

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Nicole Silberschlag, Chair
Sara Sweeney, Vice Chair
Chris Philips, Member
Janet Jorgensen, Member (via telephone)

Members Absent: Vicky Richardson, Clerk

Also Present: James E. Swigart, Town Manager
Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Dennis Bunch, Maintenance Supervisor

Citizens Present: Bruce Jabbour
Rachel Ray
Jacqueline Cashmere (via telephone)
Robert Trelford



1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Nicole Silberschlag called the meeting order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Silberschlag – Chair, Sara Sweeney – Vice Chair, Chris Philips – Member and Janet Jorgensen – Member (via telephone) were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Jacqueline Cashmere, liaison with RCDA was present on the phone and introduced herself.

4. Approval of the February 13, 2024 agenda

Heidi Bunch asked that items 10 and 11 be combined. Sweeney made a motion to accept the agenda with the recommendations from Bunch. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes

Philips motioned to approve the January 23, 2024 minutes as presented. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion, decision and possible decision regarding Nye County Bill No. 2024-03: “A Bill proposing to amend Nye County Code Title 17, Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Zoning, Chapter 17.10 entitled Special Use Permits by removing 17.10.025 DEFINITIONS and by adding the following sections; 17.10.045 SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS, 17.10.050 APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE; 17.10.060 DEFINITIONS; 17.10.070 ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM DISTINCTIONS; 17.10.080 DESIGNATION OF USE IN DISTRICTS; 17.10.090

APPROVAL PROCESS; 17.10.100 PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL; 17.10.110 FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL; 17.10.120 IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS AND COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION; 17.10.130 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; 17.10.140 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; 17.10.150 SETBACKS AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; 17.10.160 POST-CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE; 17.10.170 POST-CONSTRUCTION MODIFICATIONS; 17.10.180 NO PREEMPTION; 17.10.190 PROPERTY VALUE GUARANTEE FORM; 17.10.200 WIND ENERGY PROJECTS; 17.10.210 APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE; 17.10.220 DEFINITIONS; 17.10.230 ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM DISTINCTIONS; 17.10.240 DESIGNATION OF USE IN DISTRICTS; 17.10.250 APPROVAL PROCESS; 17.10.260 PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL; 17.10.270 FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL; 17.10.280 IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS AND COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION; 17.10.290 CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; 17.10.300 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; 17.10.310 SETBACKS AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS; 17.10.320 POST-CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINUED MAINTENANCE; 17.10.340 POST-CONSTRUCTION MODIFICATIONS; 17.10.350 NO PREEMPTION; 17.10.360 PROPERTY VALUE GUARANTEE FORM; and providing for the severability, constitutionality, and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto” and write letter of support or non-support for above mentioned Bill

Silberschlag read the Bill into record. Nye County Commissioner Bruce Jabbour gave an overview of what this means from the Board of County Commissioners. He told the Board that he is not here to sway them. In rural Nye County – not everything fits. He thanked the Board for vetoing the RV Bill. He advised that James Swigart go to the Town of Tonopah Board meeting and listen to the arguments for this. He advised to table the Bill. Robert Trelford explained he has seen energy rates going up. He discussed power rates. \$2.2 billion from Nevada Greenlink. Philips motioned to table the item. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

7. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for February 13, 2024

Sweeney motioned to approved the invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for February 13, 2024. Philips seconded; Jorgensen abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding updates on grants for the Town of Round Mountain

Trelford explained that he has been strapped down but is moving forward. He wrote a letter to Nye County on behalf of the historical societies, EMS, Fire. He would like to relieve the burden from Nye County for these grants and got a reply back from Nye County and is looking forward to meeting with them. Swigart discussed that all county roads are important and there is a moral obligation to get the crews out to fill in. Trelford explained that this is not an us versus Nye County. We are all stakeholders. He would like to work with Tonopah with such ideas as economic development. He discussed money and humanitarian issues. He would like to start a C Corporation with Board of Directors. Philips asked about the legality of the Town owning a business entity and asked if Trelford has looked into the NRS. Silberschlag asked if all of this was the same as grants. Silberschlag asked if there were any grants that were applied for. Philips stated that the tanks need refurbished. Silberschlag stated she can see where Trelford is coming from and that he is passionate. Philips asked to see what grants are out there and that he has brought up ideas with Chief Stumpf. Jabbour advised the Town not to emancipate from the County. The tax money that is funded for EMS comes from the County. Trelford discussed the opiates settlement and wants to make sure it is distributed appropriately. Trelford would like some suggestions from the Board liaison. What is legal? Is it legal to search for grants? He would like an answer from the District Attorney. Suggested that this be tabled until the Board gets answers. Swigart recommended working with Nye County and Tonopah. He believes there needs to be a steering committee. Philips asked about POOL/PACT grants.

9. Discussion, decision and possible decision regarding field use agreement with Nye County School District

Swigart stated that last year's agreement with the school district was for \$1500. He would like the Board to use this an opportunity. Since the School will not build a girl's field, he would like to use this to buy items that state the Town of Round Mountain supports the girl's softball team. Silberschlag stated that this money will help with power, maintenance and upkeep. Philips would like to collect the money and put the money back into the girls. Sweeney discussed the stall doors at the ballfield and that softball gets priority of the fields. Sweeney made a motion to accept the contract with Nye County School District for \$1500 for 2024. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation

Combined with item 11 as motioned above.

11. and possible decision to review Nye County Snow Removal Policy and amend, adopt or reject a Town of Round Mountain Snow Removal Policy

Combined with item 10 as mentioned above. Swigart presented the snow removal policy. He stated this doesn't affect us as we have our own equipment. If the plows are going to be sent out, that would be at his request or the maintenance supervisor's request. Swigart stated that with our own equipment we can offer our services to outlying communities. Sweeney asked about Carvers. Jabbour clarified that this came to the Regional Transportation Commission where two commissioners sit on the Board. He stated he was blindsides. The original policy was that presented with no number of inches of snow mentioned. The commissioners wanted a number to help when to decide to plow. At Public Works direction, the number was chosen at six inches. Reno's policy is four inches. After the policy passed, Tonopah asked Public Works to meet with them. Swigart stated that there was no plowing after the last snow storm in Hadley due to the manhole and valve covers being cut and it would not look good if the older roads were plowed and the new part was not. Silberschlag thinks there should be a policy reflecting if workers are out plowing all night. She also stated there are relationships to fix. Philips asked who pays for the mutual aid. Trelford explained that NDOT plows the trailer park and doesn't always get to it during an emergency situation. The County bought a snow plow that the Fire Department in Manhattan controls and the plow is used inappropriately. Sweeney motioned to table the Round Mountain Snow Removal Policy. Philips seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

12. Discussion, decision and possible decision to revisit the Round Mountain Public Utilities Ordinance 2023-1 regarding delinquency and penalties

Swigart made a motion for the Board to accept additional paperwork. Philips motioned to accept. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0. Swigart explained that a customer brought in a bill with penalties over \$352,000. The Board used to waive penalties. Philips asked if these penalties can be waived. Philips asked to table the item until more information is researched and the revisions made. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

13. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

H. Bunch read the following correspondence:

1. Gmail from Arnold Knightly, re: Notice of Vacancies for four Boards or Committees, rec'd 1/25/2024
2. Nye County Board of Commissioners agenda for 2/6/2024, rec'd 2/2/2024
3. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library Board of Trustees agenda for 2/14/2024, rec'd 2/8/2024

Maintenance updates is lighting is being changed over to LED. Ball valves were installed to help run the pool. Swabbing of the well, they hit water at 123 foot of water in an aquafer. Crystal clear water at 350 feet. Currently bristling the well with nylon bristles. Once the well is chlorinated and clears, the drillers will start on well 2. Swigart explained there are five solar lights in the Public Works yard for Round Mountain. Administration worked on open enrollment with Washington Mutual this week. All economic surveys for the State have been completed.

The Town can now use the clinic for emergent issues. At a county commissioner meeting, Jabbour introduced Swigart to Quennie with Frontier Medical Clinic. They will be offering rural, mobile medical help to the Valley. Swigart will meet with to get a quote for scoreboards. Daniel McArthur's office is working on a forensic audit of the road tax fund. Silberschlag stated that there is a need to mend relationships.

14. General Public Comment (SECOND)

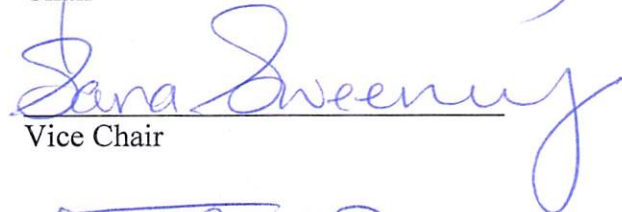
Jabbour discussed the Town Board chair position. He stated that the chair is the first amongst equals and has a little more duty to protect the town and administration. Jabbour stated he is accountable to the people. It was a year ago that he had a conversation regarding the previous town manager. He advised that the chair would take on acting as the town manager until they can appoint another. It took longer than expected and Jabbour was not sure how she did it but she did a great job and he wants it to be clear that he gave her that advise. He thanked her for those duties. He stated to keep the town as a whole safe and the Board together. He wished Jorgensen to get well.

15. Adjourn meeting

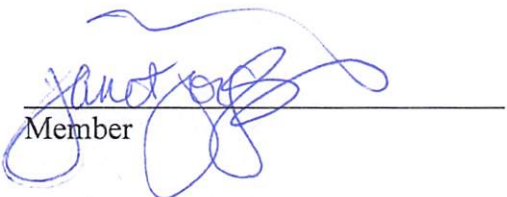
Philips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 23 OF April, 2024.


Chair


Vice Chair


Clerk


Member

VACANT
Member