

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams  
Avenue Fallon, Nevada  
April 5, 2021**

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  
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee  
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga  
City Engineer Derek Zimney

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.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

**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 greeted the Council stating that he would like to repeat the communist goals (attached for the record) step 27 infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch." Our seminaries have been infiltrated. I have this DVD of people that have done research and it says, and I quote; this is by Manning Johnson in 1953 former leader of the communist party, USA. He says, 'the communist discovered that destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church. It was determined with only small forces available it would be necessary to concentrate Communist agents in the seminaries and divinity schools. These institutions will make it possible for small communist minorities to influence the ideology of future clergymen. The idea would diverge the emphasis from spiritual to the material.' That's Manning Johnson, 1953. Next, is by Benjamin Gitlow, co-founder of communist party, USA. 'The Methodist Federation for Social Action was first organized by Dr. Harry Ward,' he is a

communist okay. 'Its objective was to transform the Methodist Church and Christianity into an instrument for the achievement of socialism.' We see that pretty much prevalent today, our Methodist churches in the State of Nevada, they are okay with walking the homosexual parade and give glory to that. So, we look at our culture today, and receive influence from people who claim to know Jesus Christ, but they are stuck in milk infant stages and wearing diapers. It is just amazing, and people don't like to hear the truth. The death and resurrection, they don't want you to talk about sin. They don't want you to come to repentance, they want you to feel good. By the way, that is an exact quote from Dawn at the Methodist church, the pastor there. I want you to feel good. And so, with the infiltration of communism ideology we are allowing sin to permeate, and that's sad. Sin means missing the mark. I want you to know, to understand, to be taught the promises of God; Faith, justification, sanctification, and they don't understand that because they don't put on the full armor of God, but they fear man. Sooner or later, they are like political philosophies, ideologies infiltrate the church, and they are okay with sin, they justify it. So, in your decision making today, I want you to wake up, come into solid food and discern what you are doing. When we talk about what is on your agenda, I am going to preach some more. Thank you.

### **Approval of Warrants**

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

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

**Public Hearing for Bill No. 787: An ordinance amending Title 17, Buildings and Construction Chapter 17.04, Construction Codes, Section 17.04.020, Adopted Building and Construction Codes, of the City of Fallon Municipal Code, for the purpose of adopting the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and Appendices C, E, H and I, the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code and Appendices A, B, C, G, H and L, the 2018 edition of the International Existing Building Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code and code Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, the 2017 edition of the National Electric Code, and the 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments published by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council on November 2, 2018; and for other matters properly related thereto.**

Engineer Derek Zimney informed the Council that Bill No. 787 was introduced by Councilwoman Kent at the regularly noticed meeting, March 15, 2021. Notice of the deposit of copies of the proposed ordinance in the public hearing date was duly published in the Lahontan Valley News, March 24, 2021. The proposed ordinance, the proof of statements of publication of the notice of deposit, and copies and public hearing to adopt Bill No. 787 are

attached to this cover sheet. This agenda item represents the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance and to present relevant information and materials to the Council.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any questions for Mr. Zimney.

Councilwoman Kent inquired if this was the same code that Churchill County and Fernley are following.

Engineer Zimney informed her that it is.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she is aware these are updated often. She asked when we think the next update would be.

Engineer Zimney stated that he would expect that in the next year or two they might come out with the 2021 or 2022 codes. I think there is always a lag until the Northern Nevada amendments of the Northern Nevada Code Council goes through everything, updates everything. Our Building Inspector, Gary Johnson is on that Board. He hasn't heard any rumblings of the most current ones coming out yet. I would anticipate it is going to push that we won't want to wait so long next time, but it isn't in our best interest to remain on the 2012 any longer.

Mayor Tedford asked the Council if they had any further questions.

No comments were made.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place addressed the Council. Do you know what the B system is? Well, I am going to educate you on it. But first, I am going to read the scripture, II Corinthians 11:14-15 - <sup>14</sup>And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 1 John 4 - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: For this agenda item here we can look at it from a biblical perspective. The key words in this is the word, international. I looked up this organization, which is a non-profit, which believe it or not is funded by the United Nations, because United Nations does not want them to be included in what this organization, the ICC. Okay, they don't want them to know that they are doing it, but they are doing it covertly. Okay, under the door. Make it look like it is good. So, we look in the Scripture here; Satan himself transforms into an angel of light, that's right. He is making this ordinance change; this amendment look great. We can control our building constructions and all these codes now in a universal way. You know what it does? It takes away your freedom, your liberty to innovate. See Christ wants you to be liberated and to be free. The B system wants to control every aspect of our lives and all the different levels, and this is proof of it. You look on the website it says they are going to control the water supply scarcity. When they control the water, they control the food. So, you are letting this go before you and you are not understanding the purpose behind it, it is evil. It is to control you. See, your positions Council is you are a bunch of robots; your legal obligations, you're not making decisions for your constituents, you are founding a new world order directive to bring in the anti-Christ Spirit. The government to control every aspect of our lives, you need to wake up. Do not allow this to happen, reword it so we can have a whole individual contract, be innovative instead of relying on a new world order directive to control everything. It looks good but that is the counterfeit, please wake up. You are supposed to be believers in Christ, but then you fall for this trickery. Do more study, stop this from happening, you don't need to rely on people who live in Europe. Work out of 11 acres there in New York City. It is we the people, the Constitutional rights that

we so hold and behold, the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Stop falling for this deception, start using your spirit of discernment. Is it from God, or is it from man? Please wake up. Please believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He says I am the light of the World. He came here and died for us, but you are turning your back against God because you are letting the trickery of Satan persuade you to make a decision on the new world order. Your freedoms are going to be restricted and you are allowing it to happen. I am sorry if I am passionate, I love you but reject this amendment, reject it, it is not of God. Test the Spirit, is it from God? Thank you.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mr. Knell.

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

No further comments were noted.

**Consideration and possible approval of Bill No. 787 as Ordinance No. 768: An ordinance amending Title 17, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 17.04, Construction Codes, Section 17.04.020, Adopted Building and Construction Codes, of the City of Fallon Municipal Code, for the purpose of adopting the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and Appendices C, E, H and I, the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code and Appendices A, B, C,G,H and L, the 2018 edition of the International Existing Building Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Mechanical Code, the 2018 edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Appendices A, B and D, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, the 2017 edition of the National Electric Code, and the 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments published by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council on November 2, 2018; and for other matters properly related thereto.**

Councilwoman Kent inquired on the implementation of the codes. I understand most of the contractors in the City are familiar with building in the County with their current codes. Are most contractors in the City already building with this code? Is this going to go in effect immediately, or are they given a timeframe to abide by?

Engineer Derek Zimney informed the Council that they will be sending out letters giving them about one month to update to the code. For most of the local contractors building houses, they are already using the higher installation codes. They are already using a slightly better window requirement, there is extra outlets in the garage, there is a list of things. Most of them are already using the current codes. They are already drawing houses into the 2018 code. The major differences have already been mostly implemented. We are giving a month grace period and then we are requiring the 2018 codes.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if by adopting these, it will help our ISO rating.

Engineer Derek Zimney informed the Council that the City of Fallon is a separate rating. The ISO for the Fire Department, the ISO-1, is specific to the Fire Department and a combination of our water system. We have a different rating for the houses. I don't know if they score the same way, but we have a high rating. To keep that constant, we have to update these codes and be on a current code to maintain our evaluations.

Mayor Tedford asked Derek if the answer is yes.

Engineer Zimney replied, yes.

Councilwoman Frost stated, thus our insurance rates stay lower for all our citizens in

our community.

Councilman Richardson commented that when we update our codes, in general, it provides a home that is more energy-efficient by having more outlets in a certain area is probably more of a safety thing. If there is not enough outlets and the homeowner, or tenant, is trying to plug in multiple appliances. Would you say these upgrades are more to improve energy consumption and safety?

Engineer Zimney stated that he would absolutely say so.

Mayor Tedford asked the Council if they had any further questions.

No comments were made.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place addressed the Council. Under this stress of what you are following through maybe asking questions. You are living in temp servitude. You are letting the Federal Government persuade you to go along with this. This is the international ICC is a non-profit, you don't have to join it, but it sounds so good. You let money dictate, awe it sounds great, oh and improve our structure, but that takes away our own individuality, or own businesses. You see, the COVID-19 is done by Satan, and we get us all depressed and rely on the government. And persuades, oh it sounds wonderful, but no it falls upon deaf ears as usual. Deaf ears. Use your spiritual conscience, is it from God, is it of God? Don't let the money dictate your decision. You are just falling into that trap. International, the new world order. It is going to get worse, and you are letting it happen. You are going to stand above a just God. He has a place for the wicked and that's a second death. Yet the ones that our names are written in the last book of life, but the way you are going, you aren't right with God, you're not. I go to the Commissioner's meeting, and they aren't wearing their masks anymore, did you know that? Because we do not pay attention to our Spirit of the Lord, living in freedom and personal relationship, and, we have to occupy until He comes. Apparently, I am the only one that is only occupying. There is no common sense here, you are showing an example you are not doing God's will.

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

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve Bill No. 787 as Ordinance No. 768: An ordinance amending Title 17, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 17.04, Construction Codes, Section 17.04.020, Adopted Building and Construction Codes, of the City of Fallon Municipal Code, for the purpose of adopting the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and Appendices C, E, H and I, the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code and Appendices A, B, C, G, H and L, the 2018 edition of the International Existing Building Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Mechanical Code, the 2018 edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code and Appendices A, B and D, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code and Appendices A, B and C, the 2018 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, the 2017 edition of the National Electric Code, and the 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments published by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council on November 2, 2018; and for other matters properly related thereto; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

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Engineer Derek Zimney informed the Council that in 2014 the City adopted 2006 fire codes, IFC codes are constantly being evaluated and revised by industry experts. Adopting these proposed codes will align us with Churchill County and other Northern Nevada agencies.

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

No comments were noted.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve Bill No. 788; An ordinance amending Title 16, Fire Prevention and Protection, Chapter 16.04, Fire Codes, Section 16.04.020, Adopted Fire Codes, of the City of Fallon Municipal Code, for the purpose of adopting the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code, and Appendices B, C, D and F, as modified by NAC 477.281; and for other matters properly related thereto; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

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Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place addressed the Council. I am pirate to society because I preach repentance. I preach the good tidings, the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. People come at me and cuss at me, and I get more respect from atheists and agnostics than believers in Jesus Christ because people are staying in infant stages. They do not understand what the Holy Spirit is, and the baptism of repentance. I preach on that street, and I was out there yesterday, and I preached a little bit and got a lot of thumbs up and so forth. A woman came to me, and I don't remember her name, and she didn't like the way I was doing it. People in the churches are so influenced by Satan because Satan comes in the angel of light, he falsifies the front to make you feel good, and really don't understand it. New Gods New sins it says in here, makes a point of what our culture is doing and our churches are so misinformed. They do not understand the revelation of God. They are not revealing Jesus Christ like they should, they are doing socialism. They are feeding the people this and that only. That's sad. It reads here, today we are living in a virtual (inaudible) of idols of the heart. Including, political philosophies, social causes, identity issues, and new world views. The world around us promotes a growing collection of new gods, demanding that all reasonable people agree and embrace their list of enlightened new doctrines and new sins. We got people sitting in the pews, they are okay being a democratic republican and let them define who they are. They are okay with killing the unborn, promiscuity, having sex whichever way; hetero, homosexual, and depravity. They are afraid of man, instead of fearing God because churches are not being educated to teach them, to send them out, to make disciples in all the world. Not even right here in the City of Fallon, and

Churchill County. I can say there is a concern in Washoe County, in Clark County. There is sickness with their views because people are not being taught the Word of God. Defying the difference of good and evil because they have the political philosophies infiltrate their minds. They agree with sodomy, it is an abomination to God. Then you want to push God aside, don't even look at where people understand us, science, the biological, the medical, and psychological. They don't want to learn about it because you don't hear that from the pulpit. The dangers of sin is missing the mark. The dangers of iniquity, Jesus says, and before he returns, lawlessness shall abound, and people's hearts will wax cold. People get tired of hearing it because it brings conviction within their heart. I hope what I have said brings conviction within your heart. What you just did today, is not of God. You did wrong, but you don't want to listen to your constituents. You seem to have forgot that the preamble of the Declaration of Independence, you forgot it. We are here to govern you; you don't govern me and everybody else.

**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 9:40 a.m.

Attest:

  
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Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Mayor Ken Tedford