

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
February 28, 2024
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Joni Eastley brought the Tonopah Town Board meeting to order on February 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened as the Tonopah Town Board at 6:50 p.m.

Present:

Clerk Marc Grigory
Member Zachary Newell

Absent:

Chairman Don Kaminski
Member Douglas Baker

12 others were in attendance

1. Public Comment

None.

The following items listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered as a group and acted on by one motion with no separate discussion of said items unless a Board Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA for separate discussion and action:

2. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of agenda
- b. Approval of minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting
- c. Approval of vouchers for payment
- d. Review of correspondence

Clerk Grigory moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Newell seconded. No further discussion. motion carried 3-0.

3. Town Board Members' and Department Managers' Comments

Tonopah Historic Mining Park Host Jeff Martin:

Film crew in town last Saturday to film a new show; My Haunted Hometown – Paramount Network

SHPO permission request completed – HVAC system at the Visitor Center

Town Manager Joe Westerlund:

Resource Fair May 1 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

New Fire Chief – Jerry Yeager

Clerk Grigory:

Assisting with a Speedway Event – poker run and a band at the Union Plaza Parking Lot

Their insurance company does not want to cover the Friday night band event at the parking lot. Alcohol will be served. Ms. Braska stated POOL/PACT offers coverage for people using Town property, for a small fee.

Discussion about differences in town properties; Convention Center doesn't require insurance but some properties do. Clerk Grigory stated there should be consistency.

No action taken during or after the discussion.

Vice Chairman Eastley:

Item 4 tabled. She stated this should have been done under item 2.

Email from local realtor, Diane Jepson – tv show – American Dream invited her to be a host. She would highlight her selling area with the Town's past and present history. \$1,200 a month, every other month. 6 episodes to be filmed. May be a future agenda item.

4. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to accept the Town of Tonopah, Nevada, Fiscal Year 22/23 Audited Report on Financial Statements and Supplementary Information as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.**

Item tabled.

5. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve the purchase of a new dishwasher for the Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 to be paid out of the Convention Center Building Repair & Maintenance line item.**

Chairman Kaminski found a dishwasher for around \$4900. Question asked; is it a commercial dishwasher? Unknown.

Regulations need to be followed, per Ms. Braska.

Mr. Westerlund asked if the Board wanted to table the item.

Vice Chairman Eastley pointed out the item is in an amount not exceed \$16,000 and that doesn't mean they have to spend that amount.

Member Newell moved to approve the purchase of a new dishwasher for the Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 to be paid out of the Convention Center Building Repair & Maintenance line item. Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve land use at the Charters of Freedom Site located at the Patriots' Park for the placement of a replica elk and 11"x18" bronze donor plaque.**

Vice Chairman Eastley representing the Elks. The elk was selected because Charters of Freedom was an Elk's Lodge project and she thought it would be appropriate. She went on to say that she and Mr. Westerlund had some discussions about it; he and another staff member don't think it would be appropriate given the patriotic theme.

If the Board decides against the location, the elk will be placed in front of the Elk's Lodge. Funding source: remaining funds from Charter's of Freedom project.

Died due to lack of motion.

7. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve a letter of support from the Town of Tonopah to the Tonopah Lithium Corporation for a future Community Benefits Agreement as part of a DOE grant.**

Graham Ballachey and Angel Lino gave a brief presentation.

Vice Chairman Eastley requested that if Nye County reaches out about a development agreement the Town Board would appreciate if they told them they are open to the concept of a development agreement but only with the Town of Tonopah. Mr. Ballachey agreed.

Clerk Grigory moved to approve a letter of support from the Town of Tonopah to the Tonopah Lithium Corporation for a future Community Benefits Agreement as part of a DOE grant.

Member Newell seconded. No further discussion. motion carried 3-0.

8. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to award \$5,000.00 from the monies budgeted for bands at events held in Tonopah to offset the costs associated with bands hired for the Street Dance on Friday night and the band on Sunday evening during Jim Butler Days.**

Clerk Grigory disclosed that he and Vice Chairman Eastley are on the Jim Butler Days Committee but do not financially benefit from this.

Ms. Braska requested, on behalf of the JBD Committee, \$2,500 for Friday night and \$2,500 for Sunday night. The concert Sunday night is \$5,000 and the committee is paying the other half. Vice Chairman Eastley stated that ioneer will be donating to Butler Days again this year.

\$9,400 balance in the band account and will need to be spent prior to the end of fiscal year.

Member Newell moved to award \$5,000.00 from the monies budgeted for bands at events held in Tonopah to offset the costs associated with bands hired for the Street Dance on Friday night and the band on Sunday evening during Jim Butler Days. Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. motion carried 3-0.

9. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to award 5/8th Room Tax Grant to the Jim Butler Days Committee to advertise the 2024 Jim Butler Days Celebration in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00**

Clerk Grigory made the same disclosure as he did for item 8.

Ms. Braska stated this grant would cover all events, except for the Mining Championship, and general advertising for Jim Butler Days. Last year the Board approved up to \$14,850, \$8,841 was spent and reimbursed.

Clerk Grigory moved to award 5/8th Room Tax Grant to the Jim Butler Days Committee to advertise the 2024 Jim Butler Days Celebration in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Member Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

10. **Public Comment**

Horace Carlyle – unable to transcribe.

11. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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6:00 p.m.

Trustee Joni Eastley brought the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order on February 28, 2024 at 6:39 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Zachary Newell

Clerk Marc Grigory

Absent:

Chairman Don Kaminski

Trustee Douglas Baker

12 others were in attendance

1. Public Comment

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Trustee Eastley tabled item 4.

Clerk Grigory moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice Chairman Newell seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Library Board Members' and Manager's Comments

Acting Librarian Jessyka Boteler:

Thinking about entering a float in the Jim Butler Days' Parade.

Trustee Eastley:

Enterprise Risk Management program was approved by the Board last year. She followed up with POOL/PACT about that and she was told that an email was sent to Ms. Boteler on December 28 with request to reply. No reply was received. Ms. Boteler to look for the email and follow up.

Trustee Eastley requested staff to put together a list of time spent and equivalent costs to do work on behalf of the Library, that the Town staff is doing. She stated the reasoning is because the Town and Library are 2 totally different taxing districts. Currently the Town is paying the library's bills with average time spent at 80 hours a year.

She could work with Town staff to be trained in using the County's financial management system. This would also help expand her skills and solidify her role as a manager of the Library. Ms. Boteler was in agreement.

4. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to accept the Tonopah Library District Fiscal Year 22/23 Audited Report on Financial Statements and Supplementary Information as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd.**

Item tabled.

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Town of Tonopah & Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees
Invoices, Vouchers, Journal Entries, & Minutes



Don Kaminski Chairman/Chairman

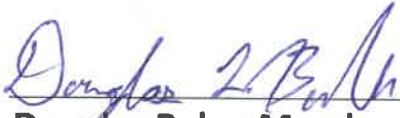


Joni Eastley Vice Chairman/Trustee



Marc Grigory Clerk/Clerk

Zach Newell Member/Vice Chairman



Douglas Baker Member/Trustee

APPROVED ON MARCH 13, 2024:

TOWN/TPU INVOICES TOTAL: \$27,820.31

JOURNAL ENTRY TOTALS: n/a

LIBRARY INVOICES TOTAL: \$467.88

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Prepared by: