

**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NYE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX  
2100 E WALT WILLIAMS DRIVE  
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.  
May 22, 2012  
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Town Board:

Vicky Parker  
Harley Kulkin  
Dr. Tom Waters  
Mike Darby

Staff:

Bill Kohbarger, Town Manager  
Michael Sullivan, Finance Director  
Scott Lewis, Fire Chief  
Matt Luis, Buildings & Grounds Manager  
Rick Campbell, Attorney  
Samantha Carns, Executive Assistant

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

Mrs. Parker called the meeting to order.

Dr. 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 to remove item '5h'.

There were no objections.

3. Announcements

Dr. Waters read the announcements.

John Pawlak announced the High Desert Films Festival would take place the following weekend at the Pahrump Nugget.

Butch Harper thanked all who showed up for the Town Cleanup, specifically those who collected the free roaming shopping carts around town.

4. Public/Board/Staff Comment

Public comment was heard.

Dr. Waters stated the Town did not have a contract with Don Holbrook but with Contour, which was the company of Chris Brown. He said Mr. Holbrook was a sub-contractor through Contour Entertainment.

Mr. Darby stated when he ran for Town Board, he ran saying he wanted to hear the people. He said the majority of the things he tried to implement for public comment and speech to be expressed were shut down. He said it was with the change in the Open Meeting Law, he tried the change of public comment as an experimental phase and felt it was not a good method and he

could see how this was an error of his own. He said he has noticed people more regularly complained about many problems without solutions. He said he did hope the issues with public comment would be resolved before the end of his term.

Mr. Kulkin thanked Mr. Darby for his statements. He said he was here for the future and had intentions to ensure a positive future.

**5. Discussion and Possible Decision Consent agenda items:**

- a. Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.*
- b. Action – Approval of Town Board Minutes for April 24, 2012 and May 08, 2012.*
- c. Action – Approval of Accepting Ms. Liz Cory to the Pahrump Tourism and Convention Council Advisory Board.*
- d. Action – Approval of the Resignation of Mr. Patrick Michael from the Pahrump Tourism and Convention Council Advisory Board.*
- e. Action – Approval of the Accepting Mr. Jason Abel to the Pahrump Nuclear Waste & Environmental Advisory Board.*
- f. Action – Approval of Accepting Mr. Michael Mack and Mr. Andrew “Butch” Borasky to the Pahrump Convention Center/Civic Center Advisory Board.*
- g. Action – Approval of Scope of Work for GC Wallace to provide Engineering Services for a Fairgrounds Topographic Survey in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 payable from the Fairgrounds Room Tax Fund.*
- h. Action – Approval of Resolution 2012-09, a Resolution for non-financial support for the efforts to provide transitional housing under the direction of the Nye Communities Coalition Crisis Intervention Committee.*
- i. Action – Approval of Resolution 2012-10, a Resolution for non-financial Support in Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War.*
- j. Action – Approval to re-order Tourism Base Camp bags for collateral in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 payable from the State Room Tax Fund.  
(item ‘h’ was removed under item 2)*

**Mr. Kulkin motioned to approve items ‘a’ – ‘j’ excluding item ‘h’.**

**Dr. Waters seconded.**

**Motion carried, 3-1, with Mr. Darby voting nay.**

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

Dr. Waters announced the first columbarium was in place at the cemetery.

Mrs. Parker spoke of the Adopt-A-Highway information which would take place at the NW&EAB meeting on June 1st.

John Pawlak, Chair of the NW&EAB, thanked all who attended and participated in the May 12th Town Cleanup.

He also touched on the June 1st meeting.

Steven Pastorelli, Chair of the Arena AB, asked if there were any questions on the arena fees. He said, as a fifteen year Arena Board member, they have sponsored local children's events

Mrs. Parker clarified all Advisory Board By-Laws stated the Advisory Boards could not make financial decisions but only suggestions to the Town Board.

Mr. Darby stated it was approved by the Board in 2010 to approve the procedures of the Arena Board which included the waiving of fees.

Robert Adams, Chair of the PLAB, stated the tagline of "Base Camp to Adventure" was a tourism tool, not an official change to the Town's motto. He stated the BLM was looking for volunteers to help with monitoring the local horse situations.

7. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve a proposal between the Town of Pahrump and Contour Entertainment Inc. for Entertainment Destination Concept Illustration and Financial Target Development Phase II Not to Exceed \$207,00.00 from Tourism Room Tax Fund and All Matters Properly Related Thereto.

Mrs. Parker asked if the Board was willing to accept the additional material of a letter from Mr. Brown to Mr. Kohbarger.

**Mr. Kulkin motioned to accept.**

**Dr. Waters seconded.**

**The board accepted the material, 4-0.**

Mrs. Parker proceeded to read the letter aloud.

Chris Brown gave brief information concerning the clients of Contour Entertainment and proceeded to run through a computer presentation of projects they had worked on and were currently working on.

Dr. Waters said he was in favor of Adventure Springs or anything which would bring Tourism and Jobs to Pahrump however he could not suggest moving on without seeing what they would be moving on to. He said he needed to see and learn more about the proposition. He said he knew they could present something amazing for Pahrump however he had not seen it yet. He also clarified the funds for this project came from the Tourism tax room fund which came from Tourists, not the general populous of the citizens.

Mr. Brown stated the main idea which had been discussed was to possibly create a western-themed interactive experience as it would exemplify a unique part of Pahrump which had been expressed consistently by citizens. He stated they would like to create this and market in a way so it could feel as though the drama of theatrical film into a real world experience. He said they did complete the assignment they had been given in the previous phase by keeping conceptual ideas to something which would be financial viable for Pahrump rather than an extravagant project which would not be realistic with the Town's budget constraints. He emphasized this as they had responsibly responded to the directive they had been given. The next stage, should it be approved, would involve further integrating plans and concepts in a developed vision.

Mr. Darby stated he and Mr. Brown had spoken of the Western Heritage aspect.

Mr. Kulkin said he realized there were many differences in all people. He said after listening to a lot of people on the topics, it seemed a Western Theme was a good idea for our local area. He asked about the fees this would cost in order to complete what the Town needed to spend.

Mr. Brown explained after around the figure of \$600,000 in total, the Town would have all tools to have a package for review for private investors assuming the state legislature approved all of the laws and regulations which would need to be approved for the project.

Mrs. Parker mentioned the Town solicited Mr. Brown looking for this project, Contour had not solicited Pahrump.

Mrs. Parker said she felt the issue came to what the Town could afford and she felt they had brought a proposal within the parameters of what the Town could afford. She said the question for the Board was if they believed Contour could create that "wow" factor and she personally believed they could.

Mr. Brown clarified they were not interested in giving a proposal which would not be financially viable which sometimes did not give that huge "wow".

Dr. Waters asked Mr. Kohbarger to speak of what the adhoc committee came across.

Mr. Kohbarger clarified the adhoc committee's job was to tear apart the contract and, should the Town Board go forward with the process, would look at the financial aspects and legislative aspects as well as zoning

Mr. Darby asked about the memo in the budget packet said the Town should not get into anything which wasn't shovel ready. He asked if this was considered as shovel ready.

Mr. Kohbarger responded it was not at present time.

Mr. Kulkin said he was tired of the Town of Pahrump being ignored in state Tourism which regularly occurred. He said Pahrump had a lot of potential and if everyone worked together, this could be a very successful project.

**Mr. Kulkin motioned to approve.**

**Dr. Waters seconded.**

**Motion carried, 3-1, with Mr. Darby voting nay.**

Mrs. Parker called for a ten minute recess.

**8. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve waiving the Town of Pahrump Arena Reservation Fee for the Nevada Western Heritage Foundation.**

Mr. Darby introduced the Chair of the Western Heritage Foundation, Don Hothem. He said he was requesting the Town Board sponsor the fee of the arena for their fall event. He spoke of the mission of the Foundation and the fundamentals of the organization stating they tried to be as self-sufficient as possible. He said funds raised off of these smaller events would be put forward to larger events for the community. He emphasized they were a young company which had no gate fees. He said it was his hope the Town Board could share their vision.

Mrs. Parker said she had a problem approving this because of the fact there was no policy. She recommended both requests be put back to the arena board so they could come up with a policy of where specifically they would waive fees due to legal liability.

Mr. Kohbarger said he had spoken to Mr. Pastorelli of the fact the policies were never approved by the Town Board so the Arena Board could send a clean set of these policies to the Board so the issue of fee waivers could be resolved within 30 to 45 days.

Mr. Darby said he felt it was best he not comment on the item

Mr. Kulkin said as this was a free event for the public he had no problem waiving the fees so he'd be prepared to waive the fees.

**Dr. Waters motioned to table the item until the second June meeting.**

**Motion died due to lack of a second.**

**Mr. Kulkin motioned to grant the waiver for October 12th-14th and have the Arena AB bring back an updated policy.**

**Mr. Darby seconded.**

Mr. Pastorelli said they'd be ready to present the policy for the second meeting in June.

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

**9. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve Sponsoring Days at the Pahrump Arena for the Pahrump Valley Rough Riders.**

Mr. Darby read information available on the PVRR website concerning the mission of the organization.

Loyce Seastrunk, President of the Pahrump Valley Rough Riders, introduced himself and said they had ten events throughout the year and were asking for a waiver of only three events. He said all of the money raised from the riders went back to the riders however there were no gate fees for admission and there hadn't been for all 26 years of operation.

Mr. Darby clarified PVRR was looking for waiver of fees and lock in of the dates.

Mr. Kulkin said he felt the event may help make the 21st of July event more successful.

Mr. Seastrunk said he felt they could water down the arena enough so there would not be any issue with dust.

**Mr. Darby motioned to waive fees for all three dates of the PVRR.**

**Mr. Kulkin seconded.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

**10. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve a Fuel Surcharge Rate Reduction for Pahrump Valley Disposal pursuant to PTO 43 Sections 43.020 and 43.270(C) and All Matters Properly Related Thereto.**

Robert Groesbeck, of the C & S Waste Solution, introduced himself, and briefly gave information concerning why they were back asking for this reduction in fees so they could pass on savings to the customers of Pahrump

**Dr. Waters motioned to approve the reduction of 1.03% in fuel surcharge rate.**

**Mr. Kulkin seconded.**

Mr. Darby announced he was employed by C & S Waste Solutions and therefore would be abstaining from voting.

**Motion carried, 3-0-1, with Mr. Darby abstaining from the vote.**

**11. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve changing Section VI (A) of all Advisory Board By-laws to read as follows: "As a Public Body, all Advisory Board meetings will be held in accordance with NRS 241, the Open Meeting Laws" and All Matters Properly Related Thereto.**

Dr. Waters said this was not really changing anything, just adding the term for clarification.

**Dr. Waters motioned to approve.**

**Mr. Kulkin seconded.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

**12. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location**

There were no meetings to announce.

**13. Public/Board/Staff Comment**

Public comment was heard.

Dr. Waters said the Fairground Fund did not have enough available to do the huge project they would like to complete the Fairgrounds however the proposed project would be a start to work forward on toward the final finished product.

Mr. Kulkin said grants would be granted for the hypsography portion of the entertainment project. He said this was very rural community and felt no project would disrupt the rural community feel of Pahrump.

He also said he spoke to many people in the community about issues, not just those who attend meetings.

Mrs. Parker also said she spoke to many citizens in the community outside of Board meetings even at the grocery store.

She said one of the reasons they had chosen soccer fields at the fairgrounds was due to the high demand in the community for a soccer field and they were multifunctional.

Mr. Kohbarger stated the Town had a grant from HUD to spend \$198,000 on sporting facilities and fields by September 30, 2012 and would have another HUD grant with specific guidelines for September of 2013.

He also stated there was \$1.3 million in the Fairgrounds Funds, information which was available in the budget approved the previous Friday.

**14. Town Manager's Report.**

Mr. Kohbarger asked if there were any additional questions on the Town Manager's report.

Mr. Darby said he appreciated the attention to detail in the Town Manager's report.

Mr. Kulkin also complimented the report.

Dr. Waters said he felt a list needed to be created for what the Town Board had been doing and continued to do.

**15. Adjournment**

Mrs. Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:27pm.