

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
October 3, 2023**

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 Ken Tedford
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Councilman Paul Harmon
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Ryan Swirczek
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Glen Radtke
Chief Ron Wenger
Captain John Riley
Captain Daniel Babiarz
City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Engineer Derek Zimney
Director of Tourism Jane Moon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He 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.

- Read scriptures from Psalm 29:2.

- Commented on the government going with the flow.
- Commented on being a street preacher.
- Commented on the new world order.
- Commented on “our children” and preparing for the future.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further public comments.

No further comments were noted.

Approval of Warrants

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

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Presentation of Life Saving Award.

Chief Ron Wenger presented Lifesaving Awards to Sergeant Josh Schumann, Officer Kurt Itskin, and Officer Michael Woolf. It is an expectation when we put on a badge for the Fallon Police Department, that we protect, and serve our public. Part of that protecting our public is, conducting traffic stops, slowing people down to protect children from crossing the street, responding to domestic violence issues, bar fights, hoping that we get there in time before someone gets hurt. Every once in awhile we have to transition from protector of life to lifesaver. We had one of these incidents, December of 2021, that I would like to bring to your attention. It is my honor to bring these three officers forward, who heroically saved the life of Stephanie Ranson, that night. Sergeant Schumann, Officer Kurt Itskin, and Officer Michael Woolf, if you could please come forward. Officer Itskin on December 30, 2021, you along with, Officer Michael Woolf, and Sergeant Joshua Schumann were dispatched to 325 Cindy Lane, where a woman, identified as Stephanie Ranson, was reported to be unresponsive. Upon arrival, you quickly determined that Ms. Ranson had no pulse, and was not breathing. Without hesitation you obtained the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and began lifesaving measures with cardiac pulmonary resuscitation. Upon arrival of paramedics from Banner Hospital, you continued to assist with lifesaving measures until a heart rhythm returned. You continued to assist paramedics by providing aid to them and assisted with transport, by driving the ambulance to the hospital. Officer Itskin, this is outstanding work. Officer Schumann, Officer Woolf, this is outstanding work. I would like to personally commend you for your quick thinking and action. Without your efforts, Ms. Ranson would not be alive today. Fallon Police Department policy allows a supervisor to recommend that a lifesaving award be bestowed to officers whose actions result in a life being saved. Your actions warrant receiving this award. It is with pride that I recommend you receive the Lifesaving Award, and ribbon. Wear it with pride, knowing that you are a true blessing to Ms. Ranson and her family on that fateful day.

Mayor Tedford and Chief Wenger presented the awards to Officer Itskin, Officer Woolf, and Sergeant Schumann.

Steve Ranson addressed the council. On the morning of July of 2023, we received a call about this honor. We had to ignore the call and let it go to voicemail. Ironically, we were at Renown, and she was going through surgery. She was at the cardiac ICU, and we had another

incident, of almost heart failure, and they had to remove a mass from her right atrium. Mr. Ranson read Stephanie Ranson's statement: A voicemail was left from the Fallon Police Department, wanting me to hand out rewards to three officers who replied to the lifesaving call my dad had made 18 months ago. The night of December 29th, 2021, I went to bed feeling a bit uneasy about how my heart felt. I informed my father of this feeling and we planned to just monitor it. 2 hours later I remember waking up feeling hot. I noticed myself having short, fainting spells that I couldn't come back from. As soon as I rolled off the bed, I collapsed. My dad heard me fall to the floor but was able to get me onto my bed. Later, the situation changed, and while calling 9-1-1, my father noticed I wasn't breathing and started doing CPR. Fortunately, three brave officers answered the call quickly and promptly before the paramedics arrived. I am forever grateful and thankful for officers Kurt Itskin and Michael Woolf, and Sergeant Josh Schumann. Your actions proved to me that I was saved by three men, who I have never forgotten. Thank you for everything you did for me. Thank you, Officer Michael Woolf, for assisting Banner's wonderful paramedics. Without hesitation, the officer drove the ambulance so paramedics could work on me, on the way to the hospital, to save my life. Without you, and your lifesaving efforts, I would not be here today. I also want to thank you for changing my life for the better. I now look at life with a more positive attitude. Thank you, Stephanie Ranson.

Mayor Tedford thanked everyone. Thank you, officers, for being there for Stephanie that night, we really appreciate your efforts, and it shows what a fine PD we have.

Consideration of application by Jamie Parker for a change of location of a retail establishment (off-premises) and a drinking establishment (on-premises) liquor license for No Filter Fitness, LLC, to be located at 40 East Center Street #1 & #2.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee stated that Jamie Parker, owner of No Filter Fitness, LLC, has made an application for a change of location of the retail establishment (off-premises) and a drinking establishment (on-premises) liquor license for No Filter Fitness, LLC, to be located at 40 East Center Street #1 and #2. A retail liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption off of the premises only and a drinking establishment liquor license is a privileged license that allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages from a fixed and definite place of business for consumption upon the premises only. This application has been reviewed by Chief of Police Ron Wenger, City Engineer Derek Zimney, Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga, and me, and has been recommended for approval.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further comments or questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if this business/person already has a liquor license.

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee stated that was correct. She is just applying for a change of location. Her previous location was 131 S. Maine Street, Suite 101, and she was approved for both an on and off premises liquor license at that location on February 1st, of 2022.

Councilwoman Frost thanked Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee.

Councilman Paul Harmon inquired on a word he couldn't read on the application. On the application it says wine bar, balance, and bubbly...and I can't read what that next word is.

Mayor Tedford stated the word is, "workouts."

Councilman Harmon thanked Mayor Tedford.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the application by Jamie Parker for a change of location of a retail establishment (off-premises) and a drinking establishment (on-premises) liquor license for No Filter Fitness, LLC, to be located at 40 East Center Street #1 & #2; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Public hearing for discussion of possible projects to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program, for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Engineer Derek Zimney stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed projects submitted to date and to suggest further ideas. The projects listed will be heard at a third and final hearing, which will be held to discuss, approve, and rank applications prior to submittal to the State. The CDBG Program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. The Governor's Office of Economic Development anticipates the amount of 2024 allocations at \$3,000,000 for rural Nevada. The projects discussed during this public hearing could be eligible for evaluation and ranking by the City Council during the third and final CDBG hearing. City staff are putting forth the East Richards Street Roadway and ADA Improvements as a possible project. I have prepared a map. We have had a lot of luck with these roads that have no curb, gutters/sidewalk, and the asphalt is nearly gone. In this vicinity we have some C-2 zoning, a little bit of commercial buildings, and then access to those baseball fields for the kids. We felt this would be a really good project, if we could get the CDBG grants funds to help us with it. We would really like to do this one. In addition, there is another map, where I have shown the LMI. For a project to be eligible, the LMI has to be over 51%, which is nearly all of the City, with the exclusion of the northwest corner, they are below that 51%. Any questions or suggestions of other projects, I would be happy to check them for eligibility, and get them evaluated.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments or questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if this project would also include the utilities. Are those utilities above ground power in that area?

City Engineer Derek stated that the City evaluates the utilities. We always try to move them below ground, if it is feasible, we absolutely try to include that as a portion of it. There are overhead lines in that area. Anytime that we do new asphalt, we send our Public Works crews out. We camera the sewer, we look up the date that the water line was installed, just to make sure that we don't put brand new pavement over things that are at the end of their lifecycle. We always try to include our utilities in our evaluation, as we get a little closer to the project.

Councilwoman Kent stated that this project seems similar to the Court Street Project and inquired on the price difference.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that this project's street is about twice as long. Court Street is about 700 feet, this one is about 1,400 feet. When we go before the CDBG board, we are competing with 14 other cities and counties, for this money. We've had a lot of luck getting the big chunk, multiple times like with Front Street, Broadway Street, and Sherman Street. We went a little smaller on Court Street. We received \$400,000.00 for Court Street. This one we are trying to get as much as we can, without getting rejected for trying to take too big of a slice of the pie.

Councilman Harmon inquired on the history of getting more than one project a year with

the CDBG.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that last year the City submitted two requests. We went with Laura Mills Park and Kaiser Street. There were so many good applications, they basically said that they can only fund one project. I know other places that have submitted two small projects and received both, for smaller dollar amounts. It is kind of whatever the Board decides for CDBG.

Councilwoman Frost inquired on the property on E. Stillwater Street that backs up to E. Richards Street. I am sure the storage sheds are commercial. How far down that street is the C-2 zoning area.

City Engineer Derek Zimney stated that 385, 735, and the one without an address would be the commercial area. The 835-965 are in the County.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she is aware CDBG looks at economic development as a key portion when approving grants. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford stated that Derek will tie S. Sherman Street into economic development. It hooks into E. Williams, as well as Harrigan, which ties into Williams, and Harrigan ties into traffic to the Base and to the business areas. I believe this information will be a big part of his discussion.

Councilwoman Frost stated that this project will be a good project, if the City is awarded the grant. E. Richards definitely needs some attention. I think linking it to Harrigan and that commercial property on Stillwater would be a good idea. You always do a good job Derek, thank you.

Mayor Tedford stated that there is also the Army Guard located on that block. E. Richards has had slurry seal and chip seal projects done to maintain its integrity but has never been paved. It looks paved but it really is not. That is why it is navigable and in a pretty good manner now. It has never had curbs, gutters, or sidewalks. Thank you. Any public comments?

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council. I am very pleased with the projects. N. Broadway looks wonderful. Got rid of that dip there by Tedford Tire. That was nice there, and Sherman. We gotta sidewalk there now, instead of walking in the mud, you have to...when it rains, you gotta step in the mud to get outta the road when the cars come. So, I am very very pleased. So, Mr. Harmon, go for it, k? Thank you.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further comments or questions.

No further comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

No comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

No reports were noted.

Executive Session

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Mayor Tedford

Attest: _____
Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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