

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams
Avenue Fallon, Nevada
August 16, 2021**

The Honorable City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

City Councilman James Richardson
City Councilwoman Kelly Frost
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Ryan Swirczek
City Engineer Derek Zimney
Captain Ron Wenger
Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Elsie Lee

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Frost at 9:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

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

Councilwoman Frost stated that Mayor Tedford is currently attending the UAMPS conference this morning and is unable to attend this Council meeting.

Public Comments

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments. She 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. I want to express it is a big honor to be noticed by the Fallon Post as an agitator. Not in the sense as an agitator, but for you to wake up, to wake up with what is going on around you. Using funds from the federal government channeling through the state with money we don't have. We are to think of our future grandchildren. We are giving them more debt, and we are using their debt to do certain things and you might need to learn Chinese, Mandarin, specifically because you are giving us over to a foreign nation. You know they have pretty much on this country because of debt, and our government is giving it to them. I would like to read some scripture. It is Amos 8:11 it speaks to the sense, that knowing that God is giving you directions. Okay, giving you direction, not the government in the sense. I keep repeating myself, you are hearing me, but you aren't

listening to me. You are not becoming what your contingency is trying to say to you. You know, we can spend a lot of money, but we can't talk about what is on the agenda, at this time. You are just out-of-control, out-of-control. Some of the events is going to benefit (inaudible) because I live in that area. Where are we getting the money from? Is it in debt and bonds? Come on. I would like to read this statement, 'War is to teach you, soldiers (inaudible) a safe knowledge are the greatest weapons of war. Through stories we will shape the narrative to strengthen our resolve. Awaken the truth, our vision beyond the limits of the matrix, and bring us closer to God. In the end, God wins.' Are you identifying God's will? Mayor Tedford is not here, but I would like to explain things regarding part seven of the Open Meeting Laws, where they deliberately attack and to minimize the ability for your constituents to address the government. And that is a 1st Amendment right. And the constituency is not being spoken with (inaudible) means from my representative. Have the rest of you talked to your constituents. Find out what they like, what they dislike? Or maybe he prays. No, but the leadership of this administration doesn't want you to talk to your constituents. I challenge Erickson for the position, Chief of Staff. He started lecturing me again when he was the City Council to bushwhack me and (inaudible) all around the government and he got nothing done until I had to come up here, and demand change. And demanded, and I shouldn't have had to go that far. Been to the Police Department, Public Works, all these avenues and not one employee says I don't have the authority. So, I have to come back to you, all 3 or 4 of you, and tell you to put stop signs on my street for 22 years. This administration needs to change because you're not listening to your constituents, and it's just not only me. I am out there, and I take surveys. You don't care about the morals of this City; you care more about the structures and streets and sidewalks. Thank you.

No further comments were noted.

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.

Consideration and possible approval of an application by Thakshila May for a drinking establishment liquor license for Woody's to be located at 10-B State Street.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee stated that Thakshila May, owner of Woody's has made an application for a drinking establishment liquor license for Woody's to be located at 10-B State Street. A drinking establishment liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. The application has been reviewed by Captain Ron Wenger, City Engineer Derek Zimney, Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee, and Deputy City Attorney Leonard Mackedon and has been recommended for approval.

Councilwoman Frost asked if there were any questions from the Council.

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comment.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he has been a resident for close to 23 years here. I would like you to approve this liquor license. I care about this City, but this is a business that is not going to encourage drunkenness, vomiting on the street, and stuff this way. I encourage my representative to vote for this. Thank you.

No further comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve the application by Thakshila May for a drinking establishment liquor license for Woody's to be located at 10-B State Street; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval of an application by Pamela Yost for a drinking establishment liquor license and a retail liquor license for Cranberry Cottage to be located at 25 S. Maine Street.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee stated that Pamela Yost, owner of Cranberry Cottage has made an application for a drinking establishment license and a retail liquor license for Cranberry Cottage be located at 25 S. Maine Street. A drinking establishment liquor license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. A retail liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption off the premises only. The application has been reviewed by Captain Kris Alexander, City Engineer Derek Zimney, Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee, and Deputy City Attorney Leonard Mackedon and has been recommended for approval.

Councilwoman Frost asked if there were any questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Kent asked if they were going to be serving alcohol during certain events, or if they would be serving throughout the day.

Pamella Yost stated that they are going to do paint and sips. We have lots of painting classes and the consensus is that the ladies would like to have wine while they are painting, so we would like to be able to serve wine. We would also like to be able to sell the wine in the shop for gift baskets, etc.

Councilwoman Kent asked if the events were going to be held at 25 S. Maine Street or off premise.

Pamella Yost stated that they would be held at 25 S. Maine Street.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comment.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he would like them to vote for this. I have talked to them, and they are not a wild bunch. They are not going to let these things get out-of-control. They have maturity to control intoxication. Thank you.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the application by Pamela Yost for a drinking establishment liquor license and a retail liquor license for Cranberry Cottage to be located at 25 S. Maine Street; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval of an application by Lucy Carnahan for a drinking establishment liquor license for Churchill Chamber of Commerce dba: Fallon Chamber of Commerce for to be determined events within the City of Fallon.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee stated that Lucy Carnahan, Executive Director of Churchill Chamber of Commerce: dba Fallon Chamber of Commerce has made an application for a drinking establishment liquor license for Churchill Chamber of Commerce: dba Fallon Chamber of Commerce for to be determined events within the City of Fallon. A drinking establishment liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. The application has been reviewed by Captain Kris Alexander, City Engineer Derek Zimney, Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee, and Deputy City Attorney Leonard Mackedon and has been recommended for approval with the condition that any events held in parks or public locations will be pre-approved by a special event application.

Councilwoman Frost asked if there were any questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Kent asked if they will be for hire for people that hold events at the Convention Center, or other places.

Lucy Carnahan stated that they haven't talked about that, but that that they are mainly planning for their event in February. We could be if the Board would volunteer their time. Just for an example, we hired the Soroptimist last time we had our event, we hired them to do our bar.

Councilwoman Frost asked if this was the only event they are currently planning, and if they are hoping in the future to have other events.

Lucy Carnahan stated that this is the only one they are currently planning, but they could do other events in the future.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comment.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he would like his representative to approve it. I like to know when I am out there street preaching, or anyone else is out there with me, I should have my 1st Amendment right. Not be violated.

No further comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve the application by Lucy Carnahan for a drinking establishment liquor license for Churchill Chamber of Commerce dba: Fallon Chamber of Commerce for to be determined events within the City of Fallon; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval and adoption of Resolution 21-07: A resolution of the City Council of Fallon, Nevada providing for the transfer of the City's 2021 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority; and other matters related thereto.

Diane Arvizo introduced herself as the Director of the Homeownership Program for the Nevada Rural Housing Authority. Today, I am going to provide you with an update on the Home at Last Homeownership Programs for the Nevada Rural Housing Authority and provide an overview of what the source use and limitations are for Private Activity Bonds, and the volume cap transfer request that is before you today. In 2006, as many of you know, Nevada Rural Housing Authority launched the Home at Last program for down payment assistance. That program was funded by Private Activity Bond Caps and the City of Fallon was with us from the very beginning with their first transfer of \$408,215.00 in unused volume cap. Fast Forward 15 years, and I would like to share with you that we have helped with about 10,000 families now with the Home at Last program, all in Rural Nevada. That is 2.1 billion in affordable mortgages provided. To give you an idea of what affordable is, in terms of our

program. Today, a homebuyer can get 3% of the loan amount in down payment assistance for a rate of 3.625%, which is competitive with a non-assisted loan if you walk into a mortgage. It is not credit risk based, meaning a borrower with a 640 FICO will get the same rate with someone with an 800 FICO. So, they don't have those additional overlays added to their interest rate. We also have a 2.75% interest rate for a borrower that doesn't even need down payment assistance, just so they can access the low rate. I just want to give you an example, when I say affordable mortgages, this is the kind of stuff I am talking about. Including last year's transfer, from the City of Fallon, and since the launch of the program in 2006, Fallon has transferred roughly 4.9 million in unused volume cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority for our Single-Family programs. That has helped contribute directly to 158 homebuyers being helped within the City limits of Fallon, that is not the County, that is in the City limits. 26.2 million in affordable mortgages. That is \$806,277.00 in down payment assistance provided to your City residents. Those residents that receive a Mortgage Credit Certificate also received an estimated tax savings of \$300,000.00, which is money that gets returned to them that they spend here locally. This of course helps the economy. Within the last year and half 32 homebuyers were assisted in this City and an additional 31 homebuyers in the County limits, surrounding the City. More than 55% of the homeowners within the last year and a half received a rate below 3.5% and several of those received a rate as low 2.25% on their 30-year mortgage. Of the \$806,000.00 in down payment assistance that has been generated within the City limits of Fallon, we have provided \$221,514.00 in just the last year and a half, so you see the uptick in that. Collectively, we have contributed \$60 million in down payment assistance in the rural areas of Nevada, statewide. The estimated federal tax savings comes to about \$35.6 million. Today, we are requesting the City of Fallon's continued support by requesting the transfer of your 2021 distribution of the 2021 Volume Cap, which is \$498,135.64 in Bond Cap. We will continue to use Volume Cap to continue funding the Home at Last program. The background I want to provide is a 2018 report by the Congressional Research Service. They do a great job summarizing the source, purpose, and limitations of Private Activity Bonds. In short, state, and local governments can use Private Activity Bonds to issue debt for qualified purposes that are given the same tax-exempt privileges as debt issued for government owned and operated projects. Congress limits the type and use of Private Activity Bonds to prevent the overuse of the tax-exempt benefits. To provide a general overview of Private Activity Bond Volume Cap, the federal government issues the Volume Cap to Nevada, 50% of that is retained by the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry and the remaining 50% is what is distributed locally, based on population. That is how the amount was received that was referenced a moment ago. The Volume Cap distributed to cities and counties each year must be designated for a qualified purpose by September 1st. Otherwise, your distribution will revert to the state, where they will determine its use. Typically, that goes to Clark and Washoe County, based on the need of larger projects there. A qualified purpose includes projects like manufacturing plants, single-family home mortgages, and multi-family housing, and other purposes that the government considers a public good. The purpose of providing the Private Activity Bonds is to provide investors or borrowers with the tax-exempt benefit of financing, Tax-Exempt Financing Benefit. In the case of single-family home mortgages, the bond financing subsidizes the mortgage by providing the homeowners with a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. When they file their federal taxes they get their tax credit back and it is a dollar-for-dollar. So, every dollar that they would have owed, they can get that back. Right now, our Mortgage Credit Certificate program provides 30% tax credit. So, you get 30% of the mortgage interest they pay on their mortgage, returned to them in the form of the tax credit. They get that every year, for the life of the loan. Often, the Volume Cap that

is distributed to rural cities and counties is too little to be used by itself, for a qualified purpose. So, since 2006 Nevada Rural Housing has been pooling the local transfers, that are on a smaller Bond Authority, and we are pooling that to create the Home at Last program we have been operating since 2006. The transfer of the unused Volume Cap to Nevada Rural Housing does not create any obligation to the City, as you know from past transfers because it is not a line item on your budget. It is not debt to the City, it is not money, it is a Bond Authority. By transferring your unused Volume Cap to Nevada Rural Housing, you can be assured that rural Nevada will be the sole beneficiary including, the City limits of Fallon. The Home at Last program, as I mentioned, currently uses the Volume Cap for Mortgage Credit Certificates and we do anticipate doing the same for the next several years. We have the option of using that for a bond program to provide 30-year mortgages, but the bond markets really aren't conducive to that currently. The Mortgage Credit Certificate opens the door for many people to be able to afford the home because that tax credit that is estimated at the beginning, when they are applying for the loan, is treated by the IRS as additional qualified income. This helps the borrower on the loan application. Certainly, those carrying student loan debt would benefit with the additional income because it lowers their debt-to-income ratio. The average credit is about \$2,000.00 a year. Once we provide the tax credit over 20%, the IRS limits it to \$2,000.00 a year. As a reminder, Nevada Rural Housing jurisdiction is populations under 150,000. Of course, that is all of Churchill County and 15 of Nevada's 17 counties are 100% rural. We also serve the rural areas of Washoe and Clark counties. We are asking for your continued support this year, if you don't have any other requests, we would never ask for a transfer if you did have another qualifying activity, I am asking for that. I am here to answer any questions that you may have.

Councilwoman Frost thanked Ms. Arvizo. The Mayor would be happy that you wrote those numbers out between the City and County.

Ms. Arvizo stated that they looked up every single address, not just for Fallon, but statewide and now their records are 100% City vs. County, guaranteed.

Councilwoman Frost stated that this is a good program to help first time homebuyers get into a home. I wish more people would take advantage of this program. I did see a commercial on television, just a couple of days ago. I think you are trying to get the word out.

Ms. Arvizo stated that we should hear about the program on many local stations. We are continuing to run a very robust radio campaign. I know that is very important to the Mayor who has asked about local advertising. Residents that are tuning into several of the local stations should be able to pickup and hear that.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if the Council had any questions.

Councilman Richardson asked what the qualifications are to apply for the services. You mentioned first time homebuyers, but I assume it is income based.

Ms. Arvizo stated that the Down Payment Assistance program is for first time homebuyers and non-first-time homebuyers so there is no restriction there. However, the Mortgage Credit Certificate is restricted to first time homebuyer, or unless they are a qualified veteran which is certainly something we can have extra qualifying members here. You have to have a 640 minimum FICO score to use the Down Payment Assistance Program and a maximum of 50% debt to income ratio but typically it is 45%. There is one little section of the program that allows for a stretch. We participate with local lenders in Sparks and Reno that do the underwriting for our program. They do a really good job because our delinquency rate is lower than the national delinquency rate. We are happy with the lenders that participate in the program. What a borrower would do is go on the website and take our Home at Last education online course. It is free and it takes anywhere from 20 minutes to a couple of hours.

It is online homebuyer education. We can do it in-person as well. That qualifies the buyer to move forward in the process of buying a home. It is required to homebuyer education, and the certificate they get is good for one year. The lender then determines their eligibility and no separate applications. We don't review their personal situation, the lender makes sure they can pay their 30-year mortgage, and meets all the loan guidelines, we simply provide the assistance, or the rate in cases with no assistance. The Mortgage Credit Certificate is added to anyone that is getting a mortgage that qualifies. There is no minimum FICO or debt to income, they just simply ask for a Mortgage Credit Certificate to be added to their loan that they are getting with or without down payment assistance. The income qualifications for down payment assistance, is we have \$116,000.00 annual limit for FHA, VA, and USDA loans. USDA loans have their own limits, so it is whatever the USDA dictates. Conventional Loans we go up to \$135,000.00. I am due to re-evaluate income limits in the next 6 months and will be updating those in 2022. There are income and sales price limits for the Mortgage Credit Certificate program since that is IRS based. That is on our website, homeatlastnv.org and look at the income limits for an MCC program which are different per county. Thank you for that question.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any more questions or comments from the Council.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

Mr. Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place stated that he is a resident here for over 22 years, at the end of October it will be 23. Debt servitude. Now what you said sounds really, really wonderful. I want to help people get into homes. Well, what happens when the economy crashes, and the bubble bursts again? Are you really helping people? They say we are using federal dollars, again. To bring people in debt servitude when the banks have control and the money crashes, jobs go away, businesses diminish. How are people going to support the loans? And they are going to be asked to leave, to give up their property and a loan of a debt. Is that the way you want our citizens to go? Think about it. Like I said, it sounds good on the surface, but it is wicked, it is all by design. I'm guilty of it, I went for the trap, I am a military veteran. I used my benefit to get a home, but it took work. I go along these low-income housing areas and stuff this way. They are just a begging system, and there is no morals in this system whatsoever. Just follow these rules to qualify for this. I enjoy the benefit as a military veteran but then I realize, as I got older, I learn about the system. It's not good, it's not good. Most likely you are going to raise your hand, as usual, yay. From what I have learned, you are making a big mistake if you go along with this program again because you will allow people go in debt. And what you will perceive in the near future, the Chinese, and all this kind of stuff, and it is not conspiracy theory. It is designed to make people bitter, angry, and miserable, and worry about their lives because they are in debt. They buy materialistic things.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she thinks this program is a great program. Most people don't have cash in-hand to go and buy a home, especially a first-time buyer. There is such a thing as good debt, in putting your money and building equity into your home. I think this is a very important program for the citizens of our community, and for all rural Nevada. Thank you, Diane, for what you do.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve and adoption of Resolution 21-07: A resolution of the City Council of Fallon, Nevada providing for the transfer of the City's 2021 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority; and other matters related thereto; seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible action to approve a professional services contract with Lumos & Associates of Fallon, Nevada, in order to provide engineering and construction services for the reconstruction and enhancement of portions of Sherman and Broadway Street, in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$385,500.00).

City Engineer Derek Zimney greeted the Board. The approval of a contract to Lumos & Associates would allow for design, planning, engineering, and construction services associated with the reconstruction of portions of Sherman and Broadway Street. The scope of the project includes paving, striping, street lighting, curb, gutter, sidewalk, water lines, electrical improvements and other ancillary improvements associated with the project. A preliminary engineer's estimate as well as a conceptual plan have been included. Lumos & Associates developed these documents utilizing input from City staff. If approved, a full set of plans and construction documents would be available April of 2022. This is our CDBG project, we were awarded, and we are super excited about. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me. I also have Steve Moon available if you have any questions about the contract or the state of the project.

Councilwoman Frost stated that this is to get our plan in place, so if funding becomes available, we will be ready to go with the project. Is that correct?

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that was correct.

Councilman Richardson asked if we had funding secured for the construction.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that he would have to verify the exact funds. We have commitment from CDBG, it is our portion, that we anticipate having. We wanted to get the design moving to get started on things, to meet the CDBG timeline.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any more comments or questions from Council.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

No comments were noted.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve a professional services contract with Lumos & Associates of Fallon, Nevada, in order to provide engineering and construction services for the reconstruction and enhancement of portions of Sherman and Broadway Street, in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$385,500.00); seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval of a Professional Services Contract with Lumos & Associates, Inc. for design and construction administration support services relating to the Rattlesnake Hill Water Tank Replacement project in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$497,500.00).

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that the existing water storage tanks located on Rattlesnake Hill that were originally constructed in the mid 1900's, have recently shown signs

of deterioration. Lumos and Associates were previously engaged to evaluate the structural integrity of the existing water tanks and has recommended a full replacement of both structures. The contract being considered would allow for Lumos and Associates to evaluate the installation of new tanks, provide engineered design for future tanks and supply construction management services during the construction phase. City staff recommends approval of a Professional Services Contract with Lumos and Associates, Inc. Steve Moon is here for any questions on the tanks and his previous reports on them. I think we are in the same situation as far as funding for this project.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she believes we are seeking grants, and getting an engineer's report, so we will be ready to go if we are able to secure those grants.

Councilwoman Kent stated that when she went over this with Bob Erickson that he stated he had gone over this with Congressman Amodei. It was a write up that we had in the Post, with some funding for this. Also, some ARCH money that we might be able to use possibly.

Councilman Richardson asked for Steve Moon to approach the podium. We did put in a water tank about 10 years ago. Is that tank failing?

Steve Moon stated that tank is fine. They are the square concrete ones on top of the hill. Ryan can correct me on this. We noticed a lot of water leaking from these tanks. The first tank was built in the 40's, and it didn't have a roof on it. I think that maybe the City Attorney might have swum in it when he was a kid. This is actually a true story, they used to swim in them. They have been up there for a long time. They are pretty severely in disrepair, the coatings and linings on that. What happens is you need some sort of redundancy in your system. We had all 3 sets of tanks up and going, you had redundancy in your system. If you have an issue with the new steel tank that was built 10 years ago, there are some issues there. There are reserves out at the Treatment Plant. I think there is a 750, or maybe a million-gallon tank out there. In the summer times, when you have your peak demand, if you have a fire or something like that, and you have your main tank up there go down. Or, if you have to take it down for maintenance. Tanks have to be coated; tanks have to be maintained. There is not a redundancy sitting in the system right now. The new tank is good, the old tanks up on the hill are not providing that redundancy.

Councilman Richardson stated that is what he wanted to clarify. Thank you.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any more questions from Council.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve of a Professional Services Contract with Lumos & Associates, Inc. for design and construction administration support services relating to the Rattlesnake Hill Water Tank Replacement project in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$497,500.00); seconded by Councilman Richardson and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval to grant the City Engineer permission to submit tentative maps to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on behalf of the City Council who acts as the Planning Commission.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 278.335 tentative maps must be forwarded to NDEP by the planning commission or a designated representative. If approved the City Engineer would be allowed to submit tentative maps to NDEP on behalf of the City Council who acts as the Planning Commission.

Historically, the City Engineer has always submitted them on behalf of the Council. To this point, NDEP has tightened their regulations, without an official permission to allow the City Engineer to do so.

Councilman Richardson asked if the maps must go through Council approval before submitting them. You couldn't submit them as the City Engineer, alone, without City Council?

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that he absolutely could not.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any more questions from Council.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

Councilman Richardson motioned to approve to grant the City Engineer permission to submit tentative maps to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) on behalf of the City Council who acts as the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Fallon Police Department Monthly Report for June & July 2021.

Captain Ron Wenger greeted the Council. We have submitted our crime stats in the graphs for July & June. If there are any questions, I can field those now on the numbers. Move to our Citizen Surveys, we had 21 respond to the Citizen Surveys. Of the 21, 20 were either satisfied, or very satisfied. We had one dissatisfied with a case that we couldn't solve due to identification of the people who were jumping a fence at a local apartment complex. The officers spent countless hours with the manager, reviewing camera surveillance video. It was not a good enough quality to identify. That was the 1 dissatisfied.

Councilwoman Frost stated that we have more surveys than previous months. Is there something that you did differently to get the results that you did?

Captain Ron Wenger stated that they didn't do anything different. We send them out randomly. Occasionally, we will get more that will respond. 22 actually responding is a good thing, we like to get the responses.

Councilman Richardson asked if they were still sent out through the postcard method.

Captain Ron Wenger stated that they send out a tri-fold survey.

Councilman Richardson stated that this is a lot more than what we are used to.

Captain Ron Wenger agreed. During the months of June and July there were no needs for assistance in our voucher program. In June, we conducted two indoctrinations out at the base. They were moving a lot of sailors in. Sergeant Decker talked to 22 sailors, at the Base, describing local laws and ordinances that would affect them. On June 15th, Sergeant John Frandsen conducted the indoctrination for 24 service members. In July, on the 12th, Detective Trevin Goodrick conducted the indoctrination for about 20 service members. Our Volunteers and Police Services in June volunteered 70 hours, to the Helping Hands of Domestic Violence Project and patrolling. In July, they donated 82 hours of volunteer service, helped with the 4th of July Parade and the Helping Hands program. During June, Officer Jacobs, one of our School Resource Officers, sat in the dunk tank and got dunked multiple times by students. In July, officers conducted the special detail for the 4th of July Parade. Officer Chris Decker went to a young boy's birthday party, handed out stickers and talked to the kids there. On the 17th, we participated in the Honor Guard for former Councilman John Tewell's celebration of life. That is the report for the month.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any other questions or comments.

No comments were noted

Public Comments

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any public comments. She 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 he would like to bring up the subject of appeasement. Shopping carts are everywhere. Arborwood, Indigo, people are not being told to stop stealing. Have they considered petit theft? Taking the shopping carts, and staying in their apartments, we are paying for, the taxpayer's dollars. They are not being told to stop stealing. It is ridiculous. Especially, Safeway, I see the Dollar Stores, and Walmart, even way over here where I live. It's an issue that you need to take up. You need to take it up. Appeasing thievery, and it is costing the corporation money. So, I think you need to consider what I am saying. You are appeasing, I have been here for 22 years, and it comes in droves. Right now, they are everywhere, especially where I live. I want you to really study this, okay. You are going to let people get away with thievery? What are the 10 Commandments? Though shall not steal, we are supposed to honor God. Okay, consider that please. I finally got Amos 8:11-12 Hear this! The days are coming—this is the declaration of the Lord God - when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and roam from north to east, seeking the Word of the Lord, but they will not find it. Wow, look at where we are today. I am going to close with this. Give you solutions. This is what we should be doing, home churches, home schooling, patriot garden, light work, health and healing, energy independence, and affirmed action. Look into your hearts. Stop avoiding God's direction. Thank you.

Good morning, my name is Richard McCusky, and I represent Churchill County Search And Rescue. Last year, we had the Trunk-or-Treat event over at the Big 5 parking lot. Ken Brown put it all together in five days. It got a little bit out of hand, a little out of his control, so he asked us to take it over for him because we helped him out with traffic control and that kind of stuff. This year, we are happy to announce that yes, we are doing it again. It is going to be October 31st, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. it is going to be at Venturacci Park. We chose that location because it is a very controlled environment, easy to control and much safer for the kids than the Big 5 parking lot was last year. The only thing that we would ask from the Council or the City is maybe a dumpster to help with clean-up, a couple of porta potties maybe, and a couple of truck loads of candy for the kids. So, I just wanted to give you all a heads up that it is on, and it is going to be a fun event.

Councilwoman Kent asked if the City picks the day that Halloween is picked, or if it is always on the 31st.

Deputy City Clerk Treasurer stated that she believes we always trick-or-treat on Halloween.

Richard McCusky stated that it is going to be different this day because it is on a Sunday. Last year, we guessed that about 4,000 showed up at Big 5. With this one, since it is on a Sunday, we are anticipating 6-7,000. So, it is going to be a lot of fun. I have also asked the Youth Center and the Gym to be open during those hours so they can show off their facilities. It is a plus for everyone involved.

Councilwoman Frost asked that Mr. McCusky leave his information with Nicole so we can coordinate.

Mr. McCusky stated that Nicole has his name and number. Thank you.

No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there were any Council or staff reports. I have noticed that our Public Works crews have been out painting crosswalks to prepare for school to start up. Please thank them for us, I know that they are working hard on that, and getting ready for the Community Reunion, which is starting on Friday, with the big event on Saturday in the park, and finishing up on Sunday.

No further comments were noted.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Frost tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Frost adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: 

Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer