

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Wes Hubred, Clerk
Roger Morones, Member

Members Absent: Lisa Davila, Vice Chair
Vacant, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Tini Mittelstadt, Administrative Aide

Citizens Present: Michael Hardy
Josh Christensen
Greg Schoen
Jay Dixon
David Hendriks
Pearlene Nockideneh
Jon Colbert



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Swigart called the meeting to order at approximately 4:44 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (FIRST)

Dave Hendriks stated that if there are any requests of the Mine, feel free to share during the course of the meeting. He asked Pearl if there is anything on the list.

Olmedo responded that they will get to that when they discuss the sewer project update.

Hendriks responded by asking, so you are going to ask for something from the Mine?

Swigart recognizes Greg Schoen on behalf of the Town Board, stating he is a long time Board Member, he also recognizes Jay Dixon as a distinguished guest.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9, 2016 AGENDA

Olmedo requests to remove item # 10 and the June 28, 2016 meeting minutes.

Hubred made a motion to approve the August 9, 2016 agenda as revised. Morones seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

HOPE ORGANIZATION - LISA DAVILA, TO REQUEST STORING THEIR ITEMS IN THE DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER BRONZE ROOM

Morones states that he has approached the PTO about the shed that they have on the south side of the multi-purpose room at the school. He said that the PTO doesn't have a problem giving HOPE some space to store their stuff. The PTO would just need some time to move out some gymnastic equipment. Morones said that he didn't know how soon the Board would like the items moved out of the Bronze Room, and that the PTO has not contacted Lisa to let her know the PTO is willing to let HOPE store their stuff.

Olmedo requests that the item be moved no later than September 12, 2016.

Morones responded that PTO would need at least 2 weeks to clear out space for HOPE. He also said that PTO has equipment that they would like to give or donate if someone would like the items. He states that they have gymnasium mats, a pommel horse, parallel and uneven bars. He asked Pearl if the Town could use them, that the PTO would be happy to donate them to the Town. He said that the Town could come by and look at them to see if they would like them. He did not know the condition of the items because they had been stored for a while.

Olmedo advised Morones to let the PTO know to get in contact with her, and she would go take a look.

Swigart asked if they have talked with Lisa Davila on this and if so, was she fine with those dates.

Morones says that Britney Hampton the President of PTO and the Secretary Crystal Mitchek were going to contact Lisa and figure out what she needed.

Olmedo asked if they are going on record to deny this request.

Morones responded that given the fact that the PTO has space, and he thought that the last meeting they were looking for storage, if he is not mistaken. So with that he is going to make a motion.

Morones made the motion to deny the request for HOPE to store items in the Bronze Room, given that the PTO is giving them space in their storage area, and that HOPE would have the items removed no later than September 12, 2016.

Hubred stated that being the fact that no one showed up for the last 2 meetings and it has been on the agenda, he would agree with Morones, he states that the Board has given ample time for HOPE to come in and dispute where they want to keep their items, and the PTO is going to offer them space.

Swigart agreed also, he said the other organizations have removed all their items from storage, and that the Town personnel say that the storage is a minimum there; they need every bit of it, so I agree.

Hubred made the motion that we ask the HOPE organization to remove their items from the Donald L. Simpson Community Center Bronze Room on or before September 12, 2016. Swigart seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

Olmedo thanked Roger for coordinating with the PTO.

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Michael Hardy the project engineer states that the project is coming along good. They have one more pond to line and plan to get it done by the end of the week. Next week the liner people will go back in and test the liners and make sure that there are no leaks. Lumos has been out there during the inspections and they have been taking the samples and having them brought in for lab analysis. He said everything is looking good right now. They have gotten the solids out of the pond. He explained that it was a little more of a challenge than they had thought it would be. There had been more solids in the pond than anticipated. The solids are in those geo-tubes, and the geo-tubes will probably take a year to completely dry out before they can dispose of the solids that are in them. He says Josh is moving things around very well out there. He states that the ponds are getting a little full, but believes there is still room in them to finish the liners and have them tested, and start moving the waste water around more to balance the system so they can start treating it better. Regarding the treatment, stating that about a month ago, although he wasn't here, he wanted to provide information. He didn't know if it wasn't accepted or understood where he was trying to go with this. He explains that as they moved along with the project; what they have been finding is that the old blue prints for the design, haven't been very accurate. He believed that the Board has seen that they have come back with significant change orders; there was a lot more clay on the bottom of the polishing pond than what was anticipated. Other things that they had found, was that there is no screen system. There is supposed to be a screen that where waste water went into the lift station, it was supposed to be caught in the screen that could be raked out. It shows it on the blueprint, but as far as we can tell there is no screen in there, so all the rags and hand wipes are going directly into the ponds. They are fouling up the pontoon aeration system that they have in there. It isn't the most effective or efficient system to have.

Hardy stated that he wanted to talk about both aeration system and with your current pond design, why it was designed the way it was initially and what they are doing now, what has changed over the years and make some recommendations. He is hoping the Board will at least say, yeah let's move forward, not with a vote, just give me permission, or just tell me that the Board is interested and I will move forward with more investigations on some treatments. As you are aware, this pond system was put back in the late 1980's. Back then the way the regulations were set up, most of these lagoons were set up in an anaerobic system. You would pump into these ponds and there wouldn't be any oxygen and you would create organisms that would help digest solids off the bottom, treat some of the brine, move it from pond to pond, then it went to a polishing pond and you would get sufficient or adequate treatment to the point where you could discharge it. That was how a lot of these rural systems were laid out. In the late 90's regulations changed. NDEP said we are no longer going to allow this kind of anaerobic treatment system. You have to put aeration in there, because it is more effective, it works better and we need higher treatment before it is discharged into the ground water. The easiest and most simplistic way to do that back then was to put in pond aerators, because they weren't too expensive. You could stick them in there and tie them down and put a little power to them to create aeration to the ponds through that. For the most part they worked, but with the size and the depth of the ponds, we are not getting quite the aeration that they need. They are fouling up because there is no screen system to keep the rags and the little hand wipes out. We found out just through the course of doing this project is, that the operator has to go out there daily to clean the aerators if they are going to work properly. That is really difficult for them to spend the time going out and cleaning the fouled systems that are out there. So it's not the best system, but at the time it was better than nothing, it was reasonable. It put some air in the system, you got a little dissolved oxygen in there, so you changed it from an anaerobic system to aerobic, but because these things are have such a struggle and they don't have the maintenance time to handle them, so you are kind of in limbo. You are not quite an anaerobic system, but you're no longer an oxidation system anymore. What we found when we dewatered the treatment ponds, you've got quite a bit of collection of solids on the bottom. You're not getting the digestion for the bugs, because you are not really getting the right kind of bugs to handle it either way. With that we thought we were looking at having between 8 to 10 inches of solids in your main pond 1, we ended up with about 2 feet. That is in a matter of, I think they cleaned the ponds out in 2011, five years and that is a lot of solids to be in the pond in that period. On 2, that is the middle pond. The way they do it is they cascade from pond 1 to pond 2 to pond 3 and to the polishing pond. We found we had about 20 inches of solids in pond 2. This is more significant than we initially believed. We didn't think we would have any in pond 3 and that was the first one we took care of, it

had 8 to 10 inches of solids. So what we are seeing is we are not getting any kind of digestion of the bio-solids. That is telling us that the pontoon aeration is not working effectively. We did some cost analysis, if we were to go out and bring in a 3rd party to take care of the solids and pump everything they can and have them take all of the solids out and dispose of them, it is extremely expensive. So, we stuck with what we had, we had to go with bigger geo-tubes, but we were able to get the solids out that we had in the pond right now, but there was twice as much as what we anticipated. With that said, the AOC that you are under right now as a Town, has everything to do with the nitrate levels in the ground water. I will let Josh speak on the concentration levels right now, but correct me if I'm wrong, the up gradient one was at 4 parts per million for nitrate.

Christensen responded that it was 4-5.

Hardy continues saying, and 2 down gradient we're at?

Christensen answered we were consistent at 11 on that one, now we are at 10. The new one that we put in is at 13.

Hardy says they are a little higher than we anticipated.

Christensen continues, saying a 10 is the max you can get.

Hardy replies, so right now the AOC says that you will be at or below 10 before September 2017, or phase 2 will be initiated. Phase 2 of the treatment system is putting in a kind of tertiary system into the system, which are the wetlands. It is pretty expensive and we don't want to do that, we are trying to eliminate that, we think it is not an issue. We would like to make a recommendation, first put in a screening system so you can get rid of those wipes that are clogging up the aeration system you have. They are supposed to be biodegradable, but we are just not seeing that, they are not going away. Josh was showing me some of the sizes of rags. I don't know how they are getting down into the sewer system to be honest with you, but some of them look like beach towels and they are causing problems too. So we would like to recommend, I will do a little research and find out a couple alternatives and put some cost together if you are interested, to put in a screen system so that you are screening out those things that are not going to break down. Secondly, we are looking into alternative aeration systems that are more effective than the pontoon. Keep in mind that there is a lot of benefit down the road to this, especially for the aeration system. First and foremost, you will start to see a better dissolved oxygen transfer for the amount of electricity you are utilizing right now with these pontoon systems. There is a white paper I put out, that I gave to everybody to read, it shows how inefficient those pontoon aerators are, but at the time they were the best solution. It's not saying they were wrong, at the time they were the best solution. Since then there is some new technology out there, one of the ones I gave you I think it is Triplepoint, and they have these diffusers that sit on the bottom of the pond and you put a blower in and you get dissolved oxygen for a lot more efficient system than you would for the pontoons. Another one is the bio-domes. I have been doing a little research on both and talking to operators and other utilities using them, I am not done by any means and cannot make a recommendation. I am just suggesting there are alternatives that will save on electrical over time. Save on cost when it comes to having to get rid of the bio-solids in there, right now you are just not seeing any digestion of the bio-solids at all. Thirdly, the disposal of the bio-solids is going to be significant, but you will get more treatment. We think with a different type of oxidation system you should definitely meet your AOC requirements of below 10. I know there is no guarantee, you know with discharging a lot better into your ribs than what is going into there right now. I guess all I am asking for is, if you guys would be on board for me to do a little research to come up with and find alternatives for the lack of screens that are in there now and some other types of oxidation systems, oxygen transfer systems so you have a better dissolved oxygen system, so there is less maintenance to the operators out there.

Swigart asked when the samples were taken and what the frequency is on those?

Christensen answered that they are quarterly samples. Right now I am monitoring samples, roughly every two weeks to see if I am dropping. I am not sending any samples to the State right now; it is for our own information to see where we are at. I haven't received my latest results yet; I am hoping mid-week or the end of the week.

Swigart questioned whether it is going up or staying the same or dropping or what.

Christensen responded that it has been staying the same. I am hoping that the number 13 has dropped significantly. We need it to drop. He went on to say that also the first couple sample that he pulled right after the wells were put in and he was talking to Bob Foerster from Nevada Rural Water and he suggested that I run the water 6 to 8 hours before I pull a sample, so that is what we did on this last one, so hopefully we will show lower numbers. As soon as I get those results, I will let you know, I will let everybody know where we are at.

Swigart asked what kind of screening are you looking at and is there a grinding mechanism.

Hardy answered that he didn't think we needed to go to any kind of grinder. We are looking at those, and putting in grinder posts, there are some savings that we are looking at right now. We weren't aware of the high winds that you have here and we were asked to look into another type of pontoon aeration system so we had this jetting potential. It was actually a bid item that was bid on, that is a 50 thousand dollar item. We don't plan on spending that money, because we don't think it is the right aeration system. Plus, with the type of wind you have, they say it comes out of the north in the winter time, the wind would be coming in this direction. We think you could actually get a fine mist all the way to the high school, and that is the last thing we want. We are taking that bid item out. We were looking at grinder pumps, but the way that the system was designed, the system can't accept the grinder pumps. The reason for that is you have to have a small pipe diameter; right now it is a standard 4 inch discharge pipe where you need a 2 inch so that when you grind stuff up, it would have a higher velocity. So we did have chopper pumps put in there, but I also put a hold on the chopper pumps. I didn't think we wanted to stick those in there either. I would rather put some kind of screen system in there, so there is some saving from those two line items. They could apply toward the aeration system and the screen system.

Hubred asked with this screen system that you are talking about, what is going to keep them from plugging up, if we don't have anything to grind up the rags, we are still going to have the problem, right?

Hardy responded that there are different types of screen. One that I brought up is a vertical screen, and please keep in mind, this is to show you that I put in some research. This is another alternative type of treatment aeration, it's not really aeration, and it is a different type of treatment.

Hubred asked if those sit on the bottom of the ponds.

Hardy responded saying they are like their own little bio-treatment systems down there that help treat the waste water. The other thing, and there are a bunch of different types, this is just one and it is called the vertical fine screen. You can stick it in your lift station or you can put in a man hole and stick them in the man hole. What it does is it screens everything and there is a cork screw that pulls it to the surface and puts all the solids into a waste bin. These are just options, by no means am I recommending these. There are also manual screens that can go in that need cleaned every 2 or 3 days, you just go in and rake them. Right now I didn't want to spend the time if the Board wasn't interested in looking at these. My concern is that phase 2 does not have to occur for the system. I want to make sure that we are reducing costs over the long term by putting in the proper system and doing it right.

Swigart question how much time Hardy would need for the research he wants to do.

Hardy answered that he could have it by the next Board Meeting, if I have permission to, and I would have some rough cost, it wouldn't be the final cost by any means, but I could have rough cost on alternatives just for

you to think about. I don't want an answer right away. I talked to Jon from Nevada Rural Water; your waste water person here. I think you met him at the last meeting to give you some education on aeration, so Jon has time to help me and so I think between the two of us, we can come up with some good alternatives.

Morones asked how much time is needed before a final decision has to be made to implement something, do we have enough time frame for that?

Hardy replied that he thought so.

Morones asked if we have enough time to go over what we need to do, to do it right this time. What time is it critical that we make a decision to have this new aeration system put in?

Hardy responded that you have a contractor on site right now, so I was going to ask him on pricing that he would have to be involved with and some of the other stuff would be done by the Town personnel. Timing wise I would say we need to make a decision by the middle of September.

Olmedo stated that we signed the AOC saying we will be completed by September 30, 2016.

Hardy responds, if you only need a week to review the data for the next Board Meeting, we could have a special session on that, I could come down for that too, or if you have any more questions.

Swigart asked Christensen what is his opinion, you probably know that system better than anyone?

Christensen responded as far as the maintenance aspect of it, it is the way to go. The cost savings that we've looked over, the aerators now are old and they are not on a timing system they run 24 hours a day, the cost of this kind of system is really going to benefit the town. The maintenance is going to benefit myself. Yeah I think it is the way to go. The longevity of it is also the way to go.

Schoen stated that a lot of the Board was not here when this first came up years a couple ago. Dan Sweeney called up to, he thought Jackpot, and looked at some of the aerator systems that they had used if there was a move up, he was going to try to bring some of those down, and at that time, we hadn't gotten this far into the project yet. We all kind of agreed that that kind would probably work. We really didn't know and so when we moved along it has come apparent that the older style equipment is less efficient and won't work as well here. I think that's why, it may take away a little of the shock value, that it has just become apparent that this newer type of system is truly needed and Mike speaks the truth in this next phase of this whole thing. You don't want to ever get in a place of noncompliance with NDEP. You sure don't want to go to a wetlands treatment system, because if you go that way and you end up with a wetland and there have been many, many court cases in place stating once you have created an artificial wetland you may get to keep it and you will need to maintain it long after the Town is gone. I would just really hope for the Board to really consider the types of aeration systems that Mike is going to look into. I don't have the knowledge of which one is better, best or least, but also what Josh said about the maintenance aspect, trying to get the maintenance load down to as low as you can get it. Thank you everybody.

Colbert stated that he has been here talking with Mike since about noon today, and last time I was here we asked some questions for the Board to consider about maintenance, about why they were doing this, about what the cost could be. I have had a lot of the questions personally for me answered today and that there is already this money that was put in for this mist producer jet system, that would almost be straight across for the Triplepoint, so that is good point. I didn't know that Josh had to clean out the rags daily, so the maintenance that is involved with that new system wouldn't be any big shock to him. Normally surface aeration system doesn't take any maintenance whatsoever, but there is usually a screening for that. The screening definitely needs to happen no matter what you go with you've got to have screening. You can't put rags and stuff like that into a system, no matter what you do it is not going to work, it is going to plug things up and it is going to cause

problems. Last time I was here, I think I told you that wet wipes were one of the leading problems in the waste water industry today. So, I think what Mike just said about all these points answered a lot of the questions that we were asking you to ask yourselves. On the rags issue, I think the Town might try a little education, maybe something going out with people's bills. You're not going to get them to stop using wet wipes, that is not going to happen, but if you are getting towels, beach towels and even rags and stuff like that, it would help if maybe a little request and education to the public might cut some of that back. The upright screen that Mike is talking about with the helical screw and conveyor that lifts it, that is a self-cleaning thing, it has a perforated pipe with quite small holes. It takes most of the trash out of the sewage, lifts it up with that screw, de-waters it while it is going up that thing and puts a fairly dry product into the dumpster that can be landfilled or removed. The system can be as simple as a bar screen. What they have on the bar screen is a piece of flat bar mounted close together; it would have to be hand raked. You would almost use a garden rake to go down there every 2 or 3 days normally and clean that out by hand, it wouldn't be dewatered, it would still be messy and you would have to put it into your own container and handle it by hand. It's not as efficient, but a lot cheaper. It is more hazardous to the employees for things like needles and sharps, but you have lots of options.

Swigart asked if there was anyone else.

Hubred asked if Mike's question was answered, that the Board does want him to move forward with this.

Morones states that he didn't think they had addressed whether the Board wanted Mike to move forward or not. (the Board all agreed that is what they wanted to do). Morones further states that Greg was right, that he himself was not involved in the original one, and now it has been in the works for, and he asks, 2 years now?

Greg and Pearl both said 2 and a half.

Morones states that obviously you couldn't have foreseen what was about to happen without diving in there and knowing. It has been a great education for me. Your maintenance now on that, he asks Josh, how much time are you spending clearing these rags and that?

Christensen responds saying, it depends on the time of the season which is when the ponds turn. Generally, I can go out there anywhere between 5 and 6 times a day, if I have another employee to go with me out in the boat. You have to literally go out there in this, get the proper personal protection on, lift the aerators out of the system, unwrap these propellers, and there are 3 aerators per pond. You could literally leave, get out of the water, turn it on, and that stuff keeps rolling and the pond keeps turning. You can turn it on, get in the truck and you will have two of them plugged in 10 minutes. So you are not getting any aeration what so ever, you are basically going septic on your system.

Morones states in interest in making for sure we move this forward, I move that Mr. Hardy and Josh work together on coming up with an idea or solution, something that is going to get us more longevity. I hate to see Josh spending half his day doing nothing but maintenance.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO APPROVE AERATION SYSTEM CHANGE ORDER FOR TOWN OF ROUND MOUNTAIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY REHABILITATION PROJECT

Swigart stated that the Board had heard about 3 systems last meeting.

Olmedo responded that he touched on Mars Aeration.

Morones added, big bubble and little bubbles.

Swigart responded, big bubbles, little bubbles and the fountain and pretty much the barge air system that blows bigger bubbles into it, right.

Christensen states that right now, the maintenance to the system consumes half his day, and that he also has the water system operate as well. It is a lot of things for one guy to keep an eye on. The ponds are consuming most of his time.

Morones asks Mike, by next meeting you said you would have most of the information to present what would be the best option for us?

Hardy responded that he would present some alternatives, for both aeration and for screening. He can't give direct costs but he will be able to give rough costs. After he gives his recommendation it would be up to the Board to decide which alternative would be in the best interest of the Town.

Morones asks Josh, you know what would work best for you and this town and would coordinate with Hardy on those, right?

Christensen confirmed that Mr. Hardy and he communicate all the time.

Swigart questions whether or not Josh thought he would still need to go look at the barge and that they could talk to Chris Swanson.

Christensen stated that yes, a barge would be good if we go with the Mars system, because Mike and some of these guys have said that every 5 years they have pulled some of these systems up to pressure wash them.

Hardy said he thought it was every year that they would have to check on that.

Christensen continued, that is very minimal even at once a year. You pull them out, you have a little barge, you pull them out of the water, you have a pressure washer up on deck and you clean the pores out. There are some membranes on some of those things and you can replace some of those, set them right back in the water and you are up and running.

Swigart requested to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Mike will have information at that time.

READING, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, MAY 10, MAY 19, MAY 24, MAY 31, JUNE 14, JUNE 20, AND JULY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Morones motioned to approve the April 26, May 10, May 19, May 24, May 31, June 14, June 20 and July 12, 2016 meeting minutes as presented to the Board. Hubred seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE, AWARDS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonopah Town Board & Library Board of Trustees meeting agenda for 8/10/16.
Nye County Agenda Information Form for 8/16/16 Re: Round Mountain Town Board.
Board Application – Liandra Dutton.

Olmedo noted 3 items. She spoke with the Clerk's Office at length about the Board vacancy last week. We got to the point that I was asking for assistance from Joni Eastley and Lorinda Wichman. I let them know that I had someone in mind, and to give me until the end of the week. During that period Liandra Dutton submitted her application. It was sent Friday morning and she got us on the agenda right away. I recommended that we go forward in recruiting Liandra seeing as how we had no other applicants. The Nye County Clerk's Office was willing to assist us by accepting that late application. Also, I don't know if you all read the email I sent out a

couple weeks ago. At your request, I scheduled a Thursday Board Training for the Open Meeting Law, for August 25, 2016. Are you all available? I need to let Wayne from POOL PACT know if it is still a go. (*Hubred, Swigart, and Morones all said they would be able to attend.*) I will also include Smoky Valley Library District if they choose to attend and reach out to the PTO to see if they want to.

Morones stated that he thinks it is important that they do, he said he has had to be careful with them or had to educate them on some of the open meeting laws. Training for them would be essential. If you could, I would appreciate that.

Olmedo responded that she would and that last year the Library Board was also invited and they were in attendance. Did you know of any of the Boards that I am not aware of other than PTO?

Morones said HOPE is all he could think of off the top of his head.

Olmedo stated that the meeting was August 25, 2016 1pm to 4pm, and if there was not a lot of discussion it should be no longer than 3 hours.

Swigart asked the Board if they had any problems with the applicant for the vacant Board position.

Morones said he thinks the addition of Liandra would be great. She had been part of this community for a very long time.

Swigart and Hubred agreed with Morones's statement.

Olmedo stated that Liandra was business minded, and that she runs a business.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>	<u>HRLY. RATE</u>	<u>LONG.</u>	<u>EFFEC. DATE</u>
Alstatt, Tucker M. Summer Aide (2)	Terminate – End of Season	\$8.75		8/04/16
Brown, Payton Summer Aide (2)	Terminate – End of Season	\$8.75		8/04/16
Marich, Ariana Summer Aide (2)	Terminate – End of Season	\$8.75		8/04/16
Rodriguez, Jose L. Summer Aide (2)	Terminate – End of Season	\$8.75		8/04/16
Sample, Tia Summer Aide (2)	Terminate – End of Season	\$8.75		8/04/16
Hansen, Rebecca	Request to Hire – Administrative Supervisor	\$19.23		8/10/16
Lopez, Lily Facilities Aide	4% Merit Review increase from \$11.81 – based on annual review, retroactive to 7/27/16	\$12.28		7/27/16

Rowland, Dan Janitor	4% Merit Review increase from \$13.02 – based on annual review, retroactive to 7/15/16	\$13.54	7/15/16
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Olmedo stated our 5 summer hires that you hired, thank you for hiring them. They did wonderful around town, so I just wanted to assure you that they did great things. They really stepped it up, no complaints.

Swigart replied that is a big thing with the teenagers, if you don't hear anything bad, it is probably real good.

Olmedo stated that there are 7 items on your list tonight. I am not sure if you had a time to view while we waited.

Hubred asked what can you tell us about Rebecca Hansen, is she local?

Olmedo answered that she is local. She has 10 years in a public utilities facility and billing in the background. I interviewed 3 applicants for the position and she was the most qualifications, and could transition into this role easily. I liked the fact that she had accounts payable and accounts receivable in her background. That was a big plus for me and the fact that she worked for Nevada Energy for 10 years, public utilities, she is very well aware of confidentiality, she had a play with HIPPA, which this position will touch into that regarding some of the HR responsibilities she will assume, once fully trained.

Swigart responded I think that you were put in the position to make those decisions, right, and these are decisions that you will have to manage.

Olmedo let the Board know that there is a probationary period, and that she requests to bring her in at the lower end of the pay scale for this position.

Swigart asked what the probationary period was.

Olmedo responded that it was 90 days up to 180 days.

Swigart stated that he didn't see any problems.

Olmedo continues to let the Board know that the summer hires last day was last week. So she formally asked to terminate them and get them off the books, effective August 4, 2016. She reiterated that they were great and helped out maintenance and recreation departments. Mitch and I have completed performance reviews and requested that they be given 4% merit increase. You can see the pay that they are currently at and what it would be with the increase.

Swigart states that he doesn't see any problem with any of the personnel actions and asked the rest of the Board if they do. Swigart made a motion to accept the personnel actions for August 9, 2019. Morones seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (SECOND)

Olmedo stated if we were to move forward with the sewer project, I wanted to put it out there, I was hoping that Round Mountain Gold would be able to assist us. I am not sure how, but that they would assist us with this project. At some point when we have everything together, I plan to come to you and pitch our proposal to Round Mountain Gold.

Hendriks responded that we could always talk.

Swigart stated that having spent 28 years in the ore processing department and knowing what equipment is there and they no longer use. There is an old barge used on the tailing system and hasn't been used in 20 years. With your permission Dave, I would like to take Josh up and take a look at it. Mr. Swanson said there is no use for it, and to get approval.

Hendriks responded, if you don't mind if you could send me an email, just so you can keep the line there.

Swigart answered that they wouldn't expect a donation without that all being documented.

Hendriks continued, that you are more than welcome come, but let's keep the chain going, so if you want to have Pearl send me an email requesting permission for it and take a look at it and anything else. It might be something appropriate to do at the same time as you would be pitching the whole packet. When do you guys think you will know about it all?

Pearl answered that they will need numbers first. (*Morones, Swigart and Hubred all agreed*).

Hardy mentions needing to make requisitions and starting in that direction.

Hendriks said as far as coming up and looking at the barge is ok, but let's do it through the email it is always easier, and try to keep the chain open.

Hubred expressed that he has a general comment too, he doesn't know if it is relevant right now. He states that we have talked about in the past about naming the fire house. Has anything come of that?

Olmedo answered that she put that in Sweeney's ball court. I know some things came up unexpectedly and he wanted to do a public dedication after school started, so it would have been next weekend I think is what we were geared toward. Due to personal things that came up and him having to take an unexpected trip out of town, things got delayed. We have not forgotten. We will advertise in the Valley View as soon as we know a date.

Hubred asked Greg if he had received his plaque.

Olmedo answered no he has not.

Tini Mittelstadt stated that she has reordered that plaque. It has been reordered, sent priority mail, and it has been 3 weeks, and we still have not received it.

Olmedo stated that we have not spent any monies so far, and will be looking for a different vendor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Morones motioned to approve the vouchers as read. Swigart seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Morones motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:42 p.m. Hubred seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.