

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
REGULAR MEETING
CARLIN CITY HALL
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA

June 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Cliff Eklund called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund
Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield
Councilperson David Trujillo
Absent: Councilperson Lee Griswold
2. Administrative Staff: City Manager Glenn S. Trust, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson, Carlos Esparza, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police Bill Bauer, City Engineer Tom Ballew
3. Public Present: Anna Dean, Jim Kelley, Denise Baclawski, D. Gary Longnon, Lloyd Myers, Elaine Barkdull Spencer, Zack Spencer, John Ellison, C J Urie, Susanne Ellingson, Nicole Besaw, Marcia Comfort, Bob DeMars, Angie DeMars, Mike Collie, George Lostra, Ellen Meshefski, Jon Gift, Sheri Eklund Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Presentation of by Denise Baclawski of the UNR Fire Science Academy on the status of the Academy, co-location of the National Guard at the Academy in accordance with the plan approved by the Board of Regents, and all matters related thereto. (Non-Action Item)

1. Denise Baclawski of the UNR Fire Science Academy reported they are just ending their fiscal year on June 30 and will break even operationally this year. "This was a commitment that we made to the Board of Regents in February. We have had a lot of challenges this spring with the economy and flu, having a lot of companies cancel. We have been able to maintain or reduce costs in several areas. We have been hiring, having lost several positions over the last year relative to our uncertainty and changes in the workforce. So far we have hired four (4). The Board of Regents approved our financial sustainability plan, which the stakeholders approved. We appreciate the support we have received from Carlin. There were several elements, such as tuition increases, surcharges our trainees would pay and past commitments. We are doing well with that so far. We are in the process of developing a Steering Committee for our federal funding initiative, which will have a two-prong approach and as far as the financial sustainability plan is concerned, that will be programmatic federal funding we will be going after. The Board of Regents approved a plan to pursue the co-location with the National Guard. I have little to offer, but the legislature did approve funds to the interim finance committee and made those available, should the Guard through its process decide that they want to locate at the Academy. We are positive that will occur and we are hoping with the appointment of the new general, we will be able to work with the Governor's office, Guard, and University to achieve an agreement that works for everybody. There are many steps associated with that and we are about one to two in. I don't know what the outcome will be, but we have time to work on that."
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated when John Ellison, the County Manager and he met with the governor; there was talk of Team Challenge.
3. Denise Baclawski stated she knows very little, but her understanding is a youth program targeting problem youth in Nevada and we currently send these extremely challenged

- individuals to Arizona, noting the governor would like to bring those back and assist them with their growth and development and ability to become good citizens again. The Academy is a possibility for locating that program; there is a federal funding program for that.
4. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired about the timeline.
 5. Denise Baclawski stated 18 months.
 6. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated there is talk about moving to the airport and would like to see that it moves toward Carlin.
 7. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the figures that he has seen show \$15,000,000-\$18,000,000 difference between Carlin and Elko, less for the Carlin site. "If they are going to use it for training, there is more space at the Academy."
 8. Councilperson David Trujillo inquired about the price.
 9. Denise Baclawski clarified the approval is for the Guard to make a move, not to necessarily co-locate at the Academy, at a cost of \$7.9 million of state funds and federal match. The legislature appropriated the funds and the Guard would go back when there was a plan to present it to the Interim Finance Committee to request the funds.

II. Report from ECEDA on community development and areas of improvement within the City of Carlin. (Non-Action Item)

1. Elaine Spencer, ECEDA, reported there have been great improvements in the City of Carlin. She noted it was impressive to drive into the town and recognize the new features. "We asked City Manager Glenn Trust who was responsible for the improvements and he stated it was Carlos Esparza, Director of Public Works". She presented a plaque to Carlos Esparza, Director of Public Works, which states *Elko County Economic Diversification Authority recognizes your project and its contribution to the enhancement of the City of Carlin, Carlos Esparza, Director of Public Works and the City of Carlin Beautification Project of 2009*. She noted the beautification was included in a survey and Carlin took the first step.

III. Discussion and possible approval of a request from Ellen Mesheski, Carlin Friends of the Library, to hold the 24 Hour Co-Ed Softball Tournament at the City Park with the City of Carlin as a sponsor, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)

1. Ellen Mesheski stated this tournament will be the 18th year and she would like to increase the tournament to a 24-hour, because it would draw more teams. They have had to turn teams away in the past because there is only one field that is regulation for coed. She went door to door in a 2-block radius, with the exception of two homes, with only one resident opposed because of the alcohol. She then talked to Chief Bauer and Jon Gift about opposition and Jon Gift proposed a designated drinking area at a specific time. She described the area that is far from the homes. Chief Bauer suggested a shut-off period and enforcement might be a problem. He stated the permit could include that information. She talked to her son about the Winnemucca tournament, which has a beer garden that is monitored. This could mean more teams and more money for the library.
2. Jon Gift explained that Winnemucca designates a camp area, which is patrolled as well as the ball area. He noted they have very few problems.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated he is not sure how they would enforce the drinking by designated times.
4. Ellen Mesheski discussed the site and those she did not contact.
5. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired about drinking in the dugouts.
6. Discussion was held on not allowing drinking in the dugouts and field and having rules regarding the designated area. Discussion was held on the drinking in the stands during the day.
7. Ellen Mesheski stated the timeframe should be determined by the Council.
8. Discussion was held stopping the glass containers.
9. Angie DeMars noted a team could be disqualified if they don't abide by the rules.

10. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner inquired if the Friends of the Library would sale the beer.
11. Ellen Mesheski stated if they had a beer garden they might be able to enlist some help.
12. Bob DeMars stated they would have a struggle controlling the drinking. "The harder you make it to have fun, the less success you will have the next year".
13. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated people called her asking for her thoughts and she told them it was a good idea.
14. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of a request from Ellen Mesheski, Carlin Friends of the Library, to hold the 24 Hour Co-Ed Softball Tournament at the City Park with the City of Carlin as a sponsor, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

IV. Review and discussion of two proposals to build and operate a motocross track on property leased from the City and possible approval of one of the proposals, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)

1. John Ellingson reported on a picture of a similar facility they want to build, including several action sports, which are not site specific, but idea specific. There area a couple of motocross with freestyle later, a BMX track immediately and dirt jumping course and skate park later. He actually built a BMX track that worked as a skate park also, so it would not require an additional facility. Mountain Bike trails and track could be built. He stated his qualifications and business experience, as well as his experience in tracks. He noted he has ideas for competitions that would be appealing to others in action sports. He also reported on C.J. Urie's experience and expertise. He stated they need a facility in the region with Elko trying to get one for years. He thanked Carlin for listening, because surrounding areas have tracks and there are none in the region. He stated he would like a state of the art facility with running water, electricity. He stated there are many supporters of having a track. He read about risk factors of drug use and alcohol. "Bottom line is what we can do is provide them opportunities to participate in our community and try to keep the kids busy in the community. We would get kids from all over the region to ride and race. The plan we present is through a nonprofit organization, making it more of a community facility. Kids that are involved in competition are better prepared for life. A facility like this would show all ages that you care and we would provide ongoing supervision at the track." He reported he approached Bob DeMar and they would like to work together.
2. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated the City has decided that the existing track is not conducive because of dust, noise and watershed issues. "The City decided that the race track would not be at that site. Have you secured the financing to pull this off."
3. John Ellingson stated they have not been able to do any of that until it is approved and it would take the time to get the nonprofit status. He stated they think they can raise the funds. Once it is submitted, donations are retroactive. He stated they would have to set up the contract and follow through.
4. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated one person who tried to get the track going, was met with resistance when it came to insurance.
5. John Ellingson stated he has contacted an insurance company, who stated it would be approximately 30% of the policy, between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year.
6. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired about the 501-C3 and if it would be run by them.
7. John Ellingson stated there would be a Board of Directors and they would like to have permanent people on it.
8. Bob DeMars reported he is a citizen of Carlin and noted his professional standing in the racing industry. He noted he built the current track. He discussed the northern track of 20-40 acres and proposed this to the Council last year. He stated there are 200 riders in the areas surrounding and no facility in this area. They have insurance quotes of \$6,000 per year. There is no power or water on the track with dust an issue. "We want somewhere for the kids to ride. I am not here to compete with CJ Urie or to partner up with anybody. When racers

- come in, the community will benefit. I have talked to numerous construction companies and we have all the resources to do this.”
9. Mayor Cliff Eklund clarified that they have the financing to do this, the quote for insurance and the old dump grounds.
 10. Discussion was held on the private versus nonprofit and laws for power and water.
 11. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired about a timeline.
 12. Bob DeMars stated, “Six (6) months. Our plan would be acquiring the land, layout including fencing, entry and exit gates, bleachers, etc. in the first two (2) months. The insurance would be in effect as soon as possible. Start gates need to go to bid.” He outlined the ensuing months’ schedules, with practice after four (4) months, the end of October, November.
 13. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if they have plans to expand beyond to BMX.
 14. Bob DeMars stated in the affirmative. “I do want to do things, but to get going it would be Motocross first. Pretty much all the parks are nonprofit. I want to run it as a business.”
 15. City Manager Glenn Trust stated he was approached by Bob DeMars first and he intended to remain neutral. He suggested “The party who has the most credibility in getting this done in an organized fashion along with a commitment letter from an insurance carrier is important, as well as the issue of using land around the interpretive center instead of the current site. One party has given you a timeline, which is an issue.”
 16. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated one party is requesting land with water and power.
 17. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield recalled the DeMars special use permit.
 18. Sherry Eklund Brown stated NRS differentiates between a nonprofit and private and how they need to be treated. She noted an appraisal would probably have to be done.
 19. City Manager Glenn Trust stated if the City deems it to be of economic development benefit to the City, it will be exempted.
 20. Discussion was held on the procedure surrounding an economic development proposal.
 21. Sherry Eklund Brown stated they could sell it or lease it for less than fair market if you can establish the benefit to the community.
 22. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved to approve the proposal by Bob and Angie DeMars for a request to lease to build and operate a motocross track on City property next to the Mine Interpretive Center. Councilperson David Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion carried with Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner in opposition.**

V. Discussion and possible approval of a proposal and resolution to transfer the City of Carlin’s allocated Private Activity Bonding Authority to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)

1. Gary Longaker, NRHA stated he has been asking Carlin like the other incorporated cities and counties since 2006. “If they don’t have a use for their private Activity Bonding Authority to transfer it to us, and we will develop programs to help first time homebuyers. You have transferred partially \$260,000 to us and we have made two (2) loans totaling over \$200,000 and we have a new program called Mortgage Center Certificate Program with a loan of \$119,000, so you have gotten about \$320,000 economic activity from this program.”
2. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner stated they have done this each year and agrees.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund related the benefit of transferring is that the amount that Carlin has is too little to help anyone, but with other small cities in the same predicament, it puts enough money together so they can actually do something.”
4. Gary Longaker stated they get matching funds from the state.
5. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of a proposal and resolution to transfer the City of Carlin’s allocated Private Activity Bonding Authority to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VI. Discussion and review of bids to construct a new covering building over the Poplar Street Reservoir, presented by Thomas Ballew, City Engineer and George Lostra, and possible selection of a winning contractor and awarding of the bid, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)

1. Thomas Ballew, City Engineer, stated George Lostra was present and is the engineer who did the building design, reporting that they opened the bids “last Thursday, one from Q&D Construction of Reno at \$259, 846 and the other Schell Creek Construction of Elko \$213,500. Both contractors that bid are qualified. We checked their licensing and status with the state and other employers. It is our recommendation that you accept the Schell Creek Construction low bid”.
2. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved to accept the bid from Schell Creek Construction to construct a new covering building over the Poplar Street Reservoir, at a cost of \$213,500. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

VII. Review and discussion of proposals from various banks and possible selection of a bank to provide banking services to the City of Carlin, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)

1. City Manager Glenn Trust noted they have representatives of Wells Fargo and Nevada State Bank. He discussed that situation from Nevada Bank and Trust and had requested proposals from banks that were interested. “None of the banks who submitted proposals are aware of what the other banks’ proposals are. Nevada State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, US Bank and Morgan Stanley Bank. I prepared a spreadsheet for you for comparison and Morgan Stanley, their response was not as responsive as the others and does not entail all the information. I suggest we focus on the other three (3) banks.” There is a summary sheet of all of the proposals and he discussed the proposals by each bank. “These proposals are pretty much apples to apples and we have spent time with each bank.”
2. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired about the difference between Nevada State Bank and Wells Fargo.
3. Mayor Cliff Eklund inquired if there are any other services provided that they are not looking at.
4. City Manager Glenn Trust stated they are basically the same, different terminology. “In truth we will see some enhanced service from an electronic banking perspective, but it will not be as convenient as they don’t have a local branch here.
5. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated Wells Fargo has a branch in Elko.
6. City Manager Glenn Trust stated, “I think Wells Fargo’s point is that you can accumulate the earnings credit at some point and the market will return and we will then be able to take a large portion of the \$3.4 million for investment at a higher rate. This will eliminate our service charges for some time to come. With US Bank, we would have a deficit every year. Nevada State Bank would reduce our operating funds to an amount we need to operate on a monthly basis and maximize the investment potential and have given us the premium rate. We do have a revenue line that is based on interest income and eliminating a portion of that, will over time add significant impact on our budget. There are pluses to each proposal and the things that we do, they can all handle. Gordon Wadsworth with Nevada State Bank is considering allowing a local deposit for cash deposits.”
7. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield inquired if the .25% money market rate will drop below that figure.
8. Jim Kelley Wells Fargo, stated he does not anticipate it will ever go below that.
9. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated, “How long are you able to hold the 1.6 variable rate.”
10. Nevada State Bank representative replied it depends on the market. “It would increase if the market increases.”
11. Mayor Cliff Eklund thanked each of the banks for their time and commitment to assist the

- City of Carlin in choosing a new financial institution.
12. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved to approve the proposal made by Nevada State Bank to provide banking services to the City of Carlin, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson David Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- VIII. Review, discussion and possible approval of the year-end Financial Report from the City Manager, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)**
1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved to table approval of the year-end Financial Report from the City Manager, and all matters related thereto. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- IX. Review, discussion and possible approval of payments for the period 6/11/09 to 6/24/09, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)**
1. **Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner moved for approval of payments for the period 6/11/09 to 6/24/09, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson David Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield recusing himself from One Stop Auto Parts.**
- X. Review, discussion and possible approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Carlin City Council 5/27/09, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)**
1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Carlin City Council 5/27/09. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- XI. City Council Members Report. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner reported the Friends of the Library had a fundraiser at the Senior Center. She commended the work on the cemetery.
 2. Councilperson David Trujillo had no report.
 3. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield reminded the members the Citizen of the Year will be on the 27th at the Fire Science Academy.
 4. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported the Fire Science Academy has sent out invitations and only one has been replied.
- XII. City Clerk's Report. (Non-Action Item)**
1. City Clerk LaDawn Lawson had no report.
- XIII. City Manager's Report (Non-Action Item)**
1. City Manager Glenn Trust had no report.
- XIV. Comments by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2C) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and discussion to those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda and identified as an action item. (Non-Action Item)**
1. Carlos Esparza, Director of Public Works reported Project Construction has started on the cemetery.
 2. Sherry Eklund Brown reported the Ensign Bill is going before Congress and we are hopeful. She reported there was a swine flu case in Elko. The Elko Library Board is anxious to have the Carlin Library up and running. The Trail Center is hoping it will open next summer, but they have received funding for the exhibits.
- X. Adjournment. (Action Item)**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

CLIFF EKLUND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LADAWN LAWSON, CITY CLERK