

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN
BOARD MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, MARCH 26 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Craig Barber, Vice Chair
Robert Spivey, Jr., Clerk
Heather Enzi, Member
Kayla Musselman, Member

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

Citizens Present: Blanca Spivey Holly Merritt Neil Jensen
 Mallory Barber Haley Hastie



Call meeting to order/roll call

James Swigart called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Swigart – Chair, Craig Barber – Vice Chair, Robert Spivey, Jr. – Clerk, Heather Enzi – Member, and Kayla Musselman – Member were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

General Public Comment (FIRST)

Haley Hastie has been working with the county on getting the Nye County Parks & Rec Advisory Board up and running again that oversees the Carvers Arena. Thinks it would be a good for activities out here between the arena and gun range. Open for applications until April 4, 2019.

Approval of the March 26, 2019 agenda

Pearl Olmedo requests to table #9.

Barber motioned to approve the agenda. Spivey seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of March 12, 2019 meeting minutes

Barber motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Musselman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

For corrective action from the March 12, 2019 meeting: Discussion and decision to designate Daniel C. McArthur as the Town of Round Mountain's auditor for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Olmedo explains that the corrective action is the wrong fiscal year was requested, the FY for 2019-2020.

Spivey motioned to approve auditor for 2018-2019. Barber seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and decision to set public hearing date and time for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Hearing

After discussion it was decided to have the public hearing on May 28, 2019 at the regular meeting.

Musselman motioned to approve to set the budget hearing for May 28, 2019. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Discussion, deliberation, and decision to approve Resolution 2019-01 Resolution Establishing the Size of Cost of Living Adjustment to be effective July 1, 2019

Olmedo explains that this is the resolution to pass the \$.50 increase to make it official.

Barber motioned to approve resolution 2019-01. Spivey seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Item tabled.

Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to appoint new Fire Chief due to resignation of current Fire Chief

Swigart explains that it would be best to have the firemen themselves approach the Board at next meeting on what their feelings on this are and what they would like to do. He understands there was a straw vote amongst the group about a week ago.

Olmedo mentioned the consensus was they would like to attract a full time Chief. After getting feedback from both the Chief and the volunteers, we felt it would be best the volunteers approach the board at a meeting with what they want.

Swigart agreed, to eliminate hearsay, to come talk to the board. The Fire Chief does not report to Pearl they report to the Board.

Barber stated he was a little confused because there was an email from the current Fire Chief that clearly stated they had a conversation with Pearl on the 15th and that she wanted them to resign so she could appoint Sergio who I believe she is related to. So, before we get to that point, we should discuss this because I need to find out if it's true or not.

Olmedo replied absolutely not. They did have a conversation; however, she had asked that he approach his volunteers at the next meeting and discuss the future. That the decision should be made sooner rather than later as we all know he is no longer residing in the valley. At that time he had let me know what his thoughts were as far as appointing a fire chief. I then asked if he had talked to his volunteers and what is their feedback? When we were attracting his position all the firemen had the opportunity to state what they wanted and they came to a Board meeting and talked about what they wanted.

Barber stated so we have a Fire Chief that is not being honest. If the Fire Chief isn't being honest in a correspondence to me and he's saying here that if we want him to resign, he will. That tells me that he is still our Fire Chief and if that's the case, I request we have the Fire Chief stand right there and discuss this.

The Board agreed.

Swigart let the board know he invited him to the town board meeting tonight to talk to us and there was no response.

Olmedo stated he was aware of the meeting today and he was aware that it was going on the agenda.

Swigart noted he feels we have abandonment issues and we have Captains in the valley that through attrition and progression, they are ready to take on any issues, fires, or hazmat, that is needed.

Barber asked how many Fire Department personnel there is.

Olmedo counted 16, not including the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief.

Enzi asks if they both have already resigned?

Olmedo explains that Patrick gave notice to the volunteers as well as the office. As far as Greg, he was aware and he was agreeable when they had spoken. She let him know she was disappointed that he didn't let us know. We were made aware he was leaving the valley and to this day he has not come into the office to let us know what his thoughts are. The email everyone received was the first we have heard from him. And I reminded him that his position reports to the board, not me.

Barber asked Pearl, for the record you did not say that you would like him to resign as soon as possible so you could appoint Sergio.

Olmedo states that is incorrect. I can't do that because I know with my name being attached to him, I'm hands off. I have to be.

Barber appreciated the answer as he did not like what he read. Nepotism, that kind of stuff, he will call it out every time.

Olmedo reminded she is black and white when it comes to these things.

Swigart mentions that even though the Fire Chief reports to the Board, the name and the perception are there.

Musselman asked if the office has a say in who gets appointed as Fire Chief.

Olmedo explains that we do not. We will work with whomever gets the position, as we always have.

Swigart mentions that in the past it was the Assistant Chief and a Captain who was available in the interview process. He asked how many candidates we had the last time we posted the position.

Olmedo explains that we had three candidates. We had discussed that who the volunteer fire department wanted for Chief turned it down. That's when we went to advertising to hire for a full time Chief. We advertised nationally, state wide and locally and we were only able to interview one who could make it. After interviewing, we found that it just wasn't a good fit. Brought it back to the members and that's when they decided to promote one of their own. That's when they had to opportunity to come before the Board, discuss what they wanted, and there was support.

Barber asked if we have a budget line item for a full time Chief.

Olmedo relayed that we do not this fiscal year. The current fire chief has a stipend of \$1,000 a month.

Spivey asked how many of the people out of the 16 would be eligible?

Swigart says they would have to show interest and he didn't think there was any with the current Captains.

Olmedo explains that there is a job description for Chief and following the job description and there is one volunteer qualified. And for the record it is not my husband, it's Darrick Brown. And it was relayed to Chief Teixeira.

Spivey agreed the volunteers should come to a meeting.

Musselman asked what if they all couldn't get there for the one meeting.

Olmedo mentions they agreed to write a letter.

Swigart asked who the senior Captain is.

Olmedo noted that it's Sergio, Captain wise. The one with the most time in the volunteer Fire Department seniority wise, is Darrick Brown.

Swigart stated that if we have a Fire Chief that is not residing in the valley, we shouldn't pay him. He asked what his contract is paid through.

Olmedo replied the Chief's contract is the 13th – 13th of the month and it is paid through 4/13/19. According to the resolution created long before us, the Fire Chief must reside in the valley.

Enzi asks if we know if he's not here. If he is no longer showing up meetings or fires. If he's not actively involved. She agrees with not paying someone for something they aren't doing.

Swigart stated from the sound of the letter if we wanted him to stay on, he would until there was a replacement.

Musselman asked what would happen to the Fire Department if there was no Chief and what would happen in the event of a fire.

Olmedo explains that they have three capable Captains. The Captains right now work well together and support each other.

Barber explained that a senior Captain on scene would then act as the incident commander.

Musselman states if the board has the ability to resign the Chief to consider it, instead of waiting for a resignation if he is not currently performing his duties.

Spivey asked when the contract was up for renewal.

Olmedo states it is a month to month contract. The Board can either the contract is up or received a resignation with 30 days advance notice.

Swigart noted he is paid through 4/13/19 and we can discuss this again at the next meeting on 4/9/19.

Barber states the Board could compose a letter asking what the Chief's intentions are and sending it certified with a timeframe to respond.

Item tabled.

Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to offer newly appointed Fire Chief a monthly stipend

Item tabled.

Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

1. Letter from Nye County Clerks Office RE: Outdoor Festival License for RMGC 4th of July Annual Picnic, dated 3/11/19.
2. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Public Workshop Agenda for 3/22/19.
3. Tonopah Town Board Meeting Agenda for 3/27/19.
4. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for 3/27/19.

Olmedo reviewed correspondence. Utility Operator was awarded Operator of the Year for 2019. NV Rural Water association reached out to Joe Westerlund and he submitted a letter commending Mr. Brown. Three volunteer firemen are in LA at training. Still having issues with the credit card system, there seems to be a glitch that they cannot seem to solve. They will not charge for service until it is up and running. Tentative budget is due April 14th. We have not received any quotes on the little league field. The work vehicle that RMPU requested they haven't submitted a quote yet, it looks like they have a brand new older model work vehicle. Reached out to Sheriff Wehrly for their capital outlay projects and she will let us know what they have. Maintenance will be out to repair some potholes around town. Town Hall remodel is slowly coming along. To help with the renovation we will close down our office a few business days sometime in the near future but we will ensure that the drop box will be in place.

Swigart asked when the sewer engineer was going to show up.

Olmedo explains that he has not given a date yet as he has been tied up with other projects.

Barber asked about what NDEP wants us to do about our nitrogen levels.

Olmedo explains that they would like us to update our Nitrogen reduction plan. Lumos & Associates when they were doing our wastewater rehab, they had updated that for us. We had reached out to them to help us with this again and he had set up our utility company to assist in finding the correct documents for him to take a look at this and how it's operating. Joe & Darrick took it upon themselves to test the effluent which we have not done before. Recreation-capital outlay projects have a request to change out the cores and locks and keys. The gym floor is hoping to be done this fiscal year.

Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain

Enzi motioned to approve the invoices. Spivey seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2019 – 2020

Olmedo explains that there were a few items that were not in the budget which was Capital Outlay for the fire department. Darrick was still working on figures for the Public Utility department.

RMPU. Capital outlay - Grinder pumps (3) – \$5,000. Pipe camera -- \$800. Electric snake with cutter heads -- \$2,500. Trash pump for water breaks -- \$450. Tools -- \$800. Work truck - \$40,000. Repair 400,000 Water Tank - \$130,000. Total - \$179,550.

Admin - Salaries (2.5) - \$138,906. OT FY 17-18 - \$8,000. Accumulated Leave Payout - \$150,000. Housing Allowance - \$6,000. Total - \$302,906. Total employee benefits - \$87,003. Total Services & Supplies - \$142,350. Capital outlay - \$24,000. Phone System or Call Pilot for messaging - \$6,000. Computer (4) - \$6,000. Map printer - \$12,000.

Buildings and Grounds. Salaries & Wages (3) - \$130,442. Employee benefits - \$77,594. Service & supplies - \$107,600. Capital Outlay: Pool Paint - \$60,000. Parking Lot Asphalt Overlay & Seal - \$300,000. Grounds Master 7200 No Deck Mower - \$22,000. Total - \$382,000.

Fire Department. Services & Supplies - \$129,100. Not been able to plug in their capital outlay. Chief payments out of other/incentive plan.

Highways & Street. Street lights - \$15,000. Capital Outlay parking lot sealing \$30,000.

RM Water. Services & Supplies - \$21,000. No capital outlay.

Pool. Salaries - \$30,120. Employee benefits - \$3,986. Services & Supplies - \$40,300.

Parks & Recreation. Salaries & Wages (2) - \$73,526. Employee Benefits - \$47,741. Services & Supplies - \$100,888. Capital outlay: A/C for Cardio Room & Racquetball Court - \$20,000. Gym Floor - \$80,000. Total - \$80,000.

Road Maintenance Fund. Gas tax - \$63,380. Services & supplies - \$75,000. Subtotal - \$100,000.

Public Safety Sheriff Fund - \$20,000. Comes from sales tax.

General Public Comment (SECOND)

Swigart mentioned that April 6th is Bill Winters Chili Cookoff.

Adjourn meeting

Barber motioned to adjourn at approximately 6:01 pm. Spivey seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.