 7, they are slightly down from last year. We are encouraging people to make appointments with animal control staff to limit contact. One citizen survey was returned last month and was marked as *very satisfied* in all categories. Officer Jacobs volunteered his time with our Police Explorers in assisting Fallon Daily Bread at Epworth United Church serving meals to the community. Detective Goodrick completed the indoctrination training with NAS Fallon servicemembers.

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

Councilwoman Kent noted that the solar speed panel installed near Laura Mills Park should do a good job of slowing people down in that area.

Mayor Tedford thanked Captain Alexander for the report.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place read verses from 1 Peter and Titus. He relayed a story from when he was in the US Navy and his ship changed command and the improvements that came with the new command, including three battle efficiency awards. He asked this government to think wisely and honor God in decisions they make in the future. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Knell.

Council and Staff Reports

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

Councilwoman Frost thanked the Fallon Churchill Fire Department for escorting Santa through the community to bring Christmas joy. Many kids did not have the chance to see Santa this year. It was a cold night with the crew, and she thanked them for their service.

Councilman Richardson echoed Councilwoman Frost's comments. It was pretty surprising to hear all the sirens and then see Santa on the fire truck. It was neat to see the kids come out of their houses. Social media was also busy with updates on Santa's location. These are different times we are living in regarding COVID and social media.

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.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: 

Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer