

**CARLIN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA
CARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
CARLIN, NEVADA**

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7:00PM**

The public may address the Board on agenda items as they are reviewed, at the discretion of the presiding officer or during the time reserved for Comments by the General Public, after being recognized by the presiding officer. The Public and all persons addressing the Board must abide by the requirements of the Carlin Municipal Code 1-6-11, detailed at the Public Comment section of this agenda.

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Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dana Holbrook called the meeting of the Carlin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present: Mayor Dana Holbrook
Vice Mayor Lincoln Litchfield
Councilperson Margaret Johnston
Councilperson Cameron Kinney**

Council Members Absent: Councilperson Pam Griswold

**Staff: Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager
LaDawn Lawson, Carlin City Clerk**

**Public: Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief
Tom Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department
Russell Nethery
Joey Nethery
Elaine Wescott**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Comment by the General Public (Non-Action Item):** Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(D)(3) (I & II) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and possible discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda pursuant to the required procedures at the discretion of the City in accordance with applicable law and identified as an action item.

**Municipal Code :1-6-11 : MANNER OF ADDRESSING BOARD ; TIME
LIMIT :**

Each person addressing the board shall first give his name and address for the records, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer, shall limit his address to five (5) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the board as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the mayor, the members of the board and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the board, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked except through the presiding officer. (Ord. 81, 9-10-1975, eff. 9-17-1975)

**PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN DURING DISCUSSION OF
INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS.**

- a. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated that his work requirements will necessitate him leaving at 8:00 for this meeting and the following meeting.
- b. Councilperson Johnston stated we're losing Doug Hernandez off the Equestrian Board because he is moving; he's been a great asset.
- c. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, provided an update for those streaming the meeting regarding City of Carlin website updates. Go to www.cityofcarlin.com and scroll down to see a new bar with several different new modules on it. One is an assistance module, which will continue to be updated, and outlines current assistance available for transportation, utilities, rent assistance; those are programs offered by the State, Elko County, a variety of sources. A second module is a utility rates information page, which outlines different documents the public will find helpful including how rates were determined. I will keep those up to date.
- d. Mayor Holbrook gave kudos and thanks to those making the website better and better and with information that is easier to access and find.
- e. Russell Nethery stated I noticed the city was digging up curb and gutter there around over by the old Post Office and Old Rebekah Hall yesterday or the day before. Is that correct?
- f. Council members indicated yes.
- g. Russell Nethery asked is a contractor going to come in and replace the curb and gutter?
- h. Mayor Holbrook stated I haven't heard on that. Carlos Esparza Public Works Director would know on that and he's not here tonight.
- i. Russell Nethery stated my concern is when a citizen needs their curb and gutter tore up, Carlos and the City said that they couldn't compete with a contractor to tear up that curb and gutter. So, if the patrons and the taxpayers have to pay a contractor to tear up curb and gutter, I mean, shouldn't the city?
- j. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated that's City property.
- k. Russell Nethery stated yeah, I know. No, no, they made Betty Pearson tear out her own curb and gutter.
- l. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated that's City property that we're working on right now.
- m. Russell Nethery stated every bit of curb and gutter in this town is on City property. There's a 15-foot offset behind that curb and gutter. That's a fact, so it seems when the

City don't want to do, when the Public Works Department doesn't want to step up to the plate, they can't compete with a contractor, but all of a sudden, now they can go do that job because, a contractor could have bid on it and done that job. Now, I know people with a backhoe that would have been happy to bid on that. I'm just getting that. And the bylaws of the city, when it comes to curb and gutter, this Public Works Director decided to make it a law that you had to have you a licensed contractor to pour curb and gutter in this town, correct?

- n. Mayor Holbrook stated I believe that's what the Code says.
- o. Russell Nethery stated it's a right to our state. He can't make his own laws like that. Anybody can pour curb and gutter. We had an ex-person on the Council, Merle Glasser poured her own curb and gutter. He can't make laws like that. That's just simple. So, anybody can pour the curb and—the problem I've got right now is because of the curb and gutter. And my neighbor was going to put in new curb and gutter for the City, right? At his own expense. He asked me to help him. I said no problem, Mike, but then all these other issues come to fruition. It ain't been done now, so the City has messed themselves up not getting stuff done because of these kinds of policies.
- p. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated thank you for your concerns.
- q. Russell Nethery stated it's just the facts, you know. I even when Donnetta Skinner was the mayor, brought it up to her. They didn't want to hear it, didn't want to hear it, don't want to hear. Can't do that.

❖ **Non-action item. No action taken.**

2. FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget (For Possible Action):

- A) Review, discussion, and possible approval of budget priorities and capital projects to be pursued in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.
 - a. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I want to note this is not a comprehensive list. This was what came out of our first department head budget meeting for capital outlay budget requests. I'd also like to discuss just general Council priorities for fiscal year 2023. You can see in the packet I sent out all the initial capital outlay expense requests from each department. We started with Public Works, went to the Police Department, the Municipal Court, and my office, as well as the City Council budget request from last year. So, this is a jumping-off point for us, and if there are any other forgotten expenses that have come up throughout this fiscal year that the Council would like included in next year's budget, I would be happy to pencil those in for the tentative budget. We are meeting tonight to discuss some of these initial expenses. It's slated to go on the next agenda, on March 23rd, for discussion, and that will be another discussion on the full tentative budget, and then again on April 13th in preparation for a state deadline. We have to submit a tentative budget to the State, approved by Council, by April 15th. That should give us enough time to work through any issues that may come up between now and the State deadline.
 - b. Vice Mayor Litchfield asked are we going to have anything from the Fire Department or Senior Center?
 - c. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated yes. Right now, we're working on quotes for several different items. So, for the Administration Building we're working on a quote

for a new, compact laser printer that we use in addition to our big Ricoh machine. For the Senior Center, we're waiting on a quote for possible window repairs. They have several window issues that affect their energy bills, and so on. So, we're waiting on a couple of quotes right now. And then from the Fire Department I know, Linda, you may have more to speak on for Fire Department requests.

- d. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated we had talked in the meeting about several things we need. Obviously, you guys know I'm going to come and ask you for an ambulance at some point because we are in need of one. We're having trouble keeping our backup one running. It's a constant battle whether it's going to start and be ready, and we use them both together a lot of times. So that's one thing. I have applied for a grant for it. We'll see what happens. I had also requested grant match money for that grant. I had applied for a grant for a new compressor to go with our air packs, grant match for that and grant match for the one we did for the city, the software that would be the combination between the building department. So that'll be coming across there. And then we still are trying to do all of our turnouts. So, we got two this year. I'm asking for a couple more, three more, or whatever, so that we can keep that process going. We need new computers. Our computers are horrible down there. We keep taking them and getting them repaired and repaired, and that's an issue. We have one in the office that Danyelle uses and then one that we all use for our reports and stuff, so that's some of the things we needed as well as some radios. I'm working with Chief McKinney. He said he thought he'd seen a grant some place for them. The grant that they got their radios on is specifically Justice Department, so it's not something that we can use, but he said he thought he'd seen something, so we'll see about that. So, there's a lot of things we're trying to work on but they're things that we need just because ours are gone.
- e. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated and you're going to put those all on a list for us?
- f. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, indicated she would.
- g. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I think my second page with those requests were put off because Linda did attend our budget meeting and I did have them documented but for some reason they're not in the packet, so I'm sorry. You had your own second page, and it looks like it didn't make it into the packet. I'll make sure those are all documented into a new expense sheet as well.
- h. Councilperson Kinney asked Madison, have you heard anything back about the bids that we have on the firehouse about going in partial on those bids or what we can do to get that going?
- i. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated not yet. I'm expecting a response. We're going to get a response on the responsiveness on deeming if each bid is responsive on March 18th in preparation for our March 23rd meeting. So that item will be on the agenda for discussion on the 23rd in addition to the budget meeting so that can be worked on before the tentative budget.
- j. Mayor Holbrook asked to have we heard anything, has Carlos, if Maverik goes in across the way where they're approved and all that, is there going to be any infrastructure anything that we're going to maybe need to be upgrading or anything over there?
- k. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated not that I'm aware of right now, but I'll ask him and get another answer for next meeting.
- l. Councilperson Kinney asked we're still planning on paving 2nd Street and is Poplar

- going to be included in that whole project?
- m. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated yes. We're waiting on a legal opinion on whether or not the City needs to assume ownership of the Poplar project or if Nevada Gold Mines can take ownership, and through a reimbursement agreement we would pave Poplar, and so once I get that opinion, I'll be able to work Poplar into the budget. But 2nd Street will go in as continuing from this current year.
 - n. Councilperson Kinney asked upping the price of it, correct?
 - o. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated most likely. The cost savings we would see if we were able to do a reimbursement agreement with Nevada Gold would likely outweigh any cost savings we would see if we were to assume both projects. It's likely more advantageous for us to use a reimbursement agreement to get Poplar completed rather than take both projects ourselves and bid them out together.
 - p. Councilperson Kinney stated and if possible, I would also like to see part of, I know there was a curb, gutter, and sidewalk that was done on 2nd Street, and they had done some patching on the street right above the house that initially did the curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
 - q. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I think that might be slated to be done in spring in this fiscal year. I think it's Peters; it's like the cut on Peters.
 - r. Councilperson Kinney stated yeah, the cut in to allow the curb, gutter, and sidewalk to go in there.
 - s. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated, yes, I'll make a note of that. I think that was noted by Logan when we paused 2nd Street, so he is aware of that issue.
 - t. Councilperson Kinney stated okay, thank you.
 - u. Councilperson Johnston stated I see Public Works is asking for \$6,000 for a solar crosswalk sign on Chestnut Street. I think they need to ask NDOT for those signs since they own that street; we don't.
 - v. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated we do have a request in. If it's honored, we would not purchase the signage, but we've been advised by NDOT that they're likely not going to implement those in the next year to however long their timeline is and so this was put into the budget should we want to put them in, but we do have a request into NDOT and I've spoken with the representatives for those solar crosswalk signs.
 - w. Councilperson Johnston stated the flatbed on the Dodge. We have the old Ford that they just retired out that's down in the laydown yard. It has a flatbed on it. Why can't they take it off and put it on the new, onto the Dodge, see if they can retrofit it to fit? Instead of buying a new flatbed for that truck. They want a new water fountain out here in the courthouse. What's wrong with the old one?
 - x. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated it currently doesn't work. This one out here in the hallway. I think it's not repairable, so that would be the expense for this water fountain right out here.
 - y. Mayor Holbrook stated I see three water fountains in the park, and I honestly would probably have a little bit of problem with that.
 - z. Councilperson Kinney asked do we know what kind of water fountains they're asking for.
 - aa. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated not for the park water fountains. I know the water fountain out here is one of the ones with a filter and a water bottle filling station on the backside. That's why that one's a little bit more. We could look at a simple

- model.
- bb. Councilperson Kinney stated that would be good. I was going to suggest that if they didn't do that, that it would be good to have a water bottle filling one rather than traditional.
- cc. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I can go through some of these additional requests. So, for Public Works the requests were the flatbed for the Dodge; street banners replacing the Christmas and 150th Anniversary banners; Ford diagnostics software they're primarily using Ford's, and we're currently outsourcing some of our issues with software to the dealership, so that would help us with that. The new sander for snow removal was a request by Carlos in this meeting as well. Three water fountains; the curb, gutter, and sidewalk down by the new fire station; and the lawn mower is under parks. And then for the building requests we have the bay light for the Fire Department, the water fountain in the court, ADA accessible stairs to Public Works, and a replacement of the wood steps at the back door of this building in the Police Department. That finishes the Public Works requests. For the Police Department, they're requesting another unit per the unit replacement schedule, and a new computer. For the Municipal Court, every three years they have a mandatory AOC audit and so we have always split that cost with Elko County, so that's an unforeseen, that's an increase of \$5,500 because it's not an annual audit. And then under my requests I have increasing the office expense to pay for increasing the Zoom Pro subscription to allow us to stream, and then a possible contract fees if the Council is interested in archiving software, to archive previous City Council meetings and agendas onto a Cloud-based server. I included a grant-writing consultation quote I got from a company called Change in Direction. They offer a variety of different services, outline in the quote.
- dd. Mayor Holbrook stated I know you and I talked a little bit but of course I know that we all see fuel and everything else, we're going to have to actually be accounting for some added expense just from what we've had in the previous, with inflation.
- ee. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated that being said, I think we truly need to look at our fees for our ambulance service, our mileage fee. Something I'll probably be bringing forward. It has to go through the State, too, so it could be a long process, but something you guys should be looking at.
- ff. Councilperson Kinney asked what are the bay lights at the Fire Department?
- gg. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated in our current station almost all of the light fixtures don't work, and they have changed out ballasts and done what they can. So, like in the farthest bay, I think we've got one light that works there; it's pretty dark, so I've asked to have it replaced and Carlos didn't want to do them from their aspect. He wanted to have somebody come in and do it for us. When we get the new station up and running, our plan is to use that station still. We'll probably on the far bay put our ambulances and our rescue truck and then we'll put our fire equipment in the back one and run the ambulances out of the front one. And then we want to make the first bay into a bigger training room, because we don't have enough room in there for our training. So, we need lights.
- hh. Councilperson Kinney asked, that \$10,000 is labor also?
- ii. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated yeah, it was to have someone come in and do it. I think that's what Carlos's plans were.
- jj. Mayor Holbrook asked LED lights, maybe?

- kk. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated I believe so. I didn't ask the specifics. He brought that number forward, because I had put in a request for them to come and take care of the lights.
- ll. Councilperson Kinney asked do you know how many lights that would be?
- mm. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated there's either three deep or four deep, and three rows in each one of them, I believe, so maybe 12 to 15.
- nn. Mayor Holbrook stated just because if we put the money in there, then of course with that amount we can look at reviewing what's going to actually be done at a later date.
- oo. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated I presumed Carlos had gotten a quote from someone, but I'm not sure. I didn't specifically ask.
- pp. Councilperson Johnston asked what kind of lawn mower is he looking at for six grand?
- qq. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I don't know. I can ask him.
- rr. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated he's kind of low for an industrial mower.
- ss. Councilperson Johnston stated another thing on the street banners, he's got \$8,000 for that. That could possibly go to Elko County Rec Board because it's for tourism. He might be able to grab some funding from them for that, instead of coming out of our pockets. The Christmas stuff I don't think we can get away with, but anything else, maybe the Sho' N Shine banners or something like that, that's all tourism. So, there's possible money there.
- tt. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I think the only other request that isn't documented in this is a shared expense probably through both the Building Department and the Animal Control budget. Over the past couple of months, we've had several different calls with different companies getting quotes for a software that can help combine the offices of the Building Inspector and the Code Enforcement officer so they can work more in harmony when they're out in the streets of Carlin. It would allow us to tap into GIS data; you could log into an app, you could type an address into the software, and it would pull up a historical run of everything that's happened at that address. Permits pulled/citations written. You can attach photos, insert reports, and so we've taken a look at a couple different types of software, and looked at what's going to be the best fit for us. I tagged onto a grant that Linda was writing, and I wrote a software side of it, so I was asking for the one-time installation fees as well as two tablets to use while out in Carlin. So hopefully if that's awarded, that can help with the one-time expenses, but we are looking at anywhere from \$7,000 to \$10,000 annually to maintain that software. It includes several different modules: work order modules, building inspection modules, code enforcement modules. And it would help both departments be able to address really code enforcement issues out in Carlin each year. That's an additional request and I'll have more details on that at our next meeting.
- uu. Councilperson Johnston stated the Police Department unit replacement. My thing there, I saw on the form he gave that there's one missing. Is that the one that got in the wreck? Unit 233?
- vv. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated no, this was the replacement schedule that was submitted last fiscal year. I don't know which number that unit is, but it's currently being prepared. But this was the same schedule that was submitted last year. So, I can check what Unit 233.
- ww. Councilperson Johnston stated I'll be my own devil's advocate because I don't think

that's something that we should be buying every year, a new vehicle for the Police Department. Especially in the crunch time we're in. They want a new computer and increased computer supplies from \$1,500 in the budget '22 to \$3,500? I'd like an explanation behind that one as well. I think we got them computers a few years back, didn't we?

xx. Mayor Holbrook stated he didn't know if we had done the Police Department ones. I know we did City Hall.

yy. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated I don't think we did the Police Department.

zz. Councilperson Johnston stated I wish Carlos were here, we could ask him about some of this stuff. The sander. Do you have any information on it?

aaa. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated no. I know that the one he currently has, he stated that it was almost out of service and becoming unrepairable. I'll get more information.

bbb. Councilperson Johnston stated on the wooden stairs for the PD, on the back of this building. Instead of them just replacing that stair, I'd like to see a ramp built for both this front door and that side door for them to be ADA compliant. If we're going to start doing some of this stuff, we should bring it up to Code.

ccc. Mayor Holbrook asked can't you come in ADA in the back coming through here?

ddd. Councilperson Johnston stated yeah, but you're making your people in wheelchairs wheel around the building to get to the back.

eee. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated that's where the handicap parking is, though, right back there.

fff. Russell Nethery stated can I say something about the concrete? That's a good idea, to put in wheelchair accessibility. Yeah. I don't know who's doing the contracting for the city, but I have seen Modern Concrete here and pouring and doing stuff, and their concrete doesn't meet spec, and nobody's doing a cylinder or cone test on that, and it's basically post hole mix mixed in them trucks. That's garbage concrete and they're pouring curb and gutter around town. They need real trucks to mix concrete. You can't be using post hole mix to put in wheelchair ramps in front of the courthouse and stuff. Or curb and gutter in town. It ain't adequate. I mean, 3D's got good concrete that meets spec, but Modern don't. You can't use post hole mix on these kinds of jobs.

ggg. Councilperson Johnston stated I think to our Code states it has to be Portland concrete.

hhh. Russell Nethery stated well, it might be Portland, but the problem with it is he's getting his powder, everybody gets their powder from either Portland the cheapest or Salt Lake out of Utah. It's both good powder. Whoever's got the lowest price, that's the way the world works. But the problem you've got in them pre-mixed trucks is there's nothing mixing the concrete. It just sprinkles a little powder on when it goes down the belt. I mean, you've got to mix that concrete. You've got to get that aggregate churning with that powder and with the sand. You've got to mix it or it ain't going to meet spec; there's no way that meets spec. No way. I've been pouring concrete for 40 years, and I've poured more concrete in this town than anybody alive, so just period. I know. I'm just looking out for the City's best interests. Why pour concrete that's going to peel off in a year and a half?

iii. Mayor Holbrook stated yeah, I've had concrete poured down at mine from different companies, and it definitely had a different—

jjj. Russell Nethery stated I'm just saying they need to meet specs, I don't care who pours it. Let's just mix it and if they don't meet spec, do cylinder tests or cone tests. Real simple to do.

❖ **No action taken.**

3. Elm Street Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk (For Possible Action):

A) Review, discussion, and possible direction to staff to review the curb, gutter, and fire hydrants on Elm Street for possible repair.

- a. Russell Nethery stated more curb and gutter talk. I might need to use that board up there to draw on. Is that okay? Did you go take pictures like you said?
- b. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I don't have pictures, no.
- c. Russell Nethery stated okay. This all started when Mike Dexter, my neighbor, wanted to put in curb and gutter and sidewalk. So, the city had the engineer and the survey company come in and to shoot it in. Well, the engineer's standing out there in front of our houses and the surveyors they decide they wanted, us to go out, me and Mike, we're neighbors, we start talking to them and they're like, this is all messed up. And we're like, what did you say? You know? They said this curb needs to be out five feet to match up with the block to the east and the block to the west. Our curb, now I've put that curb and gutter in twice and sidewalk in front of my house, so we got the acting inspector to come up, he was from Battle Mountain at the time, and he started making oh, yeah, we need to do this and this. So, Carlos shows up there. And we tell him, and he's like, well. I say well, there's asphalt in front of my residence and Jim Dickey's residence, but the asphalt in front of my residence, they only put it in a quarter-inch thick. Did you go look at it?
- d. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I haven't gone to look at it.
- e. Russell Nethery stated okay. I'm going to draw on here. You've got this street, is coming. Here's Mike's. Here's the street over here. Now, this new subdivision comes in like this and this comes in like this, so this is five feet off my curb. There's no curb right here. This is where Mike wants to put in curb. But right here where the asphalt was installed from this existing street to my curb, there's a five-foot stretch here where there's no more asphalt. It's just disintegrated; it was a quarter-inch thick. So, Carlos says well, there's no more asphalt there. Now, there is some against the curb here, out to here, there's asphalt, where my curb and sidewalk is. So, I suggested, tell you what I'll do. If we can put new water lines, Mike needs a new water line put in. That's why he ain't got curb and gutter now, because the city never came back. I mean, why put the curb and gutter and sidewalk in and then go, oh we got to put a water line in now and tear it up? That don't make sense. So, I offered to put in new curb and gutter and sidewalk in front of my house if we could move it out to meet the specs of this street so Mike can move his out now and put it in in the right place. I can move mine out, and I even said, now listen, I'm going to help Mike pour his. I'm going to do it and I'm going to pour mine myself. And I'm a licensed contractor, so we're getting back to that, you know, and I can pour it better than any contractor around here even thought of pouring it. Now, Jim Dickey lived right here at the time. Now we have a new guy that lives there. I don't know him personally. I offered to pay, put in new curb and gutter there out of

my own pocket. Pay for it and put it in. Install it. From here around the radius to there. Tie into the existing. So, when I offered to pay for this and put in new here and help Mike, that was a whole block, free to the city that Carlos refused to do. Now that's bull [REDACTED] that he won't do his job, all because of some water lines that need to be put in here. Now right here, you got one water line coming into this guy's house that goes like this into this house, and then this water line ties in right here and goes over to Garrey Graves' house on another piece of property. This is illegal as you can get. So, what happens then? Joe, the inspector goes, well, we'll just tie into this line over here. Well, there ain't no line there. Carlos, oh, yes, there's line there. I said, why ain't, there a fire hydrant here, let's put a hydrant in, I don't have no fire hydrant on my street? So, let's put a fire hydrant in there. So, Carlos, said, I'll have one in in 30 days. It's been three years. You know what? There ain't no [REDACTED] water line here. This where the whole main water line feeds the town.

- f. Vice Mayor Litchfield said Hey, Russell, let's watch the language, alright? Thank you.
- g. Russell Nethery stated so up here is Vernon Scott's horse corral. Years ago, Vernon paid to put in a line to his horse corral from the main feed. So, what'd the city do back in '68, they ran a quarter-inch line here, here, and here from Vernon's horse corral to these houses. Well, it's inadequate. What, I've got 19 pounds of water pressure? I can't take a shower and run my outside water at the same time. Been complaining about it for over 30 years to Jimmy Aiazzi and the whole works. Nothing ever gets done. I had you up there. Showed you everything. I think I had you up there, too.
- h. Mayor Holbrook stated I came and looked at it. We had discussions.
- i. Russell Nethery stated yeah. I mean, I'm not making none of this up. But when Carlos sitting there telling there's a six-inch line right here, let's go digging. I mean, I'll bet a thousand dollars cash right now there ain't no water there. I know for a fact because when I was a kid and we put this house in, Vernon Scott, we were told that we didn't have to pay the city for it. We had to pay Vernon Scott because we were tying into his water line. So, the city looks at me like I'm just stirring up trouble. Well, I'm just trying to fix a problem here. This whole block would have new curb, gutter, sidewalks on it if Carlos would've said no problem. We'll run a new line. We'll pound a few lines. You can pound a line, you can take a backhoe, dig a hole right here, and pound a line under that in 20 minutes. I do it all the time with Q&D. But I do high-pressure gas lines, not rinky-dink water lines. This is nothing. This is where the main water has to come into Carlin, not down there on 4th Street or whatever you guys are talking about. It needs to come right here. This is the main feed for this whole town. Right here. That's the old dump road coming down. It's what I brought up in that last meeting. When they gave this guy easement for that property, I don't know where that line exactly stops. Now when I came down here, I told Cherie and everybody down here. You cannot do that. If you do that, you get a waiver from that homeowner, which at the time was Byron Roy, to say if we ever need to do Public Works on that piece of property, it's just dirt, that he'll give us, that should be, somebody should look, it might be there, that we got a waiver to bring that line right down right there. That's where that line should be, feeding this whole town. That's where everything figures out, from right there, all the pressure, everything is right there. That line could tie in right there. It's really simple. Six-inch line. That would go down to the riding club, around, and that's what they should have put in to put the new water line to the new store, should have been tied into that. I don't

know what, it came in from somewhere else where it's down on the next block. It's probably pretty barely adequate. But there's a whole block of curb and gutter that the city could have for free. We floated a bond in '78 for curb and gutter. Disappeared. And we're getting back to now when the city says we, the city always dug out the curb and gutter when somebody wanted to put in curb and gutter. They always tore out the old. It's the City's, in the bylaws of the city to maintain that curb and gutter and sidewalk. If somebody's willing to spend six, seven, ten, twelve thousand dollars to put in free curb and gutter and sidewalks for the town, shouldn't it be proper for the city to bring a backhoe up and tear out the old curb and gutter and haul it and put in fill? I mean, come on. That's a small, for what you're getting for free, just because he don't want to do his job down there? I mean, come on. I mean, this all started with Jimmy Aiazzi. You know, Jimmy Aiazzi and him not wanting to do his job, and it came down to the buddy-buddy system is what started it. Jimmy was mad when—

- j. Mayor Holbrook stated we're going back—
- k. Russell Nethery stated well, it's carried onto now. That's why it's coming up. Just because Jimmy didn't like Boomer, he started this stuff. I was right here in Council meeting when Jimmy sat right here and lied, I put in the new curb and gutter and sidewalks. So, the city should be there to help every homeowner when they want to put in curb and gutter and sidewalk. Period. Don't matter who it is. They can't be the buddy-buddy system. It's just like up there digging it out at Rebecca Hall. You know. You can't tell Joel down the street here that you're not going to tear his curb and gutter out when his is on City property the Rebecca Hall's and Fred over here wants to put in new curb and gutter but his is deteriorated, we can't do it. And here's another one. The last time, we had to pay for a certain type of gravel to be hauled, \$385 for one load of gravel. Now, this whole town's been built on Maggie Creek gravel, and it works good.
- l. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated Russell, we need to stay on topic here.
- m. Russell Nethery stated well, I am on topic. It's curb and gutter issues.
- n. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated I believe what needs to be done is direct Carlos to go down there and take a look at it and get a report back to the Council next meeting on what needs to be done because obviously we're still in winter, stuff like that. I mean, we could probably pour concrete but then it's the added cost and stuff. But have him come up and tell us what he's going to do about this piece of property down there. Or what needs to be done with the piece of property.
- o. Russell Nethery asked with what piece of property?
- p. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated on 1st Street. The one that you draw up there, Russell.
- q. Council members and public corrected that it's Elm.
- r. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated Elm Street. I'm sorry.
- s. Russell Nethery stated the first thing, to dig a ditch to put a water line in would cost \$20 worth of diesel fuel, I mean, and a backhoe. I mean, one day. I mean, one day you could dig that and put, I mean, he ain't going to do it. I mean, when the engineer sits there and tells us how messed up it is, and you can go up there and stand there in the street and look both ways standing where asphalt should be and look up and down the curb and go, that was five feet off, it's, you—
- t. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated my home is that way also. It doesn't even match up with two curbs—
- u. Russell Nethery stated well, I know. I mean it should, though. If we can fix it let's fix

- it.
- v. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated well, we'd be on my front porch step. But yeah, I think that's what we need to do. Have Carlos go up there, take a look at it, and then bring us a report on the next Council meeting.
 - w. Councilperson Johnston suggested and the building inspector.
 - x. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated yeah. Have Carlos and the building inspector go up there and take a look at it, tell us what needs to be done, so that we can get direction and so we can get this corrected. Because if it's going back 40 years, 30 years, whatever it is, we need to make this right.
 - y. Russell Nethery stated well, there's never been a main water line put in there to feed none of these houses. Garrey Graves house's water line goes, it broke a couple years ago, we had to dig up the whole neighbor's yard. I had to patch it, the driveway that they had to tear up out there helping Jim Dickey. He was almost in a wheelchair. How was he going to go fix it? So, I just helped. There was one other thing. Oh, yeah, the fire hydrant would be a good idea. Carlos said he can have one of them in in 30 days, but it's crooked and there was something else, I don't know.
 - z. Vice Mayor Litchfield asked do we need to include the Fire Chief on this also to let us know where the fire hydrant needs to be at and stuff like that?
 - aa. Councilperson Kinney stated if I'm not mistaken, as long as the sidewalk is designed up to spec, the homeowner is allowed to pour their own sidewalk. Is that correct?
 - bb. Mayor Holbrook stated that's my understanding.
 - cc. Councilperson Kinney stated according to the City Code.
 - dd. Russell Nethery said Well, yeah, I mean, anybody can pour sidewalk. Listen, I've poured miles—
 - ee. Councilperson Kinney stated right, but what I'm trying to address is your concern with not being able to pour your own sidewalk. Is that correct?
 - ff. Russell Nethery stated no. According to the bylaws, I can't pour my own curb and gutter, or help Mike, my neighbor. But yet, I've poured more curb and gutter in Carlin than any—
 - gg. Councilperson Kinney stated but what I'm saying is that I think that in the City Code, you're allowed to as long as it's designed up to spec.
 - hh. Russell Nethery stated no, in the City Code it states that in order to pour curb and gutter you have to hire a licensed contractor. Madison. And this is a right to our state. There's no way you can make that kind of law on your own. That's like me going up on my house and going well, if anybody drives down my house three miles an hour, then I can hit you in the head with a hammer.
 - ii. Councilperson Kinney stated I'll definitely do some research on that.
 - jj. Russell Nethery stated yeah. It's against the law. It just can't be. You just can't make your own laws up. In a court, they'll tell you that. You cannot make your own laws.

❖ **Motion:**

Vice Mayor Litchfield made a motion to direct staff to have Public Works Director, the City Building Inspector, the Fire Chief, and the City Engineer address the problem on Elm Street concerning the curb and gutter and fire hydrants and possible water lines, and report back to Council on March 23rd at our City Council Meeting. Councilperson

Johnston seconded. Motion passed.

4. Health Insurance Renewal 2022-2023 (For Possible Action):

A) Review, discussion, and possible selection of a new employee health insurance plan or renewal of the current employee health insurance plan with Sierra Health and Life of Nevada

- a. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated so we did receive our initial renewal information from LP Insurance. We've received several different responses, but I've only really deemed our current carrier as responsive. We are currently contracted with Sierra Health and Life, and they did present a renewal. We received two other bids, from Anthem and Prominence, and both were, I mean Prominence was 18.5% above our current rate and Anthem was 35.8% above our current rate. Both Hometown Health and United Healthcare declined to quote due to location and they are unable to offer Retiree benefits so there were several issues with working with them. So, in the packet side, you can see what our current plans are. We offer a PPO Gold and a PPO HSA Silver. So, we have two plan options for employees; that makes it so that employees have a better option of what type of health insurance works best for them. In the renewal options, they split it out between renewal of the PPO plan and the HSA plan. This year we are looking really great on the HSA plan. There was virtually no increase. Literal dollars of increase, so a .1% increase on our HSA plan. The PPO did renew at 12.4%. That's higher than we like to see it. Ideally, we like to see increases under 10%; that's like an industry standard. Anywhere from 6 to 10% is where we really want to see it. So, in doing so, we were able to get additional plan options to see if we can look into another Sierra Health and Life plan. In the additional plan options, if you review the slides, what I would recommend is that we look at the PPO Gold additional plan option of 25/500/20%. This is actually a slightly better plan than our existing plan, but it comes at only an 8.4% increase. This would be my recommendation for us to move forward. I've reviewed the full plans to see what the differences are. There are slight increases to the MRI, PET, CT scans for non-hospital rates. Those are \$50 more than our current plan per scan. There're slightly higher dialysis rates. Those are, again, pretty minimal. I want to say \$50 to \$100 dollars increase per session. But overall, we see a better out-of-pocket max and a better family out-of-pocket max with this renewal. So, what it increases, there are also benefits that it makes up for, so I see this plan as a better option for us, and it's almost \$3,000 or \$4,000 dollars cheaper a year over last year, if we were to go and move to this new plan. So, in total, we would see approximately less than 5% of an increase overall between the PPO and the HSA combined, which is really great. We don't have any decisions to make for dental and vision and life. Those are all renewed around December. So, we're not up for renewal, but the dental did renew in December with no changes, as well as vision with no changes. So that's what was presented for health insurance.
- b. Mayor Holbrook stated I know in the past we've actually had this sent to the employees and got review. Have we had a chance to?
- c. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated we are going to form a Health

Insurance Review Committee to have everybody review the options. This is more just for budgeting purposes. But we will have an employee committee put together for reviewing the plan options. And I will say that these are subject to change. They always release the rates, but they can refile up until May 1, so there's an opportunity for them to change, but at this point we don't expect any changes. But the employee committee will be reviewing.

- d. Mayor Holbrook asked if this needs to be approved tonight or if a recommendation from the Council that we want to give them time?
- e. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated I can bring back an official recommendation from the employee committee.

❖ **Motion:**

Vice Mayor Litchfield made a motion to table the selection of a new employee health insurance plan to a meeting in April 2022. Councilperson Johnston seconded. Motion passed.

B) Review, discussion, and possible approval of a contribution to City of Carlin employee Health Savings Accounts in the amount of \$166.67 per month or less. The contribution would be available for employees that opt to enroll or stay enrolled in the available HSA employee health plan.

- a. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated this is an annual item that's brought to the Council every year. Last year I did report a recommendation to move away from an annual contribution to a monthly contribution with an effective date of this fiscal year, starting in 2022. Currently, like I mentioned, we offer two health plans, and we pay 100% of employee premiums when they enroll in health insurance. So, when the City receives a bill from Sierra Health and Life for everybody's insurance, it is significantly, in most cases it is significantly cheaper to enroll an employee in a high-deductible plan, our HSA plan. So, to make that division more equitable and to pay approximately the same amount of money per employee, regardless of selection of PPO or HSA, the Council's in the past done a \$2,000 annual contribution to HSA accounts for those enrolling in high-deductible plans. That is an average of the difference between someone electing for an HSA plan and someone electing for a PPO plan. It can change depending on your age because our plans are age banded so it's not always perfectly \$200 cheaper to be in an HSA plan, but on average it is approximately \$2,000 a year cost savings. So, this item is an update from last year. So, beginning July 1 of 2022 this would take the place of the \$2,000 contributions to HSA accounts, and it would be in the amount of \$166.67 per month or less. If the Council elects \$166.67, that is equivalent to the \$2,000 annual.
- b. Councilperson Kinney stated I think we should just make it \$170.
- c. Vice Mayor Litchfield stated that works for me.

❖ **Motion:**

Councilperson Kinney moved to approve the contribution to the City of Carlin employee Health Savings Account in the amount of \$170 per

month for employees that opt to enroll or stay enrolled in the available HSA health plan, with a start date of July 1, 2022. Vice Mayor Litchfield seconded. Motion passed.

5. APPROVAL of Expenditures (For Possible Action):

- A) Review, discussion, and possible approval of City expenditures for the period of 02/19/2022-03/04/2022, and all related matters. The expenditure list is available for public inspection at City Hall, 151 S 8th Street, Carlin Nevada.
- a. Councilperson Kinney asked if the way that it's presented, is that how it's going to be from now on? Or is that just for this time? It was kind of hard to read that way.
 - b. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated we can change it back to the old one.
 - c. Councilperson Kinney stated if it's not any trouble. It was just kind of hard for me to read through it. It took me a little while.
 - d. Madison Mahon, Carlin City Manager, stated we'll make a note to move it back to the old way.

❖ **Motion:**

Vice Mayor Litchfield moved to approve the expenditures for the City of Carlin from 02/19/2022-03/04/2022. Councilperson Johnston seconded. Motion passed.

6. APPROVAL of Minutes (For Possible Action):

- A) Review, discussion, and possible approval of the Carlin City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022, and all other matters related thereto. Draft minutes are available for public inspection at City Hall, 151 S 8th Street, Carlin, Nevada.

❖ **Motion:**

Councilperson Kinney moved to approve the minutes for February 9, 2022. Vice Mayor Litchfield seconded. Motion passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-Action Item)

- A) Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(D)(3) (I & II) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and possible discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda pursuant to the required procedures at the discretion of the City in accordance with applicable law and identified as an action item.
- a. Linda Bingaman, Carlin Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated the Fire Department is doing our awards banquet on March 26th and you guys are all invited to come down starting at 6:00. We certainly would enjoy having your presence there. See everybody gets their recognition for the last couple of years. At the fire house.
 - b. Councilperson Kinney stated I attended the Air Planers' meeting that was on Monday. It was discussions with third party with the Elko airport to try and contract out or try and work with Delta and SkyWest Airlines to try and come up with a better plan to maybe add more cities to Elko, just come up with different ideas. It was just a

first meeting for information purposes. There's a pilot shortage right now in the world and so they're trying to figure that out, they had two services out of Elko, but now to Salt Lake it's cut down to one. The times are going to change again in May, but they are looking at that. I'll continue to go to those meetings and then provide more information to the Council.

❖ **Non-action item. No action taken.**


8. Adjournment (For Possible Action):

❖ **Motion:**

Councilperson Kinney moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Vice Mayor Litchfield seconded. Motion passed. Mayor Holbrook adjourned the Carlin City Council meeting.

Approved:

Attest:



Mayor Dana Holbrook



LaDawn Lawson, Carlin City Clerk