

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 28, 2013

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Duane Downing, Ron Kipp, and Janet Hatch. Harvey Gonzalez was absent. There were five other people in attendance.

1. Public Comment

Chuck Watson asked who is responsible for watering of the trees at the Senior Center. He stated there are 18 trees 11 of which are not getting watered. Mr. Watson asked who is responsible. Mr. Eason stated Nye County is responsible. Mr. Carlyle recommended Mr. Watson contact the Assistant County Manager, Joni Eastley.

Robin Rivero said several people have asked for updates on the OHV Ordinance. Ms. Rivero requested the Town send a letter of inquiry to the District Attorney to see how his review on the proposed changes are going so we can progress on this update to the Town Ordinance. Duane Downing responded that the District Attorney's office is still reviewing this ordinance as well as several others submitted by the Town at the same time. At this time, there is no estimated time of completion.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on August 14, 2013.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held August 14, 2013. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Deliberation and possible action, regarding updated to CEDS document dated June 29, 2013 as it relates to Tonopah (Section 9) and authorize staff to provide update to Nye County for annual update.

Chris Mulkerns reviewed suggested changes to the CEDS with the Board. In addition to the recommended changes attached, Duane Downing suggested updating Section 9.4 to include completed upgrades and on-going upgrades to the Convention Center. Horace Carlyle asked about the section referring to the Belvada. Ms. Mulkerns advised that the recommendation is to eliminate the line referring to the Belvada.

Duane Downing motioned to authorize staff to provide an update to Nye County for the annual update in regards to the Comprehensive Economic Development Study (CEDS) document dated June 29, 2013, as it relates to Tonopah. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Deliberation and decision or commitment or promise to review ability of Board Members to participate in Board Meetings pursuant to N.R.S. §241.010 as defined by “present”.

Horace Carlyle stated the new Open Meeting Law has become more specific on what “Present” means and what the capacity of “Interacting with the Public” is. There are two facets that he feels would be beneficial. The first, having a more sophisticated reliable system for interaction. Second, the system could be beneficial to Convention Center activities. Mr. Carlyle presented an online system “GoToMeeting” that would allow for up to 25 participants. He feels the standards have been raised and the current phone system may not meet those standards. He would like the board to think about considering this option. Mr. Carlyle said there are all kinds of technology that could be used to meet the Open Meeting Law requirements.

Mr. Kipp stated he receives a very weak WI-FI signal at the Convention Center. Therefore, Mr. Kipp stated the Convention Center would possibly require substantial upgrades to support such a system. Mr. Downing stated the N.R.S. is clear, “Teleconference” is acceptable. By using the phone system by voice is acceptable under the open meeting laws. Mr. Downing stated he has never had issues hearing when he called in and was able to participate. Mr. Carlyle stated when he has had to call in he has had issues hearing and participating. The board agreed this item should be explored further.

The Board recessed at 7:20 p.m. The Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:20 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

5. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

6. Town Board Member’s/Department Manager’s/Nye County Commissioner’s Comments

James Eason reported the Pool is closed to the general public. The aquatic swim class is still going on in the mornings.

There was a pre-bid conference for the Tonopah Public Utilities Phase 2 Transmission Main Arsenic Mitigation Project on August 27th. It was not a mandatory pre-conference therefore, Mr. Eason did not print out a list of contractors. Mr. Eason reported there are a lot of contractors showing interest. There will be additional addenda’s sent out. The bid opening is scheduled for September 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Eason spoke to Wes Henderson, he has requested that a representative from the Town attend the Joint NACO and Nevada League of Cities Conference. Mr. Eason will be attending the conference September 10 – 13, 2013 in Lake Tahoe. Tonopah is eligible to become a member of the League of Cities. Pahrump is already a member.

Ron Kipp welcomed Janet Hatch to the Board. Mr. Kipp also stated he has received positive comments regarding the Parks and wanted to pass that along.

Duane Downing welcomed Janet Hatch.

Horace Carlyle advised the board that he will be submitting an agenda item on North Tonopah Development for consideration by the Board on October 9th. He had planned to have it on this agenda but after discussion with the Town Manager Mr. Carlyle postponed this item until the first meeting in October.

Mr. Carlyle stated he attended the pre-bid conference and the second portion of the water project is "mind boggling". Mr. Carlyle hopes that the Town receives descent bids on this project but doesn't think it will come cheap.

Mr. Carlyle also welcomed Ms. Hatch.

No action taken by the Board.

7. Closure of Meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.

This item was tabled.

8. Discussion deliberation and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting.

This item was tabled.

9. Correspondence

- a) News article "Outlook Grim for Lake Mead", August 2013
- b) Science Daily "Waste Asphalt Doesn't Pollute Groundwater, UF Researchers Say"
- c) Appointment to the Tonopah Town Board, August 21, 2013
- d) Nye County Board of Commissioners Agenda, August 20, 2013
- e) Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee, August 22, 2013
- f) Nye County Water District Governing Board Agenda, August 26, 2013
- g) Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting, August 26, 2013
- h) Pahrump Town Board Agenda, August 27, 2013
- i) Nye County Board of Commissioners Agenda, September 3, 2013
- j) Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee Agenda, August 29, 2013
- k) Tonopah Town Board Notice of Possibly Quorum, September 5, 2013
- l) Workforce & Affordable Housing Initiatives 2013-16
- m) Broadcast Airing Notification

10. Public Comment


11. Approval of Vouchers for Payment

The vouchers were reviewed and all were signed by Board members. Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers for payment as presented. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Rebecca A. Braska, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Horace Carlyle, Chairman

Duane Downing, Vice Chairman



Ron Kipp, Clerk

Javier Gonzalez, Member



Janet Hatch, Member