

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
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ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Craig Barber, Vice Chair
Mackenzie Musselman, Clerk

Members Absent: Robert Spivey, Jr., Member
Vacant, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor

Citizens Present: Emily Lushenko Teah Court Mike Klein
Mallory Barber Lorinda Wichman Tim Gamble



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

James Swigart called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (FIRST)

Emily Lushenko states that RMGC will be having their annual community meeting 12/6/2018 at 6pm, to provide an update on the mine, what has happened in the last year, and what is to come.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 27, 2018 AGENDA

Mackenzie Musselman motioned to approve the agenda. Craig Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Agenda is approved.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-02 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR ROUND MOUNTAIN PUBLIC UTILITY

Pearl Olmedo states that this has been on the agenda since beginning of the year for public comment, has been published in the Valley View, and has been ran on bill notices. The notices state that we want to do a \$3.75 increase to the sewer rates and \$3.75 increase to the service charge with a total of \$7.50 increase. Implementing a tamper fee of \$100. If approved the increase will be effective January 2019. Last increase for the water company was November of 2010. Current rates are not sustaining the current operation of utilities.

Musselman motioned to approve rate changes. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Increase of wastewater rates and fees have been approved.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO APPROVE, AMEND AND APPROVE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO RETURN FUEL TAX MONIES TO NYE COUNTY HELD IN TOWN OF ROUND MOUNTAIN'S GENERAL FUND

Olmedo states that there has been an ongoing discussion on whether to keep the 1.75 fuel tax here or give it back to the county for their general fund. Olmedo asked Lorinda Wichman for her input.

Barber states that there has been an accumulation of money however the board answers to the people of Round Mountain. Barber also states that we have a total of \$300,000 and some change that has come in since approximately 1995, and if there was any kind of road maintenance with that it wouldn't go very far. \$300,000 would only do one small portion of the roads and would do the minimum of what should be done for it. We could use the \$300,000 but it won't get us far or we could turn the money back over to the county. But if the county doesn't make a commitment to take the roads back, then we just lose \$300,000 to the county and see no improvements on our roads.

Wichman states that Round Mountain is the only town in the county that holds onto the fuel tax money, with ownership comes responsibility. Responsibility for keeping the tax money is all the maintenance of Hadley, Old town all way over to Senita Courts. Nye County has not withheld maintenance to the outside areas and have been maintaining the dump road and the road to old town. Wichman states that in all other towns in the county when the fuel tax comes in it is broken down into the community that it came from. The money is required by law to be spent in that community. \$300,000-\$400,000 is not enough money to redo roads that are over 20 years old. Wichman states that there are no concrete aprons around the manholes for the sewer line, and there should be. Rebecca Hansen states that there are aprons. Wichman continues to explain that they have failed, they've either failed underneath the concrete or the concrete is broken up into smaller pieces, when there is a manhole that sticks up that far there is a failure. Wichman explains how when the mine built the town, they contracted with Gibbons & Reed and started in the northwest corner, did it section by section, and by the time they reached Hadley Circle they had changed form. The compaction didn't last, they called the contractors back in, but by then the company was out of business. Then the mine contracted for someone to come in and fix it a second time and all that was done was patchwork. If you're patching something that has become to old and also has a compaction problem, there will be failures. Wichman verified that we have gone out for a quote that was rather large.

Olmedo stated that there was a quote from Wolfenstein and Bishop Paving. Both quite large.

Wichman states, with other communities where the money that is collected from the 1.75 fuel tax to work in the communities is not enough, the county is able to attract some grants from the state and can access RTC money. But it's on a priority basis. Wichman mentions she was able to get some RTC money to get Senita Courts repaved, and is working on getting more to do some chip sealing in the Spring as they're training their own people to use the equipment. And it would be a perfect test area with the monies accrued and some money from the RTC and grants to get the job done in Hadley. Public Works knows attention needs to be done on the road. They have no problem working on the road they are just limited on funds. But if the money is put in the hands of Public Works there might be a chance to leverage money. Mentions that the monies designated for Round Mountain stay in Round Mountain.

Barber asks if on the budget for the county if each community is a line item that shows the amount of money in that community.

Wichman explains that not each community is a line item using Gabbs, Manhattan, and Belmont as examples as they do not have fueling stations. However, the communities that do have fueling stations the money has to be spent in that community.

Barber asks if on the budget it shows the communities that have a tax base or fuel.

Wichman states it does and even Round Mountain shows up even though the county has no authority.

Olmedo asks, if we give the tax money back that there are no funds to maintain snowplows, and the street sweeper, where would Hadley and Old Town fall in priority if the roads needed to be plowed.

Wichman explains, that since the town has been doing that themselves, they should continue to do so and return all the receipts to the county. The only difference is that the money is just sitting there. With the other communities that money is used as leverage for more money if needed. With the 1995 agreement the county cannot touch it for anything, therefore cannot use it as leverage.

Swigart asks if the county has the manpower, equipment to add on Hadley subdivision and is it in the budget for future?

Wichman says yes, the jobs that got let go in the last decade are now being filled. They're not going to put on a new crew just to come out and do Hadley. However, as the maintenance schedule is increased and the job obligations are increased and people are needed to keep the job up, then people can be added. The county is not as tight as it had been in the past. There is finally a balanced budget where they can get things done without having to cut jobs or equipment. The streets were built to county specs and were offered to the county and accepted. It changed in 1995.

Swigart mentions that the county worked with Dan Sweeney and handled the roads in Hadley and something changed when Sweeney left as town manager and Pearl moved in.

Wichman explains that the agreement happened in 1995. She mentioned that Dan must've worked with Public Works to get him to the top of the priority list or maybe even went in front of RTC for grants. If it isn't written down it's lost. And we only can move forward from here.

Swigart mentions that the Pablo road is beautiful that if they put that effort into Hadley we would be set.

Wichman mentions that outside of the boundaries there are other projects which we could get a quote from Wulfenstein that stacks jobs. That way maybe it would be agreed to do Hadley. If the jobs were stacked, they would already be in the area.

Olmedo mentions there is a resolution drafted and asks if there was a chance we could work with Lorinda's managers and Savannah to get the resolution right and get county's thoughts.

Wichman recommends contacting Savannah or Jennifer directly.

Barber suggests we look into the possibility of keeping a portion of the fuel tax monies for maintenance equipment. Ask Mitch for a report on the condition of all the equipment and if we need to spend any money on it now. Maybe take \$25,000 or even \$50,000 to make sure equipment is in tip top shape.

Hansen mentions that was what Lorinda was saying, that right now it's just a line item in the budget. And we'd still have access to charge to that line item.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF SMOKY VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Michael Klein, EMS operator, provided updates for Smoky Valley Ambulance Service. An election was held for new leadership in Smoky Valley resulting in Tim Gamble as the new coordinator, Teah Court as the assistant

coordinator, and Chrissy Gallagher as the clerk. Job descriptions for the positions are currently been designed and developed. The coordinator's position is to oversee the daily operations, to ensure that there is a schedule and that it is filled to best of the ability, oversee the operation of the ambulance service itself for safety and stock, oversee certain qualifications in system, and delegate other tasks to the assistant coordinator and clerk. Assistant coordinator may or may not choose to take on a large scoop of the tasks for the coordinator as these positions are voluntary. The clerk takes on a few tasks as well but is primarily delegated to document, oversee the ordering process for the overhead stock, and record minutes of the monthly meetings. There hasn't been an official clerk in the valley for a long time there has just always been someone there to help. With the new election there is hope that there will be more buy-in from local EMS providers, the biggest concern is scheduling. Local community is concerned about the lack of coverage. The election process started months prior and things went belly up so Mackenzie Musselman was asked to step in tentatively and was intended to last until the new year. But with the lack of scheduling they made the choice of an emergency meeting and decided to facilitate and hold an election. They talked with leadership at the mine concerning this problem, and are waiting for the ball to fall to see more cooperation with the mine district. There is an alliance with the state of Nevada to utilize CVO drivers which allows the truck to be maned even in there is only one EMT on the schedule as there would be a driver. An emergency medical responder, also an ambulance driver, cannot work as an attendant on a patient in the back but can-do basic patient care on the scene. It's a great opportunity for people to check out EMS without the commitment. They will be offering EMT programs after the new year, continue looking for opportunities for advanced EMT courses, however with the existing struggle the focus is on the EMT program. There have been 5 EMR programs offered throughout the county, 3 EMT programs throughout the county, and there have been some improvement in some locations. Unfortunately now volunteerism is a struggle. The reasons for noninterest in volunteerism are miscommunication, politics.

Barber asks about the rumor stating that communities will have to take over the ambulance service themselves in the future.

Klein explains that if the towns end up having to, it would be because of failure. In order to facilitate an ambulance service there's a lot of details, expense, and a lot of laws. It's questionable if communities could sustain the cost of an ambulance service. Ambulance service is income based, whereas the emergency management is general fund. Instead of paying one medical director the town gets the money. A brand-new ambulance unit would cost on the low end \$130,000-\$140,000, and figure another \$20,000 to \$30,000 of equipment.

Swigart asks for an explanation on the ambulance service in Pahrump.

Klein explains that Pahrump has a paid service however it's Pahrump Fire & Rescue, which is a separate entity from Nye County. The county oversees operations for Pahrump Fire & Rescue because the town failed so the county had to take over ownership.

Barber explains how in 1990 he ran with the service for about 12 years and that they had so many volunteers it was hard to get hours on the schedule. Across the nation volunteerism is down and he would like to see all of the communities to come together to override the failing volunteerism. Barber suggests that maybe in the spring they could do a mock disaster and invite the community out to see what EMT's do and at the end hand out applications for the next class.

Klein mentions that his goal is to get together with the fire department and sheriff's office to get together a youth emergency response program.

Musselman mentions that the teachers have asked about running a junior EMT course at the school.

Klein mentions that he's able to do a lot more and intends to be out here a lot more and has been out here on-call twice.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2018 MEETINGS MINUTES

Musselman motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. October 23, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETINGS MINUTES

Musselman motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. November 13, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION FOR THE BOARD TO CHANGE MEETING MINUTE FORMAT FROM SUMMARIZED TO VERBATIM

Musselman motioned to continue to summarize the minutes. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Meeting minutes continue to be summarized.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO RESCHEDULE THE DECEMBER 25, 2018 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DUE TO TOWN OBSERVED HOLIDAY

Olmedo explains that it's the second meeting of the month and it lands on a holiday.

Swigart suggests to go with back to back meetings, doing it Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

Barber motioned to reschedule the meeting from December 25 to December 18. Musselman seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. The second meeting of December is approved to be moved to December 18, 2018 due to observance of a holiday.

CORRESPONDENCE, AWARDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Tonopah Town Board & Tonopah Library of Trustees Board Meeting Agendas from November 9, 2018.
2. Unofficial Nye County Election Summary Report, dated 11/06/18.
3. Notice of Vacancy Ad, received 11/20/18.
4. Letter to Department of Taxation, dated 11/21/18.
5. Letter from Round Mountain Gold Corporation, RE: RMGC Community Meeting, received 11/26/18.
6. Tonopah Town Board & Tonopah Library of Trustees Board Meeting Agendas for November 28, 2018.

Olmedo explains that the letter to the Department of Taxation is a request for an extension of the audit due to the lack of reconciled cash flow at county level and has not received a reply yet.

Olmedo explains administration did an HR audit, completed 6 tasks and are eligible to apply for a grant up to \$500 to use for HR programs or services. A Pool Pact representative came out and provided a good training, of "Miss communication and her friend Miss understanding", and "Discovering values and creating ground rules" workshop. Basically, a team building and customer service training all lumped into one. Ken Morgan of Great Basin control systems will assess the area and button up location placements for antennas of the SCADA system. Professional pipe cleaning services out of Vegas will be coming out to clean sewer lines in the pond. The generator was delivered and Cashman will be out to make sure everything is working properly. Fire Department Christmas party is Saturday, December 1, 2018. We will be purchasing a credit card machine for RMPU and hopefully get it going in the new year.

REVIEW AND APPROVE INVOICES FOR THE TOWN OF ROUND MOUNTAIN

Barber motioned to approve the invoices. Musselman seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Invoices are approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (SECOND)

Teah Court asks status of kitchen as she heard it was unable to be used for events.

Olmedo answers that they'd have to get the proper paperwork to feed the public health wise.

Lushenko mentions Santa will be at the General Store 12/1 starting at 10am.

Musselman mentions Tonopah is having a dinner that the ambulance service is sponsoring and they will be selling raffle tickets for guns, and Front-Sight. Donations will be accepted.

ADJOURN MEETING

Musselman motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.