

City of Elko )  
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The City Council of the City of Elko, State of Nevada met for a regular meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Reece Keener.

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

**Mayor Present:** Reece Keener

**Council Present:** Councilwoman Mandy Simons  
Councilman Robert Schmidlein  
Councilman Chip Stone  
Councilman Bill Hance

**City Staff Present:** Curtis Calder, City Manager  
Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director  
Kelly Wooldridge, City Clerk  
Michele Rambo, Development Manager  
Bob Thibault, Civil Engineer  
Candi Quilici, Accounting Manager  
Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director  
Cathy Laughlin, City Planner  
Jim Foster, Airport Manager  
Mike Haddenham, WRF Superintendent  
Dale Johnson, Water Superintendent  
James Wiley, Parks and Recreation Director  
Matt Griego, Fire Chief  
Jack Snyder, Deputy Fire Chief  
John Holmes, Fire Marshal  
Ben Reed Jr., Police Chief  
Dave Stanton, City Attorney  
Diann Byington, Recording Secretary

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

Catherine Wines, Arts & Culture Board, had delivered signed and framed posters from the artists in the Mural Project to the Council Members. Many of the artists have expressed their pleasure with painting in Elko and have said they would love to come back and paint. She wanted to say thank you for financially supporting the project. It was an amazing week. There ended up being 41 artists and 59 painted walls. There was less than \$100,000 spent on the project and the impact will be tremendous. The DBA will start sponsoring tours, possibly along with their wine walks. November 6, Mayor Keener will hand out the Mayors Arts Awards.

Mayor Keener recognized Dale Johnson for the Home Town Hero Award he received last week.

## **I. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation of an appreciation plaque to Mr. Les Byrns, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY –NON ACTION ITEM**

Les Byrns was not present.

- B. Presentation of a Retirement Plaque to Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director, for his 16+ years of service, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Keener presented Ryan Limberg with a plaque in recognition of his many years of service and dedication.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, said he has known Ryan as long as he has worked for the City. Ryan had an interest in the City of Elko long before he even worked here. He filled a void when Jerry Vega retired as the Water Superintendent. He appreciates all that he has done and he is leaving the City better than he found it. It has been a pleasure.

Councilman Schmidlein said Ryan and he have worked together for over 20 years. He brought a lot of good things to the City. He will be greatly missed.

Ryan Limberg, Utilities Director, thanked everyone for the kind words. When he started 16 years ago, he didn't have much to say at his introduction. It was simply thank you and he appreciate the opportunity. In leaving, he feels much the same way. He is grateful for what the City has afforded him. He has had the good fortune of working with dedicated people and they have made his job that much easier. In leaving, he wanted everyone to know they are in good hands with Dale Johnson and the entire City team.

- C. Presentation of a proclamation in recognition of Fire Prevention Week, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM**

Mayor Keener read the proclamation and presented a copy of it to John Holmes.

John Holmes, Fire Marshal, reminded everyone about the Fire Prevention Picnic this weekend from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Main City Park.

- D. Presentation of a certificate from the Certified Institute of Fire Engineers to Fire Captain James Johnston, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM**

Jack Snyder, Deputy Fire Chief, thanked everyone for being there to recognize an achievement of one of their own. Fire Captain James Johnston has been accepted as a member of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He explained the Institution of Fire Engineers. In 2013, Captain Johnston was the first in Elko Fire history to become credentialed as a Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety. Today they are presenting him with the Institution of Fire Engineers with a G Fire Designation. Captain Johnston is one of only 500 in the United States.

James Johnson, Fire Captain, said the main portion of this came from the backs of the people he works with. They deserve this recognition. It is an honor to be employed by the City and to have the people behind him. He thanked everyone for coming.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 24, 2019 **Regular Session**

*The minutes were approved by general consent.*

## **II. APPROPRIATIONS**

- B. Review and possible approval of Print n' Copy Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve the Print 'N Copy warrants.**

*The motion passed. (4-0 Mayor Keener abstained.)*

- A. Review and possible approval of Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve the general warrants.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- C. Review and possible approval of Ruby Mountain Lock & Safe Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to approve the Ruby Mountain Lock & Safe warrants.**

*The motion passed. (4-0 Councilman Hance abstained.)*

- D. Review and possible approval of Great Basin Engineering Warrants, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve the Great Basin Engineering warrants.**

*The motion passed. (4-0 Councilman Schmidlein abstained.)*

- E. Review, consideration, and possible authorization for Staff to purchase a Brine Boss Ready System, a 90 GPM Transfer station, and a 6,500 gallon Captor Tank and transition fittings from Varitech Industries through Sourcewell Purchasing in the amount of \$38,876.24, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

This purchase was budgeted for and approved in the FY 2019/20 Budget. DS

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, explained he put a lot of information in the packet regarding this purchase. He did some checking and found that we will be saving a substantial amount of money through this program. We will be making our own salt brine and we will be able to pretreat streets.

Mayor Keener asked if this requires special storage at all.

Mr. Strickland answered no.

Councilman Stone asked about the life expectancy of the equipment.

Mr. Strickland answered if we take care of it, it should last a very long time.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Schmidlein, seconded by Councilman Stone, to authorize staff to purchase a Brine Boss Ready System, a 90 GPM transfer station, and a 6,500 gallon Captor Tank and transition fittings from Varitech Industries through Sourcewell Purchasing in the amount of \$38,876.24.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- F. Consideration and possible ratification of Staff's decision to approve additional costs of \$11,507.41, above the previously approved \$100,000 force account for the Sports Complex Construction, and to consider increasing the force account for the Sports Complex Construction up to \$125,000.00, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

At their meeting on April 24, 2018, Council authorized the use of a force account for the construction of the Sports Complex in the amount of \$100,000. Two significant recent change orders for electrical issues have increased the total additional expenses for the Sports Complex to \$111,507.41. At the direction of the Assistant City Manager, Staff has approved these change orders to keep the project moving forward, and now asks the City Council to ratify that decision. Additionally, Staff is requesting that the Council consider increasing the force account to \$125,000 to cover any additional minor items that may be discovered as we conclude construction. Currently, the total additional costs for the project are only 1.2% of the original contract amounts. BT

Bob Thibault, Civil Engineer, explained the 1.2% number is a good number. The project is going smoothly which means our designers put together a good set of plans and our contractor and inspectors have done a good job of monitoring things. It is a large project and we are exceeding the \$100,000. They would like to increase the force account to \$125,000 to cover any other last minute increases as they wrap up the project.

Mayor Keener said it was his understanding this is a result of an oversight by the designer.

Mr. Thibault said the two electrical change orders mentioned, totaled \$35,000 and change, and he will be seeking reimbursement from the design consultants. BNA was the electrical engineer, MGB+A was the lead consultant as the landscape architect and they may have played a part in some of the error as well.

Mayor Keener asked if it was likely that we would be able to recover some money from the oversight.

Mr. Thibault thought it was likely we would get something but not all of the \$35,000.

Councilman Schmidlein thought it was a very reasonable request. He didn't realize there was a design failure. He wasn't sure if the City would get any money back for it.

Mayor Keener asked about the storm drain issue.

Mr. Thibault explained it was going through a corner of a bullpen fencing. It was realigned around the bullpen. That was another design oversight. He will reach out to the design professionals on both of these issues.

Councilman Stone asked if he sees anything else that could possibly come up.

Mr. Thibault said there was one small flaw with the way some water fountains are sitting against the wall. They are working through that issue and there could be some small costs. Everything else is coming together clean and wrapping up.

Councilman Schmidlein asked if they are going to achieve substantial completion in the next ten days.

Mr. Thibault answered yes.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Hance, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to ratify the decision of staff to approve the additional costs of \$11,507.41 above the previously approved \$100,000 force account for the Sports Complex construction, and to increase the force account for the Sports Complex construction up to \$125,000.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- G. Review, consideration, and possible approval of a request from the Elko Police Department to enter into an agreement with ARC Health & Wellness to perform

annual physical fitness exams on all sworn personnel, and matters related thereto.  
**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Sworn personnel at the Elko Police Department are required to have an annual physical fitness exam per NRS 617.457. ARC Health & Wellness has been the service provider for the Elko Police Department for the past 5 years and is currently a service provider for the State of Nevada Purchasing Division for public safety physical fitness exams. ARC Wellness has proposed a price increase as well as other changes. EPD has the opportunity to participate in the Joinder Provision Agreement with the County of Washoe, Nevada. BR

Chief Reed explained we have had an agreement with ARC for the last five years and it has worked out really well. Our compliance has been 100%. This year the Vice President got in touch with him. ARC has been unable to square an agreement with the State. The State is one of their biggest customers with the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety. They may be severing that relationship with the State, which changes the agreement we were on with State Purchasing. They have almost all cities and counties in the state. Washoe is one of the first ones and their county put together this contract and wrote it specifically with a joinder provision agreement seen in the packet. They have increased their prices some. Budget wise they are still good. They just completed their annual physicals. He recommended approval.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Simons, to approve a request for the Elko Police Department to enter into a joinder provision agreement with ARC Health & Wellness, to perform annual physical examinations on all sworn officer personnel.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Status update on the Public Nuisance complaint regarding 403 Pine Street, and matters related thereto. **INFORMATION ITEM ONLY – NON ACTION ITEM**

Due to a fire at 403 Pine Street, the structure has been inspected and red-tagged by the City Building Department. Since that time, the property owner has done little to mitigate the attractive nuisance, resulting in several complaints from neighbors and calls for service to the City of Elko Police Department. At this time, the City Staff has verified the public nuisance and has reported findings to the City Attorney's office for further action. Additionally, notice has been served to the property owner regarding a public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2019. CC

Curtis Calder, City Manager, explained nothing has changed and the hearing is still scheduled. Hopefully we will get some cooperation prior to the hearing. We will continue the process. The only new information he could offer is that it sounds like the occupant responsible for the fire may have relinquished control of the property to a relative. He wasn't sure of the legal status of that.

Mayor Keener asked if the relative was local.

Mr. Calder said he did not know. One way or another we are having a hearing.

Mayor Keener asked if we have a finding that it is a nuisance would we be giving them a 30-day window like last time.

Mr. Calder said they would be given 30 days to abate. If they don't abate then the City would have options with regards to mitigating the nuisance. Hopefully it will be voluntary.

Mayor Keener asked if there was an insurance company involved in this.

Mr. Calder said he had not heard one way or another. He thought the trust owned the property outright and there may not be an insurance carrier involved.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review, consideration, and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Elko Police Department and the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Services for operational support, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and the University of Nevada, Reno, University and University Police Services (UNRPD) have public safety oversight for a variety of campuses throughout the State, including Great Basin College main campus in Elko. They are securing interlocal agreements for operational support with various City and County law enforcement agencies statewide. The attached Interlocal Agreement provides a variety of operational support between the EPD and UNRPD. There is no financial commitment. This agreement is effective for one year with the potential for four renewals not to exceed five years total. BR

Chief Reed explained this was initiated by UNRPD. They have been directed to enter into these agreements statewide. He reviewed this and it formalizes what they do now. There is no financial commitment. They have an excellent working relationship with the security on campus. He recommended approval.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Schmidlein, to recommend approval for the Elko Police Department to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Elko Police Department and UNRPD.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- B. Review, consideration, and possible approval of the First Addendum to the School Resource Officer Cooperative Agreement between the Elko County School District, the County of Elko, and the City of Elko, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The original Cooperative Agreement was entered into by all three parties in January 2015, and the Program has been very successful. The Elko County

School District was recently awarded a State grant providing 100% funding of salary and benefits for one additional City SRO and one additional County SRO. The grant is effective January 1, 2020, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. All parties have met, conferred, and agreed to the conditions set forth in the First Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement. BR

Chief Reed said he was excited the SRO program is growing. The original goal was to have nine to ten SROs if we were going to do it right. We had to live within our means and budgets and found a way to get it going with five SROs. The additional folks would inch us towards the goal of having a full-time SRO stationed on the campus of the middle schools and the high schools in the county. The legislature put together a school safety committee with reps from around the state a couple of years ago. One of their key recommendations was to provide funding for school police officers and security measures. That found its way through the legislature this last session. Our school district secured a grant. Elko County has already approved this same item at their last meeting. It will go to the School District next.

Cassie Stahlke, Grants Coordinator for Elko County School District, said within this grant we were allocated \$750,000 this year. We have allocated about \$500,000 for SRO officers. The agenda item say January 1<sup>st</sup> the grant will begin but we already have the funding for this and we are ready to go. It is based on the legislative session. What we don't spend this year will roll over to the next year. This is 100% funding for salary and fringe. The City would have to bill the School District for everything.

Mayor Keener said the only thing we are paying for is the vehicle.

Chief Reed said they are ready to fill that position right away.

Mayor Keener it sounds like a great program. It is wonderful that we are able to get the funding.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Hance, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve Elko Police Department to enter into the First Addendum to the School Resource Officer Cooperative Agreement between Elko County School District, the County of Elko and the City of Elko.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- C. Review, consideration, and possible approval of the revised Humanitarian Campground Rules, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Humanitarian Campground Rules require revision to reflect the potential hazard created with improperly installed wood stoves in tents not designed for that purpose and address items that may be stored outside of tents. CC

Curtis Calder, City Manager, explained the changes to the rules. The backup documentation had a redlined version of the rules. These are issues we learn as we go. He recommended approval so they could get the new rules posted.

Mayor Keener asked if the separation fence had been put up.



Mr. Calder answered not yet. They had to clean up the camp first. They also had to get quotes for the fence.

Mayor Keener said he noticed, in reviewing the rules, there is quite a bit in there about dogs. Have there been incidents involving dogs?

Mr. Curtis answered none that he is aware of. He knows the shelter has brought a vet to the camp to inoculate some pets living out there in the past.

Mayor Keener suggested putting up a short fence for the pets to be in.

Mr. Calder said they would have to look at that. Many of the camps are building windbreaks, which are allowed. Those can serve a dual purpose of a small fenced area for pets.

Councilman Stone asked if we have a way of notifying people down there so we can make sure they are educated as to what stoves are allowed.

Mr. Calder said we tack notices to their tents or hand deliver them when we are out there. Plus we will post the new rules to the front of the camp. We will let FISH know too because new residents have to check in with FISH and get assigned a camp.

Councilman Stone said he asked West Wendover and Carlin how many homeless they have in their areas. Each of them answered they have one. It is interesting with what we are doing to help those folks. He hopes the public realizes how hard the City is trying.

Mr. Calder said, on a side note, FISH agreed to continue the cold weather shelter this year. That will be a big help as we get into the colder weather.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Hance, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve the revised Humanitarian Campground Rules.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

## **BREAK**

## **VI. 5:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Second Reading and possible adoption of Ordinance No. 844, an Ordinance deleting Title 7 Chapter 6 entitled "Recreational Vehicles" and creating Title 7, Chapter 6 entitled "Off-Highway Vehicles" and establishing rules for operation of off-highway vehicles within the municipal boundaries of the City of Elko, where off-highway vehicle use is authorized and forbidden, establishing the penalties for violations, and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

City Council initiated this ordinance on August 28, 2018, and directed Staff to form a workgroup consisting of City Staff and interested members of the public. The work group met several times. A public hearing was held on January 24,

2019 to garner further public input. First reading was held on September 10, 2019.  
KW

Kelly Wooldridge, City Clerk, explained this is the second reading of the ordinance. There was one change made at the direction of City Council. There have been no comments on this since the first reading.

Mayor Keener said he did get one email that he should have forwarded to her. That person was against the ordinance. It was from a Charles Shrerer and he will forward the email to her.

Ms. Wooldridge said at the very beginning she got correspondence from that same person, but not since then.

Councilman Schmidlein wondered if the NRS required the registration, insurance, seatbelts, driver's license, is that correct.

Ms. Wooldridge answered the registration and insurance is for the large all-terrain vehicles. The requirement for being 16 and having a driver's license is for all of them.

Mayor Keener asked what would be the effective date.

Ms. Wooldridge answered normally the ordinances become effective after publication. We could add something like that.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, said it takes a couple of days for the ordinance to get published. If approved tonight, people can't legally do it until next week. In the motion, if you do want to have some sort of review after one year, you can specify that you are requesting staff do a review before the Council one year from adoption. That would allow the Police Department to gather statistics. A review doesn't mean it's not effective; we are just reporting back to Council.

Mayor Keener asked if we could have conditional approval for one year subject to approval at the anniversary date.

Mr. Calder said that would be a sunset provision and we have never done that.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, said we are at the second reading stage. We may have been able to add that earlier but we are beyond that.

Mayor Keener asked for public comments.

Chris Johnson, 123 Woods Court, said other communities have had success with this and he believes Elko will too. He thought it was a good move.

Councilman Schmidlein asked Dave if Council could request an annual report or feedback.

Mr. Stanton answered it is not ajenized for it. The Police Chief can just do it.

Chief Reed said he would have Ty start the reports after 90 days.

Mayor Keener said his main concern was about the vehicles being stored in yards. The noise is another concern. We will have to see how this goes. He is optimistic that people will play by the rules.

Councilwoman Simons said some people have approached her and asked what they have to do. They are excited about this and happy to comply.

Ms. Wooldridge said the grant funding will kick in now. Part of that grant funding included two registration events with the Police Department, flyers and brochures that will be put in hotels, and advertising. It also included and OHV for the Police Department to patrol with.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilman Hance, seconded by Councilman Stone, to conduct the second reading, public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 844.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

After the motion and the vote, Councilman Hance asked that the motion be amended to make the Ordinance effective November 1, 2019.

Councilman Stone agreed and said his second stood.

## **V. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- A. First reading of Ordinance No. 845, an amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance, specifically an amendment to Title 3, Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Elko City Code entitled "Planning Commission", and matters related thereto. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

This change will bring the Elko City Code into conformance with NRS 278.040, which was revised in 1985. Planning Commission took action at their October 1, 2019 meeting to recommend to City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 845. CL

Cathy Laughlin, City Planner, explained the amendment, which deleted one sentence and added one sentence. Currently the code reads that no Planning Commissioner can serve any public office at all. Therefore, they could not be on the School Board, Fair Board or any public office board. The NRS was changed in 1985. We did not change our code.

Mayor Keener said it makes sense for him. There is a Planning Commissioner that serves on a County Board. The way the code is written right now that is not permitted. It is a housekeeping item only.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Hance, to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 845, and direct staff to set the matter for public hearing, second reading and possible adoption.**

*The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)*

- B. Review, consideration, and possible approval of Resolution 7-19, a Resolution establishing routes and uses of off highway vehicles. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

This resolution is declaring all of the roads and highways within the City of Elko are designated as permissible for the operation of off highway vehicles for the limited purpose of allowing off highway vehicles to travel to one or more designated routes or trail connectors. The resolution specifies the exceptions to the designation. KW

Ms. Wooldridge explained this is the resolution described in the ordinance that was just approved. They worked with the Police Department on exceptions to off-highway use. She went on to explain the exceptions in the proposed resolution.

Mayor Keener asked if she had actually said the 9<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian bridge.

Chief Reed answered smaller OHVs and motorcycles have gone up the spiral and over the bridge. It is for pedestrians and not motorized vehicles. The other areas named are very congested with vehicle and pedestrian traffic. They tried to do this as if they were riding an OHV, trying to go through those areas and how would you get to the outer limits of the City and out. Council can add streets or delete streets from this. It is a good list based upon safety. He recommended approval.

Dave Stanton, City Attorney, thought the way the resolution was structured was okay but the NRS is specific on the purpose. He asked that the wording be revised in the last two paragraphs. He gave his suggested revisions that would match the language in NRS.

Councilman Hance had some issues with some of the roads. This is supposed to help people staying in the motels and yet we are going to close one of the biggest sections of road around most of the motels and hotels we have in Elko. If you close E. Jennings then you cannot get out of the Ledgestone parking lot legally. He didn't think that was any more congested than Idaho Street in front of the Red Lion. He felt E. Jennings needed to be deleted from the list of exceptions. On Mountain City Highway, Aspen Street should be Aspen Way. That is a mess and should be closed off because there are accidents up there all of the time. He didn't agree with closing off Cedar Street because there is no school traffic during the summer months when people would be riding the OHVs the most. If we are going to close it in front of the high school, then we should also close it in front of Northside and Mountain View because there is more congestion there than Cedar Street.

Chief Reed said he is good with however Council wants to proceed. We could have added a lot more streets on here.

Mayor Keener agreed with Councilman Hance regarding E. Jennings. He didn't even think of Red Lion.

Councilwoman Simons said she was fine with E. Jennings. She may argue to leave Cedar Street on there because of the number of new drivers in that area.

Mayor Keener said if we are going to have this it would make sense to keep E. Jennings open.

There was some discussion about how the OHV operators would get around Cedar Street and out to a trailhead.

Curtis Calder, City Manager, asked the Chief if this would encourage new drivers to take the family OHV to school. If that was the case, they would be in violation of the ordinance because they are not going to an off-road area.

Chief Reed answered we shouldn't see that. We were more concerned with pedestrian safety than traffic counts. This will open up every street in Elko but three. There are hundreds ways to get from point A to point B.

Mayor Keener stated that if there are issues, this will come back to Council.

Councilman Schmidlein agreed with removing E. Jennings and changing the name of Aspen Street to Aspen Way. He also said he would like to eliminate a section in front of Mountain View school. He didn't want to all of the streets, just the section in front of the school.

Dennis Strickland, Public Works Director, said that one is probably the lesser of the evils. If we are going to go down this road, he would be the first to advocate for South Side at S. 9<sup>th</sup> and Wilson.

Councilwoman Simons said she thought all of the elementary schools were hot messes because the schools don't provide parking for parents. They do have crossing guards during the times that kids are crossing. It's the high school that scares her. As horrible as the elementary schools are, when the kids are out there are adults there watching out for them.

Councilman Schmidlein said to let his suggestion go.

**\*\* A motion was made by Councilwoman Simons, seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve Resolution No. 7-19, with the changes previously outlined by the City Attorney, removing E. Jennings from Idaho Street to Ruby Vista from the resolution, and change Aspen Street to Aspen Way.**

Councilman Stone disclosed that his son's vehicle was totaled just two weeks ago on Ruby Vista. It is a very busy road.

*The motion passed. (4-1 Councilman Hance was opposed.)*

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **A. Mayor and City Council**

*Mayor Keener reported that Curtis, Kelly, Chip and himself went to Henderson for the Nevada League of Cities. One of the big things talked about was the upcoming 2020 census. It is very important that everyone get counted for that. The executive director position is open. The 2020 Nevada League of Cities meeting will be held in Elko.*

- B. City Manager – Nevada League of Cities Conference; Annual Audit; e-mail outage

*Curtis Calder reported with the Sports Complex wrapping up we have a tentative ribbon cutting scheduled for November 1. They envision a grand opening in the spring. We had our annual audit, at least as far as the field work, last week. It looks like late November or early December they will be back to present the audit. We had an email outage that occurred early Sunday morning until Thursday afternoon. We have since reconfigured it and we have all the email data restored up to Sunday. We will be merging that information with the new web based email system. They just found out yesterday that the Financial Services Manager candidate did accept the job offer and may start the first week in November. They will do a first round of interviews for the Information Services Manager next week.*

*Mayor Keener had the opportunity to sit in the second round of interviews for the Financial Services manager. All four of the individuals were highly qualified. There will be some executives from Union Pacific coming out to discuss some of the issues the City has had with them. Lori Gilbert and the Free Press would be interested in this too.*

*Mr. Calder thought that meeting was scheduled for October 28. They will be sending several individuals. There will be a one-hour private meeting followed by a one-hour tour so they can see what the concerns are with their own eyes. The media was welcome to join them for the tour.*

*Mayor Keener said Senator Cortez-Masto's office has been very involved in this. They have also met with the Union Pacific executives back in D.C.*

- C. Assistant City Manager

- D. Utilities Director

*Ryan Limberg stated that if Council had any questions in the next week or so, they can send him an email or call him.*

- E. Public Works

- F. Airport Manager – AIP 50 Pavement Maintenance Project

*Jim Foster reported they finished up with the crack seal on the main commercial runway and the alpha taxiway over the weekend. They transitioned over to the small runway. It will be closed over the next week. October 22 is when the contract will be up. They are talking about halting work. The concern is temperatures for the slurry seal. The main important stuff has already been completed.*

*Mayor Keener asked when they are going to plan another trip to visit SkyWest.*

*Mr. Foster said they typically plan to go down there in the October/November time period. It would be the annual trip there. Maybe towards early to mid-November.*

*Curtis Calder said sometimes they do it in December or January. The airport in St. George just reopened and now they can fly in there.*

- G. City Attorney

- H. Fire Chief

*Chief Griego reminded everyone of the picnic Saturday from noon to 3pm. Gold Dust West is doing the food. Many public agencies will be there. They had a hazmat class with 19 people attending. They had their new hazmat*

*prop in time for the class. He thanked Dennis' group for helping them unload the trailer. He gave an update on the Type 3 engines. They are looking at early November for the first one and the second one is scheduled for January.*

*Mayor Keener thanked Jack Snyder for joining him on the radio. He will be going on vacation and asked if there was anyone on the Council that would like to take the radio spot next Tuesday at 12:30 pm and be joined by Chief Griego.*

I. Police Chief

*Mayor Keener asked how it will work swearing in Ty Trouten as the new Chief. Chief Reed will be here for the next meeting while Ty goes out to celebrate with his family.*

J. City Clerk

*Kelly Wooldridge reported on the auction and we made \$45,589 from it. It was all online through TNT Auctions.*

K. City Planner

*Cathy Laughlin met with NV Energy and explained a new program they will be starting in 2020. It will be for partnership programs with redevelopment agencies to underground utilities. With a 50/50 match grant, moving the utilities underground is reasonable. It will start rolling out in 2020.*

*Bob Thibault said we should plan on up to a 50/50 match depending upon funding availability for the project.*

L. Development Manager

M. Parks and Recreation Director – Sports Complex

*Mayor Keener said he was approached by a citizen that is interested in having a dog park in the city. That will be on the next agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. He will be out of town and wondered if someone from Council could attend the meeting.*

*Curtis Calder said he will be at that meeting and James Wiley will just be getting back from his trip. It is Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>.*

N. Civil Engineer

*Bob Thibault said the Sports Complex should be wrapping up in 10 days. There are still a few other contracts that are still ongoing for a bit longer.*

O. Building Official

## COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

Councilman Stone said the animal shelter held their Maddie's adoption event. It was close to 30 animals adopted.

There being no further business, Mayor Reece Keener adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor Reece Keener

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Kelly Wooldridge, City Clerk