

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
November 19, 2024**

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 Pro Tem Frost Kelly Frost
Councilman Paul Harmon
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Chief Ron Wenger
Captain John Riley
City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Glen Radtke
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero
Director of Tourism Jane Moon
Emergency Manager Steve Endacott
Judge Pro Tem Jared Dooley

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Frost at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Treasurer Michael O'Neill advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that Mayor Tedford and Councilwoman Kent were unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any public comments. She noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Told a story of his experience in the military.

Edward Flores stated that he is in a transitional part of his life and does not currently have an address.

- Made comments regarding traffic on behalf of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Made comments regarding crosswalks and almost getting hit.
- Made comments regarding people running traffic lights.
- Made comments about intersections: Tedford and Williams; Allen and Williams; and Taylor and Williams.
- Made a comment about his concern for others crossing mentioned intersections.
- Made comments regarding seeing near accidents daily.
- Made comments regarding people needing to adhere to streetlights and signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that this is a concern. We don't want to see anyone hit, injured, or even worse. Have you talked with Chief Wenger?

Edward Flores stated that he has and appreciated Chief Wenger's time.

- Made comments regarding pedestrians not knowing how to use the crosswalk.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that we could do more education when the officers go to the schools.

Chief Wenger stated that he has talked with Mr. Flores. We have suggested that we start an education process and watch these crosswalks more closely.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost thanked Mr. Flores.

No further comments were noted.

Consideration and possible approval of Council Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2024.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2024, with no corrections or additions; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible approval of election of officers of the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief Jared Dooley; First Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sharp; Second Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth "Russ" Jonte; and Third Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Young.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated pursuant to Fallon Municipal Code Section 2.16.050, the Fire Chief, First Assistant Fire Chief, Second Assistant Fire Chief, and Third Assistant Fire Chief of the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department are to be elected by the Fire Department and approved by the City Council. Fire Department elections were held in November 19, 2024 Fallon City Council Meeting

September 2024, with the following results: Fire Chief Jared Dooley; First Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sharp; Second Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth “Russ” Jonte; and Third Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Young. The election results are now before the City Council for consideration and possible approval. Are there any questions or comments from the Council or public?

No comments noted.

Councilman Harmon motioned to confirm and approve the election of officers of the Fallon/Churchill Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief Jared Dooley; First Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sharp; Second Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth “Russ” Jonte; and Third Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Young; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frost and approved with a 2-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost administered the Official Oath of Office of Fire Chief Jared Dooley; First Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sharp; Second Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth “Russ” Jonte; and Third Assistant Fire Chief Mitch Young.

Swearing-in of new Police Officers: Tristan Aller, Jose Alcaraz, and Kenji Armbruster.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that we have three new officers to swear in this morning. It is very exciting to see these gentleman step forward to serve our community. I know that you will do a very good job. Are there any further questions from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost administered the Official Oath of Office for Police Officers: Tristan Aller, Jose Alcaraz, and Kenji Armbruster.

Fallon Police Department Monthly Report for September 2024.

Chief Ron Wenger presented the September monthly report. The report will compare the 2023 crime, traffic stops, and traffic accident statistics to September 2024. Total calls-for-service this month were 757.

- Crime Summary: 2 total Domestic Batteries; 2 Battery.
- Theft Calls: 9 total thefts for various items.
- Arrest Summary: 37 total arrests.
- Moving Citations/Traffic Warnings: 85 traffic stops were made; 23 issued citations.
- Public/Private Property Accidents: 15 total accidents.
- Animal Shelter Services: Total – 130; Churchill County – 68; City – 62; Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – 0.
- Volunteers in Police Services: 105 Contributed hours.
- Various training courses were provided to sworn-in and non-sworn-in officers.
- 0 requests were made through the Citizen Assistance Program.
- Police officers participated in several various public relations events.
- Citizen Surveys were all positive.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any comments or questions.

Councilman Harmon congratulated Chief Wenger and staff for bringing these three individuals on the team. I look forward to seeing them out and about, serving the citizens of Fallon. Thank you very much for your service.

No further comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any public comments.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Made comments regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Made comments regarding the Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- Made comments regarding an 86 Letter.
- Made comments regarding walking his dog and coming across a military group.

No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Frost inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

Councilman Harmon thanked City Staff and family for attending the City Skate Night, on Friday. I saw a lot of smiles from small and big kids. Saturday, on the opening, there was a good number of people there at 11:00 a.m., for the opening. Thank you to all the City staff for putting that together and making it run and work the way it does.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost stated that she was sad she was unable to attend. I am looking forward to our skate season, and I know our staff has worked extremely hard to make a beautiful rink, and a great experience for all of our visitors that will be attending.

No further reports were noted.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Frost tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Frost adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Frost

Attest: _____
Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer