

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order March 12, 2014 at 7:12 p.m. Also present was Ron Kipp and Duane Downing. Six others were present. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:34 p.m.

1. **Public Comment.**

Caleb Neumann asked the Board to update the Town Website with his current information and stated he would like to volunteer 10 hours a week to the Tonopah Development Corporation. No action taken by the Board.

2. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on February 26, 2014.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on February 26, 2014 as presented. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action for approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Unincorporated Town of Tonopah, Nevada, Water Revenue Bond, series 2014 in the maximum principal amount of \$1,873,000.00 to pay in part the cost to refinance certain obligations and finance water projects; providing the forms, terms and conditions of the bond and the sale to the United States of America; providing other matters relating thereto; and providing for an effective date**

Janet Hatch called in at 7:34 p.m. After voting on item 3 of the Regular Town Board Meeting, Janet exited the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Duane Downing motioned to propose and adopt Bill # TTO-14-01, Ordinance # TTO-14-01, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Unincorporated Town of Tonopah, Nevada, Water Revenue Bond, series 2014 in the maximum principal amount of \$1,873,000.00 to pay in part the cost to refinance certain obligations and finance water projects; providing the forms, terms and conditions of the bond and the sale to the United States of America; providing other matters relating thereto; and providing for an effective date. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Department Budget Reports**

James Eason wanted the Board to be aware that they would be turning on the water in the parks by the first week in April.

5. **Discussion** FY 14/15 Budget; All Town Departments/Tonopah Public Utilities

James Eason stated there are no changes from last year on the Town side. He wanted to touch on some high points of current and existing projects the Town has been working on or is considering, such as: A new office building, Swimming Pool resurfacing, Tonopah Historic Mining Park Head Frames, Tonopah Historic Mining Park events, Movie Night, Butler days, 150th Anniversary of the State of Nevada, Training events, Nevada Division of Wildlife Annual Board Meeting, 4th of July event, Tonopah-Goldfield picnic and a Civil War reenactment as these events all impact the budget.

6. **Deliberation, discussion and possible adoption to amend the Tonopah Public Utilities Collection Policy for Water and Sewer Service**

Joe Westerlund of Tonopah Public Utilities stated that when customers have their water turned off due to non payment and they come into the office after 3:30 p.m. to pay their bill, there is a \$50.00 fee to have the water turned back on after hours, otherwise they would have to wait until the following morning to have it turned back on with no additional fee. He stated there have been incidents where the customer has chosen not to pay the fee and said they would wait until the following morning to have the water turned back on, but then they go home and turn the water back on themselves. He proposed that if the customer turns the water back on themselves, then Tonopah Public Utilities should be able to turn the water off and not turn it back on until the customer pays a \$50.00 fee. Mr. Westerlund explained that they were not able to lock all the meter boxes, containing the shut off valves, to keep the customers out and that they were looking into some alternative measures such a placing a boot on the box to keep it secure. Duane Downing said he liked the idea of putting a boot on the meter boxes, but was concerned of the legality of turning off the water until the \$50.00 fee was paid because at this point the customer is current on their bill. Chris Mulkerns suggested they could just add the \$50.00 fee to the following month's bill without turning off the water. After much discussion the Town Board decided to table the item until the following Town Board Meeting so they could look at more options.

7. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve Kids Night Out activity at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park**

James Eason stated this is an idea from Christy Perry to promote Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Ron Kipp asked if the Town has insurance to cover it. Mr. Eason said yes they do as this is the same as other events they have. Mr. Kipp also wanted to know what the adult to child ratio would be. Duane Downing stated that daycares require a 1 to 5 ratio. Mr. Kipp was also concerned about parents dropping their kids off and not picking them up on time. James Eason stated they could require that any child under the age of 12 years old would need to be accompanied by someone at least 16 years old and parents would be required to leave a phone number where they could be reached. Duane Downing said if children under 12 were accompanied by someone 16 years or older then that would eliminate the need for the 1 to 5 ratio. Duane Downing motioned to approve the Kids Night Out at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

8. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve Motion Picture Licensing Corporation Application/Terms and Conditions for The Umbrella License and to authorize James Eason to execute said document**

Ron Kipp wanted to know if this was more educational or for entertainment. James Eason stated it was for entertainment purposes. Duane Downing suggested it be placed on the Reader Board. James Eason stated that because this is Christy's project she would choose which movies to show as long she informed the Town in advance which movie would be shown. Duane Downing motioned to approve Motion Picture Licensing Corporation Application/Terms and Conditions for The Umbrella License and to authorize James Eason to execute said document. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

9. **Tonopah Development Corporation Report** No action taken by the board.

10. **Town Board Member's/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments**

James Eason asked if the Board were receiving the reports on the Water Project and stated there is still approximately two and one half miles to go. Mr. Eason spoke of the Endowment Fund Growth Project, and having a park study done regarding landscaping and playground equipment.

Chairman Carlyle wanted to know how things were going at the sewage ponds. Joe Westerlund explained the problem had been fixed.

Duane Downing stated he was missing Harvey and wanted to make sure the Town gets a plaque for his family. Mr. Downing also stated that to honor Harvey for his service to the Town of Tonopah and the community for coaching, etc. that the Town Board should consider renaming Highland Park to Javier Gonzales Park.

11. **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.** No action taken by the Board.

12. **Closed meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues** No action taken by the Board

13. **Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting** No action taken by the Board.

14. **Correspondence**

Tonopah Convention Center revenue report, March 4, 2014

Nye County BOCC Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2014

Broadcast Airing Notification, March 2014

Airport Status Report, March 3, 2014
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, March 10, 2014
Nevada Commission on Tourism raises awareness of Silver State in global markets
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, March 11, 2014

15. **Public Comment**


James Eason stated he is working with the people who required what he referred to as the Mark Eden or Echo Bay claims to clean up those claims. No action taken by the Board.

16. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

17. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.


Minutes transcribed by:


Arlene Neiderman, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:


Horace Carlyle, Chairman


Duane Downing, Vice Chairman


Ron Kipp, Clerk

Javier Gonzalez, Member

Janet Hatch, Member