

**CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA**

**July 25, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dana Holbrook called the meeting of the Carlin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Dana Holbrook
Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield
Councilperson Margaret Johnston
Councilperson Pam Griswold
Councilperson Cameron Kinney

Council Members Absent:

None.

Staff:

LaDawn Lawson, City Clerk
Carlos Esparza, Public Works Director
Lyndsie Whigham, Public Works
Tyler Thomas, Police Department
Linda Bingaman, Fire Department Chief

Public:

D'Anne Wright
Fred Montes De Oca
Gayle Zomar

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Comment by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(D)(3)(I & II) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and possible discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda pursuant to the required procedures at the discretion of the City in accordance with applicable law and identified as an action item. (Non - Action Item).**
 - a. D'Anne Wright stated she would like to request that a police officer come and sit at Third and Memory Lane because a lot of people are running through the

stop sign.

2. **City Council Members Reports: (Non-Action Item).**

- a. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated they received a letter from the Eureka County Board of Commissioners and read it into the record. The letter thanked the Carlin Volunteer Fire Department for assisting them with a fire in Crescent Valley. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated they have finished the interviews and has extended an offer to one of the candidates who has verbally accepted the offer. Mayor Holbrook stated her name is Linda Frye and she is from Flint, Michigan.
- b. Councilperson Margaret Johnston stated she has given them all a copy of Chapter 1 which is about the City's authority to abate properties and she would like the Council to look at it so they can start looking at passing an ordinance. Mayor Holbrook stated he agreed and he thinks the new City Manager can help with that.
- c. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield asked Chief Linda Bingaman how many calls they had. Chief Linda Bingaman stated they had three separate car fires yesterday and three wildland fire calls last night. Chief Linda Bingaman stated they had another vehicle fire today.

3. **Public Comment may be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of a request from Wells Rural Electric Company to do a presentation and request the Carlin City Council adopt a Resolution in opposition to Ballot Question #3, and all related matters thereto. (For Possible Action).**

- a. Garrett Hilton with Wells Rural Electric stated they are trying to educate people and raise awareness about Ballot Question #3, the Energy Choice Amendment. Garret Hilton stated the question is a change to the Nevada constitution that would deregulate the electricity industry in Nevada. Garret Hilton stated it was previously proposed in 2016 and at that time WREC was neutral because they did not feel they had enough information but since then they have done more research and feel that it is likely the change would be very expensive for rural communities. Garret Hilton stated WREC formed because the communities they service were deemed not profitable by regular energy providers which could directly lead to increased costs by those exact providers. Garret Hilton stated they believe this is an inappropriate use of a constitutional amendment and it should be done through the legislature. Garret Hilton reviewed further negative findings that would occur if the Question #3 passed.
- b. Thad Ballard stated several states that have deregulated have rates that are higher. Thad Ballard stated some states such as Delaware are trying to go back to a regulated system. Thad Ballard stated Texas is deregulated and is usually the model but they prepared in advance for deregulation and are about to come to the end of that plan and they will start having problems. Thad Ballard stated there are also so many unanswered questions such as how many bills one would get. Thad

Ballard stated the largest concern is lack of local control. Thad Ballard stated they are about to elect their Board of Directors and those Board members live in the communities WREC provides energy to. Thad Ballard stated they will lose control to choose their own rates and decide where they are buying their electricity. Thad Ballard discussed additional possible changes that would all result in an increase in cost. Thad Ballard stated programs that are a benefit to their consumers, such as energy efficiency programs, would probably disappear. Thad Ballard stated if you look at the list of people who are for Question #3 most are along the Las Vegas strip. Thad Ballard stated these big casinos are trying to shift the cost of energy they are paying now to the residential consumers. Thad Ballard stated some of the folks that are against it are odd bed fellows. Thad Ballard stated you have people that are far to the left and others that are far to the right that are agreeing that it is bad. Thad Ballard stated the AARP doesn't normally weigh in on ballot questions but changed their state policy in order to take a stance on the issue. Thad Ballard stated he hopes the City will join their name to the Coalition against Question #3.

- c. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated he knows when it was on the ballot before it was very confusing about what deregulation meant so he is glad to see them there.
- d. Councilperson Cameron Kinney asked what passing a resolution does for the City. Thad Ballard stated it helps them get the word out and stop this from happening in their community. Garret Hilton stated it isn't people in favor of it but it is the people who do not know what it means.
- e. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated they budget in advance for their electrical costs so this would be a huge concern for them. Thad Ballard stated their rate increase coincides with their fiscal year so they can properly plan.
- f. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated he voted no on it before and he knows how he is going to vote again but he isn't sure whether the Council should take a stance.
- g. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated it is their job to do what is in the best interest of the City.

Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield made a motion to approve a request from Wells Rural Electric Company to adopt a Resolution in opposition to Ballot Question #3 for the voting cycle 2018. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 4. **Public Comment may be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of a Request by Howard and D'Anne Wright to renew a Special Use Permit to allow an office trailer and outside storage of construction supplies, located a 1123 Fir Street, Carlin, Nevada, APN #002-030-016, and all matters related thereto. (For**

Possible Action).

- a. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated he must disclose that he works with D'Anne's son Thomas but it will not affect his decision.
- b. D'Anne Wright stated she is requesting that they renew it so if they do rent it they do not have to deal with it.
- c. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated that previously they have renewed it automatically but since the trailer has been removed it should be reviewed so they know what is going to be put on.
- d. D'Anne Wright stated when they had someone rent it they had a trailer and equipment but they have since moved.
- e. Councilperson Cameron Kinney asked if there is any equipment there now. D'Anne Wright said there is not.
- f. Mayor Holbrook stated he would not be okay with just approving it when they have no renter nor equipment.
- g. D'Anne Wright stated by renewing it they would be saving her from paying the fee every time.
- h. Mayor Holbrook stated he understands that and they really should look at the whole process including fees.
- i. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated he agrees with the Mayor and does not feel like they can renew it when there is no equipment and no trailer. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated they have no idea what kind of trailer a new renter would put in there and there are a lot of unknown variables to just give a blanket permit.
- j. D'Anne Wright asked if she has a potential renter tomorrow would she have to tell them no because she would have to come request the special use.
- k. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated most people won't come in with one day notice.
- l. D'Anne Wright asked if the permitting process is a two week process or if it is months.
- m. LaDawn Lawson stated they have to notify all the residents around and they have 10 days but it would probably take at least 3 weeks. LaDawn Lawson stated they have probably had the special use permit since 99.
- n. Councilperson Margaret Johnston stated they have always just renewed the special use permit.
- o. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated there has been a trailer in the past.
- p. D'Anne Wright stated there has not been a trailer since they left.
- q. Councilperson Cameron Kinney stated in 2016 they renewed it and there wasn't a trailer on it then.
- r. D'Anne Wright stated she thinks it has been at least 10 years. D'Anne Wright stated the only requests she has had have been from big trucking companies and she can't accommodate them. D'Anne Wright stated if they are going to be working on Chestnut somebody might want to store something.
- s. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated that actually it is supposed to be by the company not the landowner.

- t. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated when he sees that the permit has been approved previously and they have set a precedence and by not having more specific procedures in place now he can see approving it now and by next year have a more specific policy for renewals.
- u. D'Anne Wright stated that policies change and she would be happy to comply if and when that happens.
- v. LaDawn Lawson stated as far as what Pam said the company still has to have documentation from the property owner to apply for the special use permit.
- w. Councilperson Pam Griswold asked if they would look at it again in February.
- x. D'Anne Wright stated she hopes they will change the date because she isn't around in February.
- y. LaDawn Lawson stated that current policy has the renewal every two years. LaDawn Lawson stated that prior councils have not reviewed them if there are no problems or changes.
- z. Mayor Holbrook stated he does want to look at the process from the point of view of the Council's approving them.
- aa. Councilperson Cameron Kinney stated he agrees that since they are not using the property that it should not be renewed.
- bb. Fred Montes De Oca asked if the permit ceases when a change occurs.
- cc. Mayor Holbrook stated that it is a special use permit for a special use so when that special use stops then it should not be renewed. Mayor Holbrook stated that the permit does not have a start or end date so it is very vague and he wants to review the policy. Mayor Holbrook stated however right now they do not have those new rules so they can renew it.
- dd. Councilperson Pam Griswold agreed that changes need to be made but she would hate to see them slap D'Anne's hands when they do not have that in place yet. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated she would like to see a shorter period of time be put on the permit than 2 years.
- ee. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield stated if there was a trailer on there now they would approve it right away but just giving them a blanket approval to put whatever makes him nervous.
- ff. Councilperson Pam Griswold asked if they can attach stipulations.
- gg. LaDawn Lawson stated yes they can attach stipulations. LaDawn Lawson stated there are two situations where a property owner has the special use permit and they have to renew it. LaDawn Lawson further stated there is also the kind where a company rents and they apply for the special use and it stops when they go out of business.
- hh. Councilperson Pam Griswold stated she would like to know what company is going to use it before approving it.
- ii. Carlos Esparza stated they can always revoke the permit if they get complaints.

Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield made a motion to approve a Request by Howard and D'Anne Wright to renew a Special Use Permit to allow an office

trailer and outside storage of construction supplies, for the period of one year, located at 1123 Fir Street, Carlin, Nevada, APN #002-030-016, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Pam Griswold seconded the motion. Councilperson Margaret Johnston abstained. Councilperson Cameron Kinney voted no. The motion passed.

5. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of deleting the requirement in Article II, 2.1 Membership, that a “Member must live in the City of Carlin” from the Carlin Equestrian park Bylaws to allow for a greater pool of membership and all related matters thereto. (For Possible Action).**
 - a. Councilperson Margaret Johnston stated they have a person who would like to be on the Board but she does not live in Carlin. Councilperson Margaret Johnston stated the Equestrian Park Board has voted to amend the Bylaws.

Councilperson Pam Griswold made a motion to approve removing the requirement in Article II, 2.1 Membership, that a “Member must live in the City of Carlin” from the Carlin Equestrian park Bylaws to allow for a greater pool of membership and all related matters. Councilperson Cameron Kinney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of implementing a 1% wage increase for Non-Union Employees of the City of Carlin to match the 1% wage increase of the Union Employees of the City of Carlin and all matters related thereto. (For Possible Action).**
 - a. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated he put it on the Agenda because they did just approve a pay increase for the union members and they should also give it to the other employees. Mayor Holbrook stated since doing so he has been told they may have to give the Union employees an additional one percent increase. Mayor Holbrook stated he has talked to Pool/Pact and they believe that they will not have to with the way they worded it but they did request more time to look into it. Mayor Holbrook stated he would like it to be tabled for the next meeting.

Councilperson Pam Griswold made a motion to table the motion. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. **Public Comment will be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of the minutes from June 13, 2018, and all related matters.**
 - a. LaDawn Lawson stated they will not be able to take action on this item because the date is wrong and she apologized.

No Action Taken.

8. **Public Comment may be taken prior to any Action Being Taken by the Council: Review, discussion, and possible approval of City expenditure for the period 07/06/2018 to 07/20/2018, and all related matters. (For Possible Action).**

Councilperson Cameron Kinney made a motion to approve the City expenditures for the period of 07/06/2018 to 07/20/2018, and all related matters. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. Councilperson Margaret Johnston abstained. The motion passed.

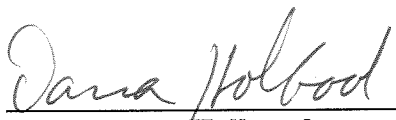
9. **Public Comment maybe taken prior to any Discussion Being Taken by the Council: Comment by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(D)(3)(I & II) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and possible discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda pursuant to the required procedures at the discretion of the City in accordance with applicable law and identified as an action item. (Non - Action Item).**

- a. Fred Montes De Oca stated he has a nice sign the company made and he would like to get their permission to put it up at the Senior Center. Mayor Dana Holbrook stated they cannot take action during public comment but he should go talk to the Board at the Senior Center. Fred Montes De Oca stated it is not just here and they need to talk to their friends in the big cities about how it will impact them.

10. **Adjournment.
(Possible Action Item)**

Councilperson Margaret Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. Mayor Dana Holbrook adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dana Holbrook

Attest:



City Clerk LaDawn Lawson