

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
September 6, 2022**

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

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
Councilman James Richardson
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Deputy City Michael O'Neill
City Engineer Derek Zimney
Chief of Police Kris Alexander
Captain John Frandsen
Director of Tourism Jane Moon

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 the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

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Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council. Do you see anything offensive to anybody? I would like to read I Peter Chapter 2. It's called Submission to the Government. Therefore, submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the King as supreme, or to governors as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that doing good

you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men - as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King. Saturday, August 27th I was preaching at Oats Park on the (inaudible). I was by myself, things were going well, until evildoers showed up. They came and harassed me, antagonized me. You have one young man, thinks he is antifa, wearing a mask, he was in all black. But he had the mindset. I have satanists come and attack me. I had one young man pull my sign, and I thought to keep it, I should have let it go. But then the couple was there with a dog, satanists, women there, and stepped on it. This is \$300 pair of glasses. 300-dollar pair of glasses. They took it off my head, snap...snap. That is the morality of this City. People don't care. People don't love God, they hate God. In John Chapter 15, it says, they hated me (inaudible). I talked about sin and talked...preached the good tidings...and by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ you can have the freedom to endure what we are facin' today. And not...we are so selfish, and self-centered and (inaudible) and being groomed to be the anti-christ spirit (inaudible). It's sad. So, I don't own the government. I read you scripture here, and it is in I Corinthians also. But you aren't going to punish the evildoers. The police were called, and everybody is sweet and innocent. They took my Bible, but it was during the early morning hours of the 28th. The notes are missing. The morality of this City. What's the government gonna' do to change morality? Where are you gonna' honor God and to punish the evildoers? I've been hit and the City Attorney, at the time, would do squat. Again, notification as the witness to bring forth and punish the evildoers...nothin' happens. So, I am going to encourage you all to honor God. Let's stop these evildoers. But they couldn't wait until afterwards, after the event, is you change morality and you talk to your constituency, and keep eyes out, and stop evil as if the Satan at your...your desk (inaudible) and all of that kind of stuff. You can change morality. And I want to close with this, in the first decade the City of Austin Texas, all the City Council and the Mayor agreed, if you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you're not qualified to be the Council or the Mayor. And that's what we're looking at. And I don't want to hear it. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further public comments.

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.

Public hearing for discussion of possible projects to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program, for fiscal year 2023-2024.

City Engineer Derek Zimney greeted the Council. The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed projects submitted to date and to suggest further ideas. The projects listed will be heard at a third and final hearing, which will be held to discuss, approve, and rank applications prior to submittal to the State. The CDBG Program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban

Development and is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. The Governor's Office of Economic Development anticipates the amount of 2023 allocations at \$3,400,000 for rural Nevada. The projects discussed during this public hearing could be eligible for evaluation and ranking by the City Council during the third and final CDBG hearing. A Public Hearing Notice, which was posted on August 23, 2022, included the Kaiser Street Roadway & ADA Improvement Project, Laura Mills Park Improvement Project, South Broadway and South Nevada Street Roadway & ADA Improvement Project, and miscellaneous ADA Improvement and Sidewalk Improvement throughout the City. I have included a map that HUD puts out listing all the high, medium, and low areas. A project has to be located in an area that is greater than 51% LMI. Staff has carefully evaluated the proposed projects and by all of them represent an aid in our community. We started with the Kaiser Street Roadway & ADA project because it is probably our best chance at meeting eligibility and the best chance of being funded. The CDBG project committee is very focused on the LMI. We thought this area would be our strongest case.

Mayor Tedford stated that he thinks this is a good project on Kaiser. It has become thoroughfare now because the east west drivers on Williams are using Kaiser when coming from the east west as an alternative to get to businesses and get across town. So, I think this will need to be our number one priority, I think.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she knows Laura Mills Park is probably high on the list and doesn't think that it will fall under the economic portion of the CDBG, but I think that is something we can continue to work on.

Mayor Tedford stated that he thinks that if any of it could fall under the economic development, that would be fine. Maybe we need to push on that part, and maybe do it as an alternative. We could always send 2 projects; I am not opposed to that. We found in our past that sometimes they have money that isn't used, and they ask if we have another project. I always worry about sending 2 projects and not getting any.

Councilwoman Kent asked if it would be the grounds at Laura Mills Park that would be the priority.

Engineer Zimney stated that they have been looking at redoing the asphalt, the grass, the playground equipment. I think all of it needs upgrades.

Councilman Richardson stated that he is for the Kaiser Street project. I don't think I have been down that road in awhile and when I did, it was pretty bad. With all the new businesses that are coming in, it really sticks out with the brand-new landscaping they have, and then you have Kaiser Street. I think it can be tied to economic development esthetically, to have a nice street. I see that Port of Subs is going in over there. I think that overall, it would be good for businesses and maybe people will travel more in that area.

Mayor Tedford stated that when we did Front Street, Humboldt, and Ferguson areas people would comment how it transformed that neighborhood. Kaiser street hasn't been done because we wanted to take the bend out of the street and move all the power poles that are in the sidewalks. If you look at it, it is more than just moving the power pole. There is some infrastructure on the power poles and some drainage issues when we look at taking the bend out.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were further questions or comments from Council

or the public.

Mr. Geof Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council. What the government is doing is putting us more in debt and the cost of living is going up. To me, the process it's...it's going to benefit all of us some way or another, but it is putting us in a position where we feel the effects of the money being spent to the federal government, to the state, and they call it a grant. It brings up our operational costs and so forth. It doesn't make sense, and why would you agree with something...it's free, it's not free. We are paying out of our own pockets and print money and look where we are today. I am not going against it; it's just makin' a decision that your mindset (inaudible) 71.61%. I don't know low...all the low-income housing in that area. They have a lot of farmland too. It uh...uh, we are taking money that this country doesn't have. Let's look at (inaudible). Don't rely on the federal government (inaudible) it doesn't make sense. I want you all to make a wise decision, a very wise decision. Structurally, it is a must. Financially, food, water...and I remember back when I got here in 1998, stationed at the Naval Air Station and bought a house here, we had a cancer scare. Boy, that was a mess. Well, the Department of Defense spent a lot of money to treat the water for the base, and then we have it here. We got all this expenditure funds. I was gonna' ask you to think wisely. Proverbs 29 verse 2, says when the unrighteous rule, people grow, and we're growin'. When the righteous grow, people rejoice. There is no rejoice in this at all. We are takin' care of (inaudible) and people walking. (Inaudible) this nation in debt. Ya' know getting grants also have concessions. You have to do this, and able to do this. It takes away the liberty and freedom of our own choices. Our constituency in the first amendment (inaudible). I understand what you are doin', is raising the debt, and why we are here today, financially. You better think about what your doin'. Thank you.

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No further comments were noted.

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No comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

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

No 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 9:20 a.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest: 

Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer