

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Ave  
Fallon, Nevada  
May 2, 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  
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe  
Public Works Director Brian Byrd  
Deputy Public Works Ryan Swirczek  
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega  
Deputy Public Works Kevin Gulley  
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee  
Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill  
Chief Ron Wenger  
Captain John Riley  
Captain Daniel Babiarz  
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Engineer Derek Zimney

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

Mayor Ken Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Ken 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.

Catherine Coval at 1372 Bobby Way addressed the Council. I am an employee of the  
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school district. My title is Indian Education Family Liaison, and I am here today on behalf of something called the safe routes to school. Approximately, 8 years ago there was a survey done on routes to school within Churchill County, specifically, within Fallon. Over the weekend, I went on a route that one of my children, who lives on Kaiser Street needs to take to get to EC Best. There is really no safe route for this child to get to school. Our bus system does not have enough buses for this child, it is over a 2-mile route. Walking, the child still needs to cross Taylor Street. The route, according to the City, was supposed to have some bicycle lanes done. I know that Mayor Tedford, I heard you speak about a month ago on all of the street improvements going on, and I know those routes are being done, but in 8 years they haven't been quite done yet, except for Williams. I do have the initial map that says something must have been done, but it hasn't been done. I just wanted to make an effort to say, let's do something. I want to get our kids to school safely. I want our kids to be able to get to school. I know this one child, and I know there have to be many more that can't get to school safely. All of our schools seem to be on the east side of town, looks like we are building more on the west side of town. I think as a City and as a community, we need to look at how we can get our children to school safely. Thank you.

Mayor Tedford thanked Mrs. Coval. We will have somebody get in touch with you. 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.

**Consideration and possible action to approve a construction contract with Hammond Homes & Construction of Fallon, Nevada, in order to complete the Oats Park Pickle Ball Courts project, PWP-CH-2023-289, in the amount of Six Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$607,500.00).**

Public Works Director Brian Byrd stated that upon approval, the project would allow for the two existing tennis courts at Oats Park to be converted into six pickle ball courts. Construction elements of the project include Civil improvements in support of the new courts, seating areas with shade, ADA concrete walkway improvements around the exterior of the tennis courts, new fencing and gates, water bottle filling stations, state of the art court surfacing, netting, and new LED lighting. This project was released for public bid on March 31, 2023, and was advertised in the Fallon Post in accordance with NRS 338.1385. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 6, 2023. One bid was received and opened on April 20, 2023, as further described in the attached documents. We are very excited about this project. Obviously, pickle ball is exploding with interest and our limited facilities, up to this point have made it pretty difficult to schedule all these folks in conjunction with everyone else. Getting them a nice, improved, state-of-the-art outdoor facility is going to help alleviate a lot of problems that we are having right now. They play the majority of the time in the City/County Gym, and they have temporarily striped the tennis courts to play there. Giving them 6 courts at this facility

will be really exciting.

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

Councilman Harmon inquired on what the engineer's estimate was on this project.

Public Works Director Brian Byrd stated that unfortunately, again the engineer's estimate fell a little bit short of what the actual construction costs, in the engineer's estimate, was \$493,000.00, approximately \$114,000.00 difference. I am not sure why my header didn't print in the agenda packet. The work performed by contractor title there, that was the engineer's estimate for the project. I am sorry about that. So, again, our engineers and consultants are having a tough time keeping with both the lack of contractor capacity and increase in material costs.

Councilwoman Kent inquired on the time the estimate took place.

Public Works Director Brian Byrd stated that this was a longer project than anticipated because some of the construction elements took a little bit longer to design than we had thought. I believe that the engineer's estimate was compiled in December of 2022. Really, what we are seeing is material prices have stabilized since we did the engineer's estimate but the contractor capacity, like I spoke of, is forcing prices to increase because everyone is so busy. I think that we are fortunate to get one bid from Northern Nevada Contractor, who is out of Fallon. It could have easily been none. \$100,000.00 estimate is unfortunate, but I do think it is competitive pricing for this market. This work is kind of different and a little bit smaller in scope. Some of the unit costs we use for roadway, concrete, and sidewalk are kind of difficult to quantify.

Councilwoman Frost inquired if there was an estimated completion date.

Public Works Director stated that they do. Hammond Homes will be done with their civil improvements and their portion of the work; the fencing, the water fountains, and the LED lighting a lot earlier than the court installer will be able to perform their portion of the work. The middle of August, they have a two-week window and so it is really important that we get our work done in preparation for that because they say this is all over the country, this is what they are doing. That tennis court to pickle ball conversion is happening everywhere. I think a lot of the reasoning is that pickle ball is a lot easier to play on the body, than tennis is. So, people are really starting to enjoy it and are able to play more games.

Mayor Tedford inquired on confirmation of the completion of the project would be at the end of August.

Public Works Director stated that it would be completed at the end of August.

Councilman Harmon inquired if this would leave tennis courts available at the High School.

Public Works Director stated that he believes the High School has 6 tennis courts now and 2 in the County. The County had 1 portion of their courts fail and they have kind of let that court go, and the other court they have maintained. So, there are still tennis opportunities in the community.

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

No further comments were noted.

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve a construction contract with Hammond Homes & Construction of Fallon, Nevada, in order to complete the Oats Park Pickle Ball Courts project, PWP-CH-2023-289, in the amount of Six Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$607,500.00); seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

## **Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.  
No comments were noted.

**Council and Staff Reports**

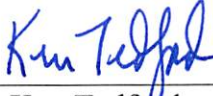
Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.  
No further reports were noted.

**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 9:13 a.m.

  
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Mayor Ken Tedford

Attest:   
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Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer