

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
April 2, 2024**

The Honorable City Council met in a regular 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 Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
Chief Ron Wenger
Captain Daniel Babiarz
City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson
Deputy City Clerk Elsie Lee
Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero
Engineer Derek Zimney
Director of Tourism Jane Moon
Emergency Manager Steve Endacott

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.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson 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.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Stated he is an ordained street preacher.
- Read scriptures from Psalm 2:1.

- Made comments about it being an election year.
- Made comments about the church and school.
- Made comments about an incident regarding a TPO that was filed against him.
- Made comments regarding child abuse.

No further comments were noted.

Consideration and possible approval of Council Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2024.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2024, with no additions or corrections; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Approval of Warrants

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposit

Councilman Harmon motioned to approve the accounts payable, payroll and customer deposit warrants; seconded by Councilwoman Kent and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Consideration and possible adoption of Bill No. 799 as Ordinance No. 781: An Ordinance Designated by the Short Title “2024A Medium-Term Bond Ordinance”; - Providing for the issuance by the City of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Medium-Term Bond, Series 2024A; Providing covenants, conditions, and other details concerning the bond, the project and general tax proceeds; ratifying action previously taken and pertaining to the foregoing by the City and its officers and employees; providing for adoption as if an emergency exists; and providing matters relating thereto.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated on November 28, 2023, the Council adopted a resolution authorizing medium term obligations in an amount up to \$10 million to finance various capital projects city wide. City staff forwarded the resolution to the Department of Taxation and on January 11, 2024, received approval. The approval letter is attached to the agenda. City staff has identified several projects including road improvements, park improvements and City Hall upgrades to be financed with the requested \$4 million Medium Term Obligation. Ordinance 781 Bill No. 799 has been prepared with the assistance of Bond Council, Scott Shaver and our Finance Consultant, Marty Johnson. If adopted, this ordinance will authorize the City to issue the medium-term bonds. Yesterday was the deadline for the bank’s Request For Proposals and we received two - JPMorgan Chase Bank and Capital One. The proposed rates for JPMorgan Chase were 3.94% with no prior redemption and 4.37% with redemption available after 4/1/27. Capital One’s rate was 4.74%. If adopted, City staff are planning to move forward with one of the JPMorgan Chase options.

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

Councilman Harmon asked Sean to go over the rates again.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated JPMorgan Chase offered 2 options, and these are all for 10-years. 3.94% with no redemption, which means that there is a no refinance

option. The 2nd option was 4.37%, with a redemption allowed after April 1st, 2027. Capital One's rate was 4.74%. They have a redemption option, but it was similar to the redemption time as JPMorgan Chase Bank's, in April 2027, but you had to do 95% of it and you can do the other 5%. It was a weird option and both Scott Shaver and Marty Johnson said they had never seen this one before. So, with their rate being more than the other one, we didn't entertain it. We are just concentrating on the 2 options from JPMorgan Chase Bank. We have gone over these options with City staff and are trying to decide if we go with the lower interest rate option, with no redemption, or, with the higher rate, but having the option of redemption. We haven't finalized that yet. This ordinance will help us move forward and will be able to see what the options are.

Councilman Harmon inquired on the JPMorgan Chase Bank's options. Do we have to make the decision at the time?

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated that if the ordinance is approved today, Council would be allowing the City to move forward with the \$4 million Medium Term Obligation. You are giving the City staff the approval to move forward.

Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe offered clarification. This ordinance delegates authority to City staff to make the selection and move forward. So, that is what you are doing with this ordinance, you are delegating the authority, to make the selection, to the City Clerk and City staff.

Councilwoman Kent inquired on the redemption. Does the possible refinance option offer an early payoff?

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated that early payoff would be allowed during the redemption.

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

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to adopt Bill No. 799 as Ordinance No. 781: An Ordinance Designated by the Short Title "2024A Medium-Term Bond Ordinance"; - Providing for the issuance by the City of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Medium-Term Bond, Series 2024A; Providing covenants, conditions, and other details concerning the bond, the project and general tax proceeds; ratifying action previously taken and pertaining to the foregoing by the City and its officers and employees; providing for adoption as if an emergency exists; and providing matters relating thereto; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Fallon Police Department Monthly Report for February 2024.

Chief Ron Wenger presented the February monthly report. The report will compare the 2023 crime, traffic stops, and traffic accident statistics to February 2024. Total calls-for-service this month were 666 total calls-for-service.

- Crime Summary: 5 total Domestic Batteries; 2 Battery.
- Theft Calls: 7 total thefts for various items.
- Arrest Summary: 35 total arrests.
- Moving Citations/Traffic Warnings: 96 traffic stops were made; 18 issuing citations.
- Public/Private Property Accidents: 19 total accidents.
- Animal Shelter Services: Total 118; Churchill County – 66; City – 38; 14 – Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.

- Volunteers in Police Services: Contributed 89 hours.
- Various training courses were provided to sworn-in and non-sworn-in officers.
- 0 requests were made through the Citizen Assistance Program.
- Police officers participated in several various public relations events.
- Citizen Surveys were all positive. One citizen was dissatisfied with the City with an issue regarding parking in front of residences. Chief of Staff Bob Erickson and Chief of Police met with the citizen regarding the issue.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any comments or questions.

Councilman Harmon made a comment of the increase of animals recovered from the tribe compared to the past months.

Chief Ron Wenger stated that he is unsure of what is going on at the Tribe. It varies, sometimes we get more in the City, or more in Churchill County, and every once in awhile the Tribe kicks in a few. I don't know if it is because they take more action during certain months.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further comments or questions.

No further comments were noted.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place greeted the Council.

- Recited the Lord's Prayer.
- Made comments about repentance.
- Made comments about the government decision making.

No further comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

No 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 9:18 a.m.



 Mayor Tedford

Attest: 

 Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer