

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN
BOARD MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Craig Barber, Vice Chair

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor
Darrick Brown, Utility Operator

Citizens Present: Jessy Richardson, Adam Reinke, Austin Anderson, Sam Lauver, Ramon Macias, Sergio Olmedo, Candace Brown, Sheldon Self, Emily Hendrickson



Call meeting to order/roll call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

General Public Comment (FIRST)

Swigart thanked the Board for their time, energy and dedication to be there.

Approval of the April 9, 2019 agenda

Swigart requested to table item 6.

Enzi motioned to approve the agenda. Spivey seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Approval of March 26, 2019 meeting minutes

Enzi motioned to approve the minutes. Musselman seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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 accept resignation, or terminate employment agreement, or retain employment agreement of current Volunteer Fire Chief

Swigart mentions he has not heard back from the current Chief and his understanding is he is out of town and probably not coming back. He recommended ending the agreement with current Chief as the 13th was in four days. The letter from the last meeting was mentioned and Spivey questioned if we had received any official notice of the Chief being gone as he had not had a response from the Chief either. Olmedo confirmed no official notice was received. Enzi asked if the letter received prior could be accepted as a resignation, as we need a Fire Chief here in the valley. Swigart suggested terminating the agreement and the office drafting a letter to be mailed. Olmedo stated a letter would be drafted for the Chair to sign.

Musselman motioned to approve the termination of contract. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Contract for Fire Chief is terminated and a letter is to be drafted by the office to send out.

Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to appoint Volunteer Fire Chief, or to appoint interim Volunteer Fire Chief, or advertise to hire for Fire Chief

Sam Lauver, Volunteer Firefighter, spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department. He stated the volunteers had a discussion on what they would like to do as a fire department at their weekly training meeting. They discussed pros and cons, and decided in 100% consensus they would support Darrick Brown as Interim Volunteer Fire Chief. He understands that Darrick would like to serve as the Interim Chief until they find a suitable Fire Chief.

Swigart questioned if their definition of a suitable Fire Chief would mean someone outside the current volunteers. Lauver explains Darrick could serve long term for years. It would be someone that fits in with the team, that could work with the Town & Town Board in a respectful, honest, and loyal manner. Enzi asks if they feel that person is Darrick and if an Interim title is just to get a feel for running the department and see how things go. Lauver stated he cannot speak for Mr. Brown, but he believes he has what it takes to do that. They have decided as a department that is what would be the best thing for them for now. They have been making a list of items and things they would like to improve on, training plans, and delegation. They're working together to team build.

Swigart asked if they have Captains that are in charge for now. Lauver explained they have Sergio Olmedo, Cory Hansen, and Darrick Brown who they hope will be stepping up to the Chief position; they have faith in those Captains.

Swigart liked the idea of a 6-month interim position before the decision is made for full time. Finding the time for Mr. Brown to perform some of the functions would require his supervisor's approval. Olmedo explains that it has been discussed in the office. Having him working for the Town, he could handle some of the things that happen Monday through Friday 8 to 5. We can allot some time for him during the day to handle things such as shooting emails or giving us roster information, if approved. If the Board is fine with it, the Town of Round Mountain is fine with it.

Spivey mentions with the classes he's got to take; he's going to be gone for certain periods of time. And he's been doing a lot of research and talking to a lot of people and last time he said he didn't necessarily want it. But now after talking he's willing to step up. We have three Captains, all of them would be qualified to take the position, and with all the paperwork it says the Chief reports to the board. Therefore, out of the three captains any one of them could take it as they answer to the Board not one person. If we have an Interim Chief, we should have an assistant for when he is gone. And possibly taking the \$1,000 that the previous Chief got and giving the Interim Chief \$600 and the Assistant \$400. Spivey stated that if Darrick decides not to take it full time that they should hire within from instead of looking for an outside source.

Lauver explains that the discussion of splitting the stipend was discussed in the event someone had to fill in for the Chief. Lauver expressed his concern that the Town Board deciding on an Assistant Chief could be risky as it could put the threat of a popularity contest within the firehouse. He feels the decision could be made as a whole from the Fire Department. Swigart asked if they had recommendations for an Assistant Chief. Lauver states either Cory Hansen or Sergio Olmedo could fill in.

Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Captain, stated their hope for tonight's meeting was for the Board to agree with Darrick as Interim Chief. Then they would like to go back to the volunteer's and discuss who they would like to have as an Assistant and then fill in the remaining vacant Captain spots. That way they can have a full staff and be able to assign duties. Today he requested to focus on designating a Fire Chief. In the future they can come back with who they would like see as an Assistant.

Darrick Brown introduced himself as a resident of the valley for 20 years, volunteer fireman for 18 years, EMT for 17 years, and was with mine rescue for 8 years. He stated that with Greg's departure from the valley he feels we need to have a Chief in the valley. Brown is willing to step up to be the Interim Fire Chief so there is a Chief in town that is familiar with the system, safety parameters and what goes with all of that.

Swigart mentions that the 6-month probationary time isn't necessarily a probationary period but a time to decide if you really end up liking what you're doing or if you suggest we go a different route. Next board meeting Brown can report to the Board who the Fire Department decided on for an Assistant Chief and at that time they can talk about the financial part of it.

Spivey asked Brown if the position was offered to him as a permanent position, would he take it. Brown states he doesn't know that he'd take it as permanent position right now. He has a lot on his plate with trying to be certified in wastewater. But as an Interim right now he believes he can skim by. He should take the wastewater test in June and have more of an answer then.

Spivey motioned to appoint Darrick Brown as Interim Fire Chief. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to offer Volunteer Fire Chief monthly stipend

Item tabled.

Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

1. Letter to State of Nevada Department of Taxation – Evelyn P. Barragan RE: Town of Round Mountain Designation of Auditor Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019, dated 3/27/19.
2. Letter from State of Nevada Department of Taxation RE: Annual Audit Report Fiscal Year 2018, rcvd 4/1/19.
3. Draft letter to Hadley residents RE: Declarations of Reservations.
4. Tonopah Town Board Budget Workshop Agenda from 4/5/19.
5. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Budget Workshop Agenda from 4/5/19.
6. Tonopah Town Board Agenda for 4/10/19.
7. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Agenda for 4/10/19

Olmedo requested the Board to review the letter to Hadley residents and provide feedback as there have been some complaints regarding unkempt properties. If the letter looks good it will be on the next agenda to send out to everyone along with the Declarations of Reservations reminding them they exist. The Board could designate a time frame for the residents to correct any violations, then designate the Town to go out and do visual inspections. If there are properties not in compliance, then we can submit to the BOCC as a nuisance. Olmedo would like to give them the summer, possibly sponsor Town clean up days where the Town can put out dumpsters. Olmedo

explains that the NV Division of Forestry informed us that starting next fiscal year 2020 they will be increasing their rates. We have been utilizing them at a flat rate of \$800 per month. Starting 2020 it'll be a \$300 daily rate, then it will increase to \$750 daily in the year of 2021. Will be updating the personal policy manual, to update job certification requirements, training, and schooling, it appears we don't have a step increase in our current manual and there are a few jobs within the town that have to have certain qualifications. Lumos & Associates gave a proposal to help out RMPU with the Nitrogen reduction plan that is to be given to NDEP; he plans on coming out to a board meeting. Recreation will be looking to expend capital outlay funds to replace the gym floor. Rec purchased a pool chemical shed roughly \$14,000. A Town representative was not able to attend the meeting at RMGC regarding the 4th of July picnic but a list of things the Town does to coordinate with the picnic was emailed; cleaning up the park; cleaning up the pond; coordinate with the environmental department when they deliver the fish; feed the fish; work with electrical to do lock out/tag out; work with general maintenance with serving lines for tables and chairs; put out all our Sani-huts; and the Volunteer Fire Department does fireworks at dusk. Budget hearing May 28th, regular board meeting. Maintenance did pot hole repairing, trying to hit as much as we can.

Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain

Musselman motioned to approve invoices. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2019 – 2020

Olmedo reviewed the budget.

Discussion and decision to approve Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020

Spivey motioned to approve Tentative Budget. Musselman seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

General Public Comment (SECOND)

Lauver addressed the possibility of notifying residents of nuisance yards. While attending conference they took classes on hoarder homes, heavy content homes, indicators of such homes. One indicator is a cluttered yard. The concern then becomes if these homes burn, the yards will burn as well and spread through to neighboring properties. Compulsive collectors accumulate items over a long period of time and these people are attached to them. Working with them in a timely manner is going to be a little bit more long term, think years.

Adjourn meeting

Spivey motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:51 pm. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.