

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission was held on March 22, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in White Pine County Library Conference Room, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Wayne Cameron, Chairman
Richard Howe, WPC Commission
Jolene Gardner, City of Ely

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Calderwood, WPC Public Works Director
Dave Berky, City of Ely
BJ AlMBERG, Basin Engineering
Steve Baer, NDOT Representative 8:08 a.m.
George Chachas
Naomi Harris, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WERE:

Desiree Barnson, Representing Ely Bus

Wayne Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

*COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit):

George Chachas is still waiting on information he has asked for numerous times.

George has yet to see anything on the agenda in regards to paving out where he and Tom Oxborrow have homes on McGill Highway since 1974.

He said The Board has failed to collect \$19,000 back for paving from the Tour and Rec Board. He previously stated the Tour and Rec Board received over \$1 million in revenue but he was wrong. They actually received \$1.5 million. He previously stated they paid out approximately \$300,000 in salaries but he was wrong again. They actually paid out \$375,000. That place is being mismanaged. When George was on the board they had \$440,000 in income and they gave out over \$67,000 and they were saving for promotion. These guys have \$1.5 million and they are not giving out much more than \$60,000. He said it is being mismanaged and Mr. Chairman needs to do something about it real quick because he is going to be catching heat from this point forward.

The Board has yet to have Keith Carson live up to his agreement to finish the valley gutter at Ruby and Orson. There was a contract. It hasn't been completed. He hasn't put in curb and gutter. There are City rules and regulations; he did not make them up.

There are no ADA access corrections on 11th Street and Avenue C. And they are talking about spending a half a million dollars or more for beautification for the Railroad. They would have saved some money if it was done correctly the first time.

He also wants to reiterate again that he wants 4 lanes on Aultman. If there is no traffic, there is no business and they are slowing down downtown. It needs to be told to the State. This is our community.

He has not seen anything in regards to Avenues I, J, K and L. They are a little narrower than City code and if we're going to be redoing Great Basin, they need to meet that minimum standard. That includes Campton and Great Basin. It is not the normal city width. There is a lot of traffic right there and a lot of semis.

There is still no signage out by the Charter School and he has seen no plans for an overhead pedestrian ramp by McDonalds or the Fire Station. You have a lot of traffic there and it's only going to increase, yet we have done nothing for the kids out there. You have 2 schools there. Everywhere else they say do not build schools near that kind of traffic. That's why it was moved from the downtown area. Something needs to be done and the people need some kind of report. Everyone in the community is in the dark. Nobody knows anything. George wants to know.

DISCUSSION – UPDATES FROM NDOT – Steve Baer said he has nothing new to talk about. Wayne Cameron asked him if NDOT is coming back in June to discuss the downtown project. Steve said yes. He thinks they will have the plans done at 60% by April so there is still room to change if someone is adamant about something. But things are starting to get finalized in their design process. Wayne Cameron said he is hearing about some topics people want to discuss so that would be a good time to get those issues out there.

Jolene Gardner asked Steve Baer what the deal is with the right-of-way at the Museum. She keeps hearing that they are holding meetings about the right-of-way and she thought that issue was solved already. Steve Baer said it was. BJ Almberg said they are going back there because previously NDOT met with the museum and the museum said to go ahead and do this. When they agreed to it, they didn't realize it was going to conflict with Mt. Wheeler Power's electrical poles. Jolene Gardner said she thought Mt. Wheeler agreed to move their poles. BJ said yes that is correct and that is where they are at but there obviously will be some costs associated with that. The museum requested it be located furthest south closest to the existing depot building so that would leave more Museum property to the north. They wanted to possibly build another structure or exhibit building. That was the agreement that night but when they got in to work on the details they realized the conflict with the power company. The power company has an overhead easement in that area so the museum realized they couldn't build a structure to the north because it would be under the power line. NDOT is proposing to realign it through the museum in the area underneath the power line so the power line easement and the storm drain easement are one in the same. That would leave everything free without taking up any additional property of the museum. This change would not require Mt. Wheeler Power to move the poles. So after getting deeper into the project this came to the surface and they decided this is the best situation because the museum doesn't have to give up extra property and they don't have to pay for Mt. Wheeler Power to move their poles.

Richard Howe asked Steve Baer about their timeline. Steve Baer said the project will not be under construction until the spring of 2019. The Contractor will not be doing any work until then. Richard Howe asked if it will be out to bid in the winter 2018 and be ready for construction in spring 2019. Steve Baer said yes, that is their plan. He added that the plans are already at 60% so they are moving forward and as of right now he sees no reason that timeline will not be met.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT CITY OF ELY PROJECTS – Dave Berky said they are still waiting on State contract numbers and they probably won't have anything confirmed until the end of the month. They will get some projects started by the end of May so they can get them complete in this budget year.

Richard Howe said he went to Mill Street after the last storm where Mill Street goes up the alley. It's curb and gutter on one side and nothing on the other side. It is a mud hole and it's been that way for years. Jolene Gardner said that is because it is dirt and it has been dirt for years. Richard Howe said they talked about that as a future project. George Chachas said the developer was Don Reed and he was supposed to put that in but he sold it. Whoever he sold it to is obligated to put it in the street and then the City maintains it.

Wayne Cameron asked Richard Howe if he wanted to put it on the next agenda. Richard Howe said he is not asking for it to be asphalted, maybe just a seal. Dave Berky said he is going to meet up with Bill Calderwood because the County is going to do a treatment on Georgetown Ranch Road and he would like to try to incorporate that portion of Mill Street in with their project. Richard Howe said that is what he wanted to hear because Georgetown Ranch Road is now a good road after the first treatment. He said he was thinking about when the City is putting that extension to the "Y" they will have all of their equipment there anyway they could put some type of coating on that road. It's only a block and a half long. Jolene Gardner asked how much of the road is dirt and Richard Howe said it is dirt all the way up there.

Bill Calderwood said he recommends doing a rejuvenating oil there. It's not something that normally would be used there but they spoke to Western Emulsions and they confirmed that you can use that rejuvenating oil for those kinds of applications as well. You can increase the application rate there and spread it across and mix it in. That oil works for both projects. He told Dave Berky that they will work with the City on that project.

DISCUSSION – CURRENT COUNTY PROJECTS – Bill Calderwood said there were 3 projects last fiscal year: a microseal project for the City in the amount of \$228,000, a microseal project for the County in Lund for \$186,000 and the last one for the County to repair the Fairgrounds Road in the amount of \$182,000 for a total amount of \$597,000. The budget was augmented for an additional \$541,000 for a total of \$1.1 million to finish the Murry Street project. It leaves about \$477,000 in the budget. The Lund project was estimated around \$187,000 but he wants to change that up and do some rejuvenating oil and soil stabilization and the savings will be around \$127,000 on that project as opposed to what was presented by Bill Miller. He believes the Fairground Project was a total revamp, with realigning the drainage and the whole bit. The cost estimate for that project was \$182,000. Those were the 3 projects presented to the Board. He still wants to do work in Lund but wants to swap it up a bit which will reduce the cost. He would like to select another project in lieu of the Fairgrounds Project. They may still do some work on that road and address some of the concerns with it but it seems like it's a lot of money to spend at the

Fairgrounds for virtually 3 – 4 weekends out of the year and very limited traffic. Looking at some of the different roads around the City and County that needs repaired, it just seems like that is a lot of money to spend on the Fairgrounds. He would like to select a project and put it on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION – SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the White Pine County Library conference room since there are no items to discuss in April 2018.

***APPROVAL OF RTC MINUTES (02/15/18 and 02/22/18 Meeting Minutes)** – Richard Howe abstained from the approval of the 02/15/18 minutes since he was not at that meeting. Jolene Gardner made a motion to approve the 02/15/18 and 02/22/18 meeting minutes. Wayne Cameron seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Time Limit) –

George Chachas reiterated that he wants 4 lanes downtown. We lost another business and it's not funny. When there is no traffic, there is no business. The lanes need to stay the same width. He believes there was a commitment made by the City in the amount of \$3,000 - \$5,000 for the upkeep of trees and shrubbery that was put in the downtown area. It's not going to happen. The city is almost broke. They are living beyond their means. They can't even take care of the streets around town. He's not blaming Mr. Berky, he is blaming the City Council.

In regards to the street going up the canyon, you could do a general improvement district. Those people living along there would only pay for that portion of the street. The people on Bell Avenue did that years ago. They were tired of seeing their street rutted. They took it before the City. Those people had enough money they paid it all up front. There are options. The fact that the City Council in the past failed to hold the developers to the fire and they go by and they don't pave those streets, it's not the tax payers' problem. There is an NRS that says you cannot assist any particular business and in this case you'd be helping that developer slide away from his obligation.

Wayne Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.