

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
August 9, 2024**

The Honorable City Council met in a special 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 Sean Rowe
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Chief Ron Wenger
Captain John Riley
Captain Daniel Babiarz
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Glen Radtke
Director of Tourism Jane Moon

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

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

Mayor 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.

No comments were noted.

Appointment and possible confirmation of Michael O'Neill as City Clerk Treasurer.

Mayor stated that he was going to read a quick bio for Michael. Michael O'Neill moved to Fallon from Reno with his mother Gail while in grade school when she became the accounting manager at Fallon Ford Toyota. After graduating from Churchill County High School, he attended the University of Nevada, Reno earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting. While at the University of Nevada he served a term as president of the University's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an international honorary organization for financial information professionals. Micheal has worked in finance and accounting for over twenty-five years beginning his career as a staff accountant in public accounting with Grant Thronton LLP. He spent time as Development Controller with Intrawest Resorts, Inc., a multinational developer and operator of destination resorts, where he helped navigate the Great Recession in the early 2000's. While at Intrawest Michael helped establish Oasis Academy Charter School where he served on the Board of Directors, eventually leaving Intrawest to serve as the school's comptroller. After working to support the success of Oasis Academy for four years Michael took a position with Banner Health as a Business Analyst at Banner Churchill Community Hospital. He worked with Banner Health for seven years, the last three serving as the facility Finance Director for both Banner Churchill Community Hospital and Banner Lassen Medical Center. Michael has been working at the City of Fallon since August 2021, when he was appointed by the City Council to the position of Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer. Since his appointment he has been assisting the City Clerk/Treasurer with many of the office's duties and responsibilities. Michael and his wife Bree (Fisk) have made a home in Fallon for over twenty years where they have raised two children, Evelyn (19) and Macray (18). Bree is an independent cosmetologist and works with her mother Trish at "Sweet Cheeks" salon. Michael and Bree are recent "empty nesters." Evelyn is seeking a degree in applied mathematics with a minor in business at the University of Nevada, Reno and Macray is attending Northwest Lineman's College in Meridian Idaho, working towards a career in the electrical trade. Michael and Bree believe in a strong commitment to their community. Bree volunteers year-round as head coach for the Fallon Barracuda Swim Team and Michael supports Bree's commitment, as any good husband should, by serving on the Barracuda's Board of Directors. Michael also spends time volunteering as a coach with the Fallon Youth Football League and the Churchill County High School Football Program. I can't speak more highly about someone, as I do of Michael, and I offer him as my nominee to replace Sean Richardson, who did us a great service for many years, as a Clerk Treasurer. I open it up for any questions that the Council and public may have.

Councilwoman Kent stated that she enjoyed the interview they had the other day. We discussed a lot of things. Probably one of the most frustrating things about the job is when we have budgets, financial reviews, and audits, and you have to review it with people, such as myself, who know nothing about government finance. I am just a retail person, but that is one thing we really value is really learning those financial statements, audits, and budgets inside and out. So, you will have to go through those motions with us.

Councilwoman Frost stated that she believes Michael will be an excellent and strong appointment.

Mayor Tedford stated that it takes years to learn governmental accounting. I always tell the story of when I first started, and Mayor Erickson was here. I came from a business, and the accounting is so different. It takes a good deal to learn governmental accounting versus what

we do in business. I could tell Bob was very frustrated with me when I would want to do something right now, or I would try to figure this budget versus how we budget. Gary Cordes was very patient with me as I would work through these numbers with him. They got tired of me hounding them about bathrooms in Laura Mills Park, every meeting, until I figured out that it had to go into a budget. I think Michael has the ability to understand how to try and make that discussion succinct for the understanding of the Council and I think also the public, and not get caught up in the very many pages of that budget and make it understandable. I think that is an important factor, and we talked about that, and I think he gets that. Are there any further comments from the Council or public?

No further comments were noted.

Councilman Harmon motioned to appoint confirm Michael O'Neill as City Clerk Treasurer; seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible action to establish the salary of Michael O'Neill as City Clerk Treasurer at One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$140,168.00) per year.

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

No comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to establish the salary of Michael O'Neill as City Clerk Treasurer at One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$140,168.00) per year; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Mayor Tedford administered the Official Oath of Office.

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 9:08 a.m.



Mayor Tedford

Attest: 

Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer