

ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION  
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2022 4:30 P.M

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair  
Heather Enzi, Vice Chair  
Robert Spivey, Jr., Clerk  
Samantha Faga, Member  
Nichole Silberschlag- entered late at 4:43 p.m

Members Absent: Samantha Faga, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager  
Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor  
Sky Trease, Recreation Director  
Sergio Olmedo, RMVFD- Chief  
Lorinda Wichman- Nye Co. Natural Resources Director  
Pearlene J. Nockideneh- community member  
Calissa Heaton- community member

**APPROVED**

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TOWN BOARD

**1. Call meeting to order/roll call**

James Swigart called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. James Swigart – Chair, Heather Enzi – Vice Chair, Robert Spivey Jr.- Clerk and Samantha Faga – Member were in attendance.

*Nichole Silberschlag- arrived at 4:43 pm.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. General Public Comment (Three-minute time limit per person.) No action will be taken by the board until specifically included on an agenda as an action item. (FIRST)**

None.

**4. Approval of February 8, 2022 agenda. (For possible action.)**

Faga moved to approve February 8, 2022 agenda; Enzi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**5. Approval of the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes. (For Possible Action)**

Enzi moves to approve January 11, 2022 meeting minutes; Faga seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**6. Approval of the January 25, 2022 cancelled meeting minutes. (For possible action)**

Faga moves to approve January 25, 2022 cancelled meeting minutes; Enzi seconds. Motion passed 4-0.

**7. Presentation of Nye County's lands bill. Petitioner Lorinda Wichman (For possible action.)**

Lorinda Wichman- Nye County working on lands bill. Copies distributed to all attendees. Inside presentation it shows what and why of the Lands Bill. Nellis AFB is expanding which is what spurred this project. NTTR is expanding, maybe. Fallon Air Station is expanding. All of those are taking up our Multiple-Use lands out of Nye County- those things that provide revenue for Nye County. Tried to compel the Navy in Fallon to encourage mitigation for Nye County in whatever form we could do. The only response Wichman has received for 3 years is "we don't handle that part you'll have to go to Congress for that". When Wichman was seated as Nye County Natural Resources Director, she was given permission to move forward. April 1, 2022 a package will be put together and go forward to Congress in draft form. The Draft will be put forward in the National Defense Authorization Bill. Congress will begin discussions in April. Two things that will directly impact Nye County Wichman has been tasked to negotiate with Friends of Nevada Wilderness (FNW). FNW must be in support of the draft of this bill or, the bill will die. Several acres are in Wilderness Study Area, that was a designation given to BLM for land to study for the characteristics of wilderness. BLM has made a determination. Wichman is using that data to negotiate with the FNW. Wichman can not argue with the FNW regarding the Toiyabe Crest Trail, right along the top. FNW wants that to extend to the county line. Wichman introduced two additional maps. Round Mountain Cemetery, was put in the bill. Wichman was informed that the Cemetery might be within Round Mountain Gold Corporation footprint of operation. Wichman will meet with Neil next week to find out exactly what the plan for Round Mountain Cemetery will be. Main intent of Wichman visit is to ensure her contact information is given to all interested/concerned parties of the Lands Bill.

Question from James Swigart- "Where does this go from here?" Wichman answers regarding meeting with Neil next week, and the week after FNW. Topics for that meeting are The Wall, Palisades, South Reveille Mountain Range, and Cowich Range. Cowich has been deemed unsuitable by the BLM. Cowich Range high mineral potential both for base and precious metals and for geo-thermal. For those reasons BLM has deemed it unsuitable. FNW want to create an area and call it National Conservation Area for the intent for the Dark Skies- Park to Park in the Dark. It would restrict business interests. The flat spots are all lava flow.

Wichman is trying to get all drafts completed by March in order to present to Congress in April. Reminded to email, call if any questions or concerns regarding Lands Bill. Maps are being developed.

This is not a voteable item. It's a Defense Authorization Bill.

**8. Discussion of the installation of 5 Solar Street Lights slated for the Town of Round Mountain and decision on the location of 5 Solar Street lights, and forward recommendations of 5 locations to Nye County Public Works Department (For possible action)**

Pearl Olmedo printed a map and reminded of the five locations already identified. Suggest that if other recommendations are warranted, let Olmedo know.

- Stop sign Pablo/Electrum
- Welcome to Round Mountain sign between Blitz Creek/Entry to Hadley Circle
- Near Hadley/White Park
- Northwest end of town Smokey Valley Boulevard and Hadley Circle
- Smoky Valley Boulevard and Antelope Lane

Faga asked when will these be installed. Olmedo reminds that the Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) will be approving the purchase of the solar lights and they asked for recommendations for locations for BOCC to come out and look at areas to know what is needed.

Swigart- is this what we are allocated at this time? Olmedo says, yes. Silberschlag asked if this is the same thing that was discussed last year. Olmedo mentioned it was approved before the Regional Transportation Commission to install the five solar lights. Now Nye County is moving forward to purchase the lights. Town of Round Mountain needs to make recommendation on location of lights.

Faga asked about the General Store and Hadley Circle, is there a light in that location? Agreed with Smoky Valley Boulevard. Olmedo mentioned all the cul-de-sac's that do not have any illumination. The first concern should be the high traffic areas. Silberschlag asked if there is a complaint line where community members can call and complain about the darkness.

Faga moves to approve the locations for the five solar lights according to the map provided at this meeting. Swigart asked for a second. Enzi seconded motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**9. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to draft a response on the lack of motion of Nye County Resolution No. 2021-44; A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Contract Between Nye County and the Town of Round Mountain Established for the Purpose of Utilizing The 1.74 Cents Per Gallon Excise Tax on Certain Motor Vehicle Fuels Which is Apportioned to the Town of Round Mountain in Accordance with NRS 365.560 (For possible action)**

Olmedo reminded that this Resolution died for lack of motion at the county commissioner level level. In turn it went to the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) Meeting . Right now RTC is gathering information and the Town of Round Mountain office staff is working with RTC. The documentation gathering stages include items from the late 1990s. Specifically, approved financial audits being scanned and sent to the RTC. All required documents were provided except for the year 1991. A budget spreadsheet was provided to Board Members.

Budget document created in the Town of Round Mountain Offices is 3 years old and is being added to regularly. When Nye Co wanted to go back to 2003, Town of Round Mountain went back to 2007. As a result of the County request, the budget document created by the Town was updated. Olmedo points out revenues and expenditures on budget document. 1990-1994 gas tax reviewed. Those figures will in the Town's General fund and mixed in with the bulk of the Town's money. Even though it was mixed in with the general fund, those monies were being kept track of by the Town office Staff back during those years. Auditor signed off on all those years. In 1995 a revised statute wanted all Town's to create a separate fund to keep track of these monies. Anything that was allocated since the Town became a town was deducted from the General Fund and put into this newly created account in 1995. From 1995- current there was better specific tracking for these funds. 1995-2021 monies received is about \$1.4 million. Total expenditures \$863,891.

Enzi asked where the \$1.4 million was currently. There isn't a column that shows where those funds are.

Olmedo mentions that they are the audited figures that are entered into the budget document. Even though 1.4 has been received 864,000 has been spent. These documents were all provided to the Regional Transportation Commission. Olmedo is in constant contact with Leo Blundo- chair for the RTC Commission. Blundo is interested in moving forward. They all represent Nye County and agrees that there should not be a separation for different towns. Next Board meeting is March (RTC).

Spivey- questions about the exact dollar amount in that fund.

Discussion about location of equipment, total cost of road work.

Discussion about the reason for scoping the pipes, it was a direct request from Commissioner Dahl. Enzi suggested putting that money back into the road fund and paying out of RMPU funds. Silberschlag suggested that because it was a request of Dahl that the Town was forced to do it sooner than budget allowed, and should be charged to the Road fund and not the RMPU fund.

Faga agreed with Enzi that the scoping was overdue and *should* have been addressed before we were forced to.

Swigart brought up the “opt-out” clause in the resolution was not something that Nye County was going to approve the Resolution. Silberschlag asked if Olmedo was at that meeting. Spivey addresses concerns about handing over the money without the “opt-out” clause because of what happened in Gabbs and Amargosa. Community members in those towns are struggling to get out of their homes. Spivey brought up different options to fix roads and disagrees with the inflated cost. \$1million per mile.

Olmedo send a priority list

- Hadley Circle
- Electrum
- North end of Hadley broken up by subdivision
- Mahogany, Wildcat, Saddleback,
- Antelope, Aurora, Prospect, Turquoise
- Kelsey, Cove
- Smoky Valley Boulevard

Swigart asked about RTC meeting and attendance. Enzi upset and disheartened that there was no representative of Town of Round Mountain. Enzi suggests that even if the Town isn't on the agenda, at least be at the meetings. Olmedo is always on the line for the BOCC meetings. Physically in place if the Town is on the agenda. Faga, would like to attend if physically able. Please pass along all the agenda BOCC, and RTC to all board members. Silberschlag wasn't at the meeting, “Sorry about that”. Did the Town reach out to Jabbour for the last town meeting? Questions about how much notice was given to him specifically. Faga asked if the Town “personally” invited him and how much notice. Faga would like to see the County Commissioner would be here more.

Action Item

- Please bcc all board members on emails with Commissioners
- Make those face-to-face and nurture those relationships
- Provide those emails in back-up documentation
- Be more accountable and provide clarity

Swigart suggest all road complaints go to the county and no longer to the Town of Round Mountain as the Town doesn't have the funds to complete the massive road work.

Spivey suggests a Town Hall meeting with community members to inform. Olmedo agrees with Spivey that a Town Hall meeting with the community is at a minimum requirement. Spivey suggest it should be in conjunction with a Town Board meeting. Olmedo suggests getting into the Valley View, Community Outreach, Town Board shows up, posting at gas stations, and mailing out invitations to community members for the Town Hall.

Silberschlag requests Olmedo to “show her face” at the BOCC and RTC meetings.

**10. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to change Round Mountain Town Board meeting time. (For possible action)**

Silberschlag moves to leave meeting time the same. Enzi seconds motion. Motion approved 5-0

**11. Discussion and decision on the dates and time for Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2022-2023. (For possible action)**

Budget workshops for 2022-2023. Begins next Town Board Meeting February 22 at every board meeting.

Enzi moves to begin budget workshops on February 22 and at every board meeting. Silberschlag seconded motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **12. Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Update (For possible action)**

No Update. Rescheduled for next meeting.

### **13. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements. (Discussion only)**

- Gmail from Matthew F. Lawton, Revised Nye County Draft 2021 Population Estimates for Review, rec'd 1/10/22.
- Nye County Spring 2022 Auction List (tentative as of 1/11/22).
- Tonopah Town Board/Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees agendas, rec'd 1/21/22.
- Nye County Board of County Commissioner agenda for Feb. 1, 2022, rec'd 1/27/22.
- Invitation to the Northern Nye and Esmeralda County Housing Development Summit and Planning Workshop, Feb. 17-Feb.18, 2022, rec'd 2/4/22.

Olmedo will be attending the Northern Nye and Esmeralda County Housing Development Summit Workshop.

Spivey asked about the population info. Olmedo explained what numbers mean.

Olmedo is aware of the potholes that are showing up quickly. Maintenance team patch job will begin doing major repairs in spring Mahogany/Willow. Silberschlag asked if we should be spending the money while we are in talks about the Resolution.

Olmedo updated certified pool operator (CPO) certified for Sky/Sonny and the rest of the Maintenance team will be. Town offices will be closed Monday February 21, 2022 in observance of President's Day. Request to remove the ice block from the middle of the road on Prospect, and it took a day and a half to remove that. RMPU has had 3 leaks on Kelsey. Sewer blockage on Hadley Circle that involves the Church. Old Town frozen pipes. Hold off on major road repairs but The Town will continue with the pothole repairs as they are very bad. Nye Community Coalition in The Town office tomorrow. Feb 12 craft/poetry hour. Feb 11 Coloring contest winner announced. Town of Round Mountain is joining the LEPC. Board meeting Feb. 22, 2022. Mammovan March 8-9 has been shared on social media. Recreation center will be opening Teen Center and Open Gym, bringing down the vending machine from Old Town. Recreation is planning Easter Egg hunt and Arbor Day with UNR Coop Ext team to see if we can collaborate with them. Recreation will be reaching out to Environmental for help with Arbor Day. Recreation has gentle yoga on Monday and Wednesday. Update on wrestling/basketball/ but the kids do need to check in. Silberschlag asked about the tennis court issues. They are open again, after consulting with the builder and the issues won't negatively affect anything. If there is a large storm front the nets will be removed. Faga asked what the hours are for the teen center. Olmedo just says Fridays only as we don't have the staff for all weekend. Faga suggest bring in the small businesses in town to get cool items in the Teen center; big screen TV, bean bags, etc. Olmedo agrees summertime the hours will be very different.

### **14. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for January 25, 2022 cancelled meeting and February 8, 2022. (For possible action)**

Enzi moved to approve January 25, 2022 invoices; Silberschlag seconded motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Enzi questioned about the health inspector and when she will be arriving. Olmedo says, generally March is when she inspects.

Silberschlag moves to approve February 8, 2022 invoices. Faga seconds. Motion passes 5-0

**15. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. (Three-minute time limit per person.) No action will be taken by the board until specifically included on an agenda as an action item. (SECOND)**

Sergio Olmedo updates Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department is working on pagers. Currently 20 on order and Nye County is paying for the pagers. Nye Co. tower is not working. Radio update/more are working. Three candidates showed up. Five people to Pahrump HAZMAT class. Back on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

ERT banquet in March.

Check hot water heater. The hot water runs out quickly.

**16. Adjourn Meeting**

Silberschlag motion to adjourn meeting. Faga seconded motion. Motion passed 5-0.