

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Tonopah Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kaminski, at 6:00 p.m., June 8, 2022,

Present: Chairman Don Kaminski, Vice Chairman Jerry Elliston, Clerk of the Board Marc Grigory, Board Members, Duane Downing and Zach Newell. Eight others were in attendance.

Chairman Kaminski led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Jenna Limbach reported that the local office of the Tonopah Times Bonanza is closed. Anyone who needs to do business with the paper may either contact her or the Pahump office.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** For the Tonopah Town Board Meeting held this day, June 8, 2022, accepted as presented.

**Town Board Member's, Department Manager's, Nye County Commissioner's, Tonopah Main Street and Nye Communities Coalition Comments**

Town Manager Joe Westerlund reported that Sierra Controls is currently in town working on the SCADA upgrade through Friday.

Mr. Westerlund reported that Jim Butler Days was a success. Many people from out of town were in Tonopah for various events throughout the week.

Mr. Westerlund reported at the June 7, 2022, Nye County Board of County Commissioners meeting the commissioners approved funding the Labor and equipment to do the dirt work at the fairgrounds This commitment will be included in the Grant submission by Nevada Offroad Association for expanded parking at the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Westerlund stated that the pool is scheduled to open June 14, 2022. The lifeguards are scheduled to get certified the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Westerlund reported that he is meeting with Brian Wulfenstein to walk the parking lot projects at Union Plaza and Convention Center. Mr. Wulfenstein has indicated that he will put together a quote for all three parking lots after he shoots the parking lots himself. Mr. Wulfenstein did not feel confident in the plans provided by the engineer.

Mr. Westerlund advised the board that the ponds at Sportsman's Park were drug and staff is preparing the area for the 2022 Fishing Derby. Mr. Westerlund stated he has been looking into the purchase of an aerator (possibly two) with a hundred-foot aerator hose along with 4-5 white carps per pond to keep the vegetation under control.

Board Member Marc Grigory advised that he attended the BoCC meeting to show his support for Shannon Stringer's dog being attacked and how the situation was mishandled by animal control. Mr. Grigory read his statement for the record to the Town Board as read at the BoCC meeting, which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** Discussion, deliberation and action to approve the request of 5/8ths of 1% Room Tax Grant for the following:

Jim Butler Days Rodeo in the amount of \$3,390.84

Annual Jim Butler Days Raffle in the amount of \$446.00

Jim Butler Days Advertising in the amount of \$6,226.58 to advertise and promote the 2022 Annual Jim Butler Days events.

Joni Eastley said that Jim Butler Days was well attended. She stated that attendance and participation was approximately 1,000. Mrs. Eastley stated, in her opinion the turn-out was due to increased radio advertising and Facebook posts. Mrs. Eastley stated that approximately 9,500 raffle tickets were sold. She reported that the Jim Butler Days Committee has already started to work on next year's event and have name TJ and Shaunna Ladner 2023 Jim Butler Days King and Queen. The theme for next year will be Rodeos so it only seemed fitting that TJ and Shaunna be the King and Queen.

The Board specifically requested a report on the rodeo. TJ Ladner reported that there were 24 Team Roping entries, 18 Barrel Racers, 10 Bull Riders, 10 Bronc Riders, 25 Muttin Bustin entries, and 9 calf ropers. Sweet Dixie BBQ was there to provide food to the spectators reporting \$3,000 in sales at the Rodeo. Mr. Ladner estimated that 250-300 spectators were present but felt those numbers were good considering the winds the day of the rodeo were reported up to 50 mph gusts. The wind also hurt the sound. It was difficult for everyone to hear the announcer. TJ stated that there was also an issue with the amp that he will follow up on.

The Board asked Mr. Ladner if he sold the t-shirts, he is requesting reimbursement for. Mr. Ladner responded that he sold half and gave the other half away to competitors and they shot t-shirts into the stands during intermissions. Board Member Elliston stated that he would be comfortable reimbursing for half the cost of the requested amount for the t-shirts since Mr. Ladner did sell some of the shirts. Mrs. Eastley responded that the Jim Butler Committee will reimburse him for the other half of the shirts. Mrs. Eastley further stated that the Jim Butler Committee plans to augment the prize money for future Jim Butler Days Rodeos to help bring in more participants and spectators.

Mr. Elliston said he does not know if there is a way the Town can help with the costs and/or prize money but that is something he would like to look into. Mr. Elliston asked Mrs. Eastley how much the board had approved all together for this year's Jim Butler Days events and advertising. Mrs. Eastley stated that with the current request the 5/8<sup>th</sup>s room tax grant monies requested is approximately \$18,000. Chairman Kaminski asked Mrs. Eastley why she could not pay for the cost of the raffle tickets used for the Jim Butler Raffle out of the money collected. Mrs. Eastley responded that she is requesting reimbursement pursuant to the 5/8<sup>th</sup>'s Room Tax Guidelines adopted by the Tonopah Town Board.

Mrs. Eastley stated that the Jim Butler Days Committee has discussed using the excess monies collected over the years to do something for the town to thank the town for its' continued support of the Jim Butler Days Celebration. When Mrs. Eastley discussed viable options with Town Manager Joe Westerlund, she said that Mr. Westerlund stated he would like to see the committee put the money toward the "Charters of Freedom" monument instead of doing something for the town.

Mr. Elliston requested that for future room tax grant requests by the Jim Butler Days Committee asked Mrs. Eastley if it would be possible for her to submit a tentative room tax request prior to the event so the board has a better idea of how much will be going out. Then the committee could submit receipts for reimbursement after the event. Mrs. Eastley stated she would be glad to do that in the future.

Marc Grigory motioned to approve the 5/8ths Room Tax request submitted by the Jim Butler Days Committee as amended: \$3,000.00 rodeo, \$446.00 raffle and \$6,226.58 for advertising. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** Discussion deliberation and possible action on Department Budget Reports.

Becky Braska, Administrative Supervisor reported that the Nevada Department of Taxation notified her that the State approved the final budgets submitted for the Town and the Library District for fiscal year 22-23. No further discussion. No action taken by the board.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **RECESS**

The Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees at 6:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approval of vouchers for payment.

Board Member Newell abstained from voting due to bills presented by his business are included in the vouchers to be approved.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0; 1 abstention Newell.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Horace Carlyle encouraged the board to find out what services are available now that the clinic is closed to support public safety and welfare. Mr. Carlyle stated that the Tonopah Town Board should hold the

Northern Nye County Hospital District accountable. What are they spending the money they receive on? Mr. Carlyle stated at the very least Tonopah must have emergency services. Mr. Carlyle also asked if anyone knew what was going on with the Public Health Nurse. Mr. Carlyle stated a public health nurse provides support and necessary health care functions needed.

Mike Geyer said he was glad Jim Butler Days was a success but questioned if the town should try to increase the number of out-of- town visitors coming to town for Jim Butler Days if the hotels were already at capacity. Mr. Geyer stated it seems to him that the town should be thinking about increasing motel/hotels before trying to grow an event that already fills up the current motel/hotel rooms in Tonopah.

Cindy Kaminski advised that the VFW is providing summer snacks for kids until school starts in August. The VFW received a grant from the Nye County Coalition to make this possible. Mrs. Kaminski requested that the town advertise this program on the reader board.

Mrs. Kaminski informed the board that the VFW is having a BBQ for Flag Day at the parking lot next to the VFW on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kaminski reminded everyone that the Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Father's Day at Sportsman's Park. Sign-ups begin at 7:00 a.m.

No further public comment.

**ADJOURN**

The regular meeting of the Tonopah Town Board adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes Transcribed by:


  
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Rebecca Braska, Administrative Supervisor

Approved:

  
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Don Kaminski, Chairman

  
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Jerry Elliston, Vice-Chairman

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Marc Grigory, Clerk of the Board

  
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Duane Downing, Board Member

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Zachary Newell, Board Member

**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Downing, at 6:52 p.m., June 8, 2022,

Present: Chairman Duane Downing, Vice Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk of the Board Marc Grigory, Board Trustees, Jerry Elliston and Zach Newell. Eight others were in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for the Tonopah Town Board Meeting held this day, June 8, 2022. Agenda was accepted as presented.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER'S/MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Town Manager Joe Westerlund gave an update on the Tonopah Library Parking Lot project. Mr. Westerlund spoke with Matthew Clair of Clair Concrete. Mr. Clair advised that they should have delivery of powder tomorrow and plan to do twenty yards. Mr. Clair stated he anticipates having the job completed by next Friday.

Vice Chairman Kaminski said the hours at the Tonopah Public Library have changed on Fridays and requested that the new hours be posted on the reader board.

Mr. Kaminski suggested that when the parking lot is complete to advertise that the library is ADA compliant and accessible to all.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** Library Department Budget Report

The board had no comment on the budget report.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** Library Staff Report

No report submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT**

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**ADJOURN**

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Zachary Newell, Trustee