

**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING
NYE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
2100 E WALT WILLIAMS DRIVE
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.
November 08, 2011
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Town Board:

Mike Darby
Vicky Parker
Carolene Endersby
Dr. Tom Waters
Harley Kulkin

Staff:

Bill Kohbarger, Town Manager
Brett Meich, Attorney
Scott Lewis, Chief
Matt Luis, Buildings & Grounds Manager
Al Balloqui, Community Business and Development Services Manager
Samantha Carns, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Darby called the meeting to order.

Tom Waters led in the moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding Moving the Order of or Deleting an Agenda Item(s).

Dr. Waters asked item 12 be a floating agenda item pending the arrival of Mr. John Pawlak, Chair of the Nuclear Waste and Environmental Advisory Board.

With no objections, this request was granted.

2.5 Presentation of Pahrump Valley Rescue Service Medal of Valor to Five (5) PVFRS Firefighter/EMTs.

Fire Chief Scott Lewis spoke of the August fire at the AmeriGas facility which had a great end result. He proceeded to go over the elements to receive the Pahrump Valley Rescue Service Medal of Valor and asked the Town Board to help him award this medal to Lieutenant Steve Moody, James Monroe, Dan Ultich, John Ashcraft, and Nate Alexander.

3. Presentation by Dr. Nancy Yu, Southwest Medical on the Services they Offer in Pahrump.

Amanda Penn, Manager of Public and Community Relations for Southwest Medical, thanked the Board for welcoming them back and proceeded to give the presentation with the assistance of Dr. Yolanda Flores.

Mr. Darby asked if Southwest Medical used electronic devices for transcription.

Dr. Flores said they had several methods of transcription including outsourcing to medical transcription specialists.

Mr. Kulkin asked if the company could do drivers license physicals.
Dr. Flores said specialists would fill out any information required from a doctor to the best of their ability.

Mrs. Endersby asked about the pending note on the acceptance of military health in insurance.

Ms. Penn said it was her understanding this had already been approved on the corporate level and they were only waiting on final paperwork to be processed before removing the pending label.

Dr. Waters asked if they had an idea on when military insurance would officially be accepted.
Ms. Penn replied she had spoken with the network prior to the meeting and had been given the impression it would go through very soon.

Mrs. Endersby and Mr. Darby thanked Ms. Penn, Dr. Flores, and the rest of Southwest Medical for their presentation and for bringing their services to Pahrump.

4. Presentation by Mr. Ken Shockley, Director of Veteran Services Nye & Esmeralda Co. Veterans Services on Veteran Services within the Town of Pahrump and Other Matters Related to Veterans Living in and Around the Town of Pahrump.

Mr. Shockley introduced himself and spoke of some of the services the Veteran Services office offered to local Veterans and proceeded to give a presentation.

Mr. Darby asked Mr. Kohbarger if the veteran information Mr. Shockley had prepared concerning benefits could be included on the Town of Pahrump website, to which Mr. Kohbarger said yes.

Mrs. Parker thanked Mr. Shockley for his presentation and for working with the Fire Department on different initiatives. She also commended him for bringing in around \$18.5 million in veteran services into the community from outside sources.

Mr. Kulkin thanked Mr. Shockley for helping those who had served our nation. He said he was sure more Veterans had been utilizing the Veterans services offered by Mr. Shockley considering the economic downturn however Mr. Shockley was still the only person in the department with no additional help.

Mrs. Endersby, Dr. Waters, and Mr. Darby thanked Mr. Shockley for all of his efforts.

Dr. Waters reminded citizens that Nye County had occasionally looked at cutting Veterans services when looking at the budget therefore citizens needed to stress the importance of this office should they consider it again.

5. Announcements

Announcements were read by Mrs. Endersby.

Dr. Waters mentioned the Veterans Memorial Advisory Board meeting as it had not been listed in the announcements.

He also announce a guest speaker who had been at some of the Prostate Cancer Support Group meetings, Dr. Vogelsong, would be at the Senior Center on November 19th at 1:00pm.

Mrs. Parker announced the Community Center Advisory Board would meet November 18th as November 11th was Veterans Day. She also mentioned the League of Women Voters.

Kenny Bent clarified the CCAB would meet on November 15th.

6. Public Comment:

Public comment was heard.

7. Advisory Board Reports from Advisory Board Chairpersons and/or Town Board Liaisons on the Status of Advisory Boards.

Mrs. Parker said she and Mr. Kohbarger had attended a meeting with the solar company which would be locating just over the California border near Pahrump and proceeded to detail information on the project.

She mentioned the PTCC was looking forward to Quartzside and also mentioned Bob Adams and Claire Toomey of the PLAB had put in countless hours GPS-ing various trails on the Wheeler Wash.

Mr. Kulkin said he had attended the Veterans sign dedication ceremony and thanked the Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and all involved for putting the plan into action and Matt Luis for bringing a trailer, chairs, and flags to the ceremony.

Dr. Waters said advisory boards were looking for member applications from citizens.

Butch Clendenen, Chair of the Community Center Advisory Board, said they asked to change the meeting to the 15th in order to address issues which would be pending for the next Town Board meeting.

8. Discussion on Town of Pahrump Economic Development Report.

Mr. Kulkin asked if staff had heard from Contour.

Mr. Kohbarger said they would be getting him information concerning Phase 2 by the end of the week.

Mrs. Endersby thanked staff for working hard putting more input into the report.

Dr. Waters thanked staff for the report and said Mr. Balloqui had said he would add some additional information to help make it clearer however the report was becoming very understandable helping them have a better grasp on it.

Mr. Darby said he too thought the report looked tremendous and thanked staff.

9. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve Scope of Work for GC Wallace to provide for Engineering & Surveying Services for the Petrack Park Lighting Design (Field C) not to Exceed \$15,000 payable from Park Impact Fees.

Mr. Kohbarger said this had been one of the goals and objectives the Town Board had given to staff saying Mr. Luis had worked on the project for quite some time.

Mr. Kulkin asked Mr. Luis to explain the need for this lighting.

Mr. Luis said the existing system had been set up by volunteers and was no longer adequate. He said it had been quite a mess and they were trying to accomplish getting lighting on the C Field so it could be established as a multipurpose field. He stated they were also trying to address issues which would likely soon come to light on fields A & B.

Mr. Kulkin said it was his understanding monetary issues were the reason Kellogg Park could not be completed. He added that he wanted the public to know the itemized project was for safety issues and needed to be done rather than just something to spend money on.

Mr. Luis said he thought it would be a few more years until there was a functional park on the south end of town but there were looking into it quite a bit. He added that the itemized project would open the field up as a usable space for many more organizations and events.

Mr. Darby asked for clarification that \$15,000 would cover all expenses.
Mr. Luis confirmed.

Mrs. Parker motioned to approve.
Dr. Waters seconded.

No members of the public chose to comment.

Motion carried, 5-0.

10. Discussion and Possible Decision to Select, Award, and Approve Funding for RFP#2011-04, New Roof for the Bob Ruud Community Center.

Mr. Kohbarger said this selection was part of the goals and objectives set by the Town Board. He said after the Community Center Advisory Board had decided upon and presented information and the Town Board gave the go-ahead, Matt Luis, Buildings and Grounds Manager, worked very diligently on this RFP and information concerning the roof project.

Mr. Kulkin said he had confidence Mr. Luis would address any concerns as he had done so upon Town Board members expressing some concerns earlier in the day. He mentioned the suggested company was local and that Mr. Luis would work very closely with Anthony Roofing throughout the process.

Dr. Waters clarified it was normal procedure to disqualify any bids which did not suit the rules as was done with one of the three submitted proposals.

Mr. Darby thanked Mr. Luis for all of the hard work and time he had put into the item.

Dr. Waters motioned to award and approve funding for RFP #2011-04 to Anthony Roofing and Waterproofing in the amount of \$34,000 to reroof the community center per the bid specifications.
Mr. Kulkin seconded.

Mrs. Parker said she felt the reason the project had taken so long to get done was because there was no program or process in Nye County for getting rid of asbestos.

Mr. Kulkin pointed out Anthony Roofing, a local company, was over \$18,000 less and in favor of the Town.

Public comment was heard with three (3) speaking for the motion, one (1) speaking against it, and one (1) speaking neither for nor against.

Motion carried, 5-0.

11. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve Funding for the Interior Restoration of the Bob Ruud Community Center.

Mr. Kohbarger mentioned the upgrades and environmental testing saying Mr. Luis was present to answer any questions.

Mrs. Endersby commented that there was no quote for retrofitting for energy efficiency in the report from Bec Environmental.

Mr. Luis said energy efficiency was one of the options the CCAB would look at during their meeting the following week as some things were still unanswered by the insurance company and would remain unclear until the day before said meeting.

Mrs. Endersby said there was no clarity on the amount and therefore she did not feel comfortable making a decision on the item. Although she understood we did not wish to delay the process, she did not feel it would be a good idea to move on without all of the information.

Mr. Kohbarger stated they had wanted to move the process along as quickly as possible in order to reopen the building.

Mr. Luis said he understood the concern however they had given all information which they currently had.

Mrs. Endersby asked Butch Clendenen, Chair of the CCAB, if December was a goal which had been set by the advisory board.

Mr. Clendenen responded that the CCAB had asked for accurate information however they had not been obliged. He said the information they had received had been pulled from the air and were false therefore they could not provide accurate evaluations or decisions due to the inability to know the correct amount of available funding. He said all of the information they and Mr. Luis had spent countless hours working on was now void due to these incorrect figures they were presented with. He added that while they had discussed upgrades, the main focus of the advisory board was to reopen the building.

Mrs. Endersby said she saw there needed to be more clarity on everyone's part concerning the finances. She asked if Mr. Kohbarger could give the all of the CCAB's requested information to them as soon as it became available adding she felt the item should be tabled until there was more clarity.

Dr. Waters said he had some questions on the funding but also wanted to see the Bob Ruud Community Center opened as soon as possible. He added that he trusted Mr. Luis' judgment on the project and funding.

Mr. Darby asked if the numbers could be filled in as the only missing number was the settlement amount.

Michael Sullivan, Finance Director, said the settlement amount was estimated to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and would be an additional to the \$73,000 in pet funds allocated from the County. He stated that nay other needed supplementation would need to come from the Town Capital Fund.

Mrs. Parker said that in looking at the figures, \$35,000 was the projected cost to open the building with remediation and other items. She emphasized funding needed to be approved that night in order to ensure the community center was reopened as soon as possible.

Mr. Kulkin asked for verification that the requested amount was \$52,000 and an explanation of the environmentally friendly upgrades.

Mr. Luis proceeded to confirm and detail key items which were being considered for the upgrades.

Mr. Kulkin motioned to approve.

Mrs. Parker seconded.

Public comment was heard with one (1) speaking for the motion, and seven (7) speaking neither for nor against the motion.

Mrs. Parker made a statement that the damage done to the interior of the center was due to a design flaw in the roof.

Mr. Kulkin said he was sure the buildings and grounds staff would work closely with the contractors however he also knew staff had many duties and were quite busy. He added all needed to look to the future while working on this project so the Town wouldn't end up spending more money later on. He said he was confident staff had done and would do as much as possible.

Mrs. Endersby said she definitely did not see that the information submitted gave enough clarity to make a sound and responsible decision. She stated she was not sure she could move forward with the project at that time due to the lack of information.

Dr. Waters said he agreed with all Mrs. Endersby had said however he felt the Community Center needed to open as soon as possible therefore he trusted staff to use due diligence and complete the project correctly.

Mr. Darby said there had been a lot of allegations made during the evening however the current matter at hand was the restoration of the community center.

Motion carried, 4-1, with Mrs. Endersby voting nay.

12. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve Resolution #2011-10, A Resolution Supporting Completion of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Review of the Yucca Mountain License Application.

Dr. Waters clarified the resolution was not a suggestion to open Yucca Mountain but to some support in order for the completion of the scientific review of the process.

John Pawlak, Chairman of the Nuclear Waste & Environmental Advisory Board, introduced himself and Dr. Michael Voegelé, speaking briefly about Yucca Mountain and the proposed Resolution.

Mr. Kulkin asked what would happen should the Town Board choose to approve the Resolution. Dan Schinhofen, County Commissioner, spoke saying the Resolution would be sent to higher levels of government in order to try to show the desire for the review to continue.

Mrs. Endersby said she was intrigued the item was coming before and knew the County had recently passed a resolution pertaining to the topic. She said personally she had looked into Yucca Mountain and attempted to follow the science and politics associated with the site since locating to Pahrump. Having the belief the entire nation was conflicted on what to do with the project, she had attempted to weigh the pros and cons of opening the mountain or not opening it and could not be sure which option outweighed the other. She added it would take a lot of tax payers' dollars in order to re-open Yucca Mountain. Mrs. Endersby also asked if the NW&EAB was aware of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future draft report to the Secretary of Energy.

Dr. Voegelé said they had had quite a bit of input in this report concerning Yucca Mountain adding it would not take much to re-open Yucca Mountain mentioning, also, that the Nuclear Waste Fund would go to pay for this and it already had approximately \$29 billion in the account. He also said the report was prepared by Senator Reid's offices and they did not receive the response they had hoped for when researching as he had wanted to report the facility was multifunctional where it was not due to issues including ventilation.

Mrs. Endersby referenced a comment Mr. Pawlak had made and stated Pahrump was not on any maps concerning Yucca Mountain but rather Beatty and Armargosa Valley were. She asked where Pahrump's recognition was concerning this project.

Commissioner Schinhofen said the county would benefit a huge tax base from Yucca Mountain and that although Pahrump had previously been overlooked he felt this was due to the previous commissioners not pushing to gain that recognition. He added this Resolution mirrored those passed by five other Counties. He said that Harry Reid was the only Nevada voice which had been heard in Washington to represent Nevada however as the locals, our opinions should be recognized.

Dr. Voegele stated Nye County would receive payment equivalent to tax fees from the facility which could be comparable to the Palo Verde facility in Arizona which had \$50 million a year going toward their County.

Mrs. Endersby said she felt it was very important all know there were two sides to supporting or not supporting the opening of the facility. She spoke of the need for disaster preparedness planning for any community near such a facility.

Dr. Voegele said many who were opposed to the idea of Yucca Mountain were not aware the project could in fact be safe and that those questions would be heard and answered after the licensing process which would help become initiated by the resolution.

Dr. Waters motioned to approve.

Mr. Kulkin seconded.

Mr. Darby said he spent most of his life around nuclear reactors and was not particularly favorable for it however the people he had spoken to continued to speak about the number of jobs which would be created in support work for operations should the project continue. He stated the next logical step was to move forward.

Public comment was heard with two (2) speaking for the motion and one (1) speaking against it.

Mr. Kulkin stated the tunnel at Yucca Mountain was amazing as he had been able to tour the facility once. He added operational costs would not be high in order to re-open the mountain and that the US was behind in nuclear energy technology. He said the resolution would simply show Pahrump's support in moving forward to gather further information on the project and hopefully provide more opportunities for the community.

Mrs. Endersby stated she intended to vote for the voices who were not present however were opposed to opening Yucca Mountain. She said she hoped other renewable resources would be vitalized in the future.

Motion carried, 4-1, with Mrs. Endersby voting nay.

13. Discussion and Possible Decision Consent agenda items:

- a. *Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.*
- b. *Action – Approval of Town Board Minutes for October 25, 2011.*
- c. *Action – Approval to Accept Mr. Nick Moore's resignation from the Pahrump Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.*

Dr. Waters motioned to approve.

Mr. Kulkin seconded.

Motion carried, 5-0.

14. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location

- a. *January 2012 Workshop – Town Board & Advisory Boards*
- b. *Town Board Retreat – TBD*

Mrs. Endersby asked if a specific date had been set for the January workshop.
Mr. Kohbarger said as it was being developed, staff would be contacting advisory board members for availability.

15. Staff's Comments

a. Town Manager Report

Mr. Kohbarger said he would take any questions. He mentioned they had held five (5) workshops pertaining to PTO 35 and would hold more in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Waters asked when PTO 35 would be on the agenda.

Mr. Kohbarger said it would be ready for a vote at the December 13th meeting.

Mrs. Endersby asked if the room tax proposition for the airport could have the words “and other transportation” added.

Mr. Kohbarger stated this was done specifically due to the need by the FAA for a specific funding source for the airport.

Mrs. Parker brought up there had been a 3-2 vote against public transportation a few months prior.

16. Town Board Member's Comments

Mr. Kulkin said they had heard a lot of things concerning the community and stated he was sure staff and the Board would work very closely together for the best funding options.

He added that some citizens seemed to believe conspiracies were going on however this thought was only a result of a lack of knowledge and communication.

Mrs. Endersby addressed a letter from Lakeview Executive Golf Course in which they expressed concern that they had been omitted as a key attraction of Pahrump in the Contour preliminary report.

Mr. Kohbarger stated Mrs. Parker had written and sent a letter apologizing for the oversight and invited them to become part of the community tourism business partners group which they accepted. He said the group had supplied the Town with information which they would be taking to Quartzsite.

Mr. Darby thanked all for attending the meeting.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:28pm.