

## Mountain Springs Citizens Advisory Council

Mountain Springs Fire Station State Hwy 160 Mountain Springs, NV 89161 September 09, 2020 6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

Board Members:	Paul Whissel, Chair EXCUSED, Doug Thompson, Vice-Chair,
	Tanya Harrah, Dr. Doug Seip, Rick Schmalz
Secretary:	Carol Hignite, (702) 769-0208, <u>mtnspringsec@gmail.com</u> (absent)
Town Liaison:	MegganHolzer, (702) 455-0341, meggan@clarkcountynv.gov (absent)

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call **The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.**
- II. Public Comment None
- III. Approval of the Minutes for July 15, 2020
  Motion by: Rick Schmalz
  Action: Approved
  Vote: 4/0 Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Agenda for September 09, 2020
  Motion by: Tanya Harrah
  Action: Approved
  Vote: 4/0 Unanimous
- V. Informational Items
  - 1. Receive a report from Metro regarding activity and statistics during the past months and other area crime concerns (for discussion only)

Officer Jeff Dean indicated there were no significant events since the last meeting. In response to a question, Officer Dean stated there was a missing persons investigation that evolved out of a domestic dispute on the trail to the tower. The missing person was found after hitchhiking to Pahrump.

Mark Baxter stated there was also a call for medical assistance at the Trail Head where aid was provided for a hiker in need of assistance due to a sprained ankle.

2. Receive a report from Clark County Administrative Services regarding information from Clark County (for discussion only)

Mike Shannon informed the Board that previous concerns expressed during Council meetings have resulted in open cases with the Public Response Office. Notice of Violations have been sent for excessive lighting behind the Fire Station as well as outside storage and solid waste on a parcel near Benedict Drive.

The Council was asked to consider future dates for a community clean-up with support from Republic Services. During discussion the consensus of the Council was that the location east of Pinyon would be the best staging area due to easy access and ample parking.

Information regarding recruitment for Citizens Advisory Council members was provided for upcoming terms starting in January of 2021. Council members were encouraged to apply for new terms if interested. Announcements will continue to be made at upcoming Mountain Spring Citizens Advisory Council meetings.

3. Receive a report from NDOT regarding the on-going SR160 road construction project (for discussion only).

No representative from NDOT in attendance.

- VI. Planning & Zoning None
- VII. General Business
  - 1. Review last year's budget requests and take public input regarding suggestions for the upcoming budget cycle (for discussion only)

Mike Shannon reported on the status of Mountain Springs budget requests from last year and indicated all Advisory Council requests associated with the Fire Department would be updated next month. Council members were encouraged to have formal recommendations for this year's budget requests prepared for next meeting.

Comments by the General Public- A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to the Board's/Council's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, if applicable, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board/Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board/Council by majority vote.

Mark Baxter suggested that if the Forest Service completes a SNPLMA proposal for a Fire Station at Mountain Springs that consideration should be given to co-locating the Clark County Fire Station within the new facility with cost savings for both entities through an economies of scale.

In response to the proposed clean-up in Mountain Springs, Mr. Baxter suggested that a wood chipper be included to decrease wildfire fuel in the surrounding area. Prior to the clean-up, Mark volunteered to survey the Mountain Springs community and tag tree branches with ribbons to inform property owners what trees create safety concerns for fire apparatus.

Mr. Baxter informed the Council that the Fire Station will be brought up to code in the near future with the anticipated installation of a propane heater to warm the building.

Tanya Harrah requested an item on a future agenda to review the NDOT contract as it relates to the warranty for non-native landscaping which has been installed as part of the on-going SR 160 construction project. In addition to the concern with non-native landscaping the Council expressed an expectation that NDOT remove all the dead trees and weeds along the right-of-way that resulted from the construction project.

- IX. Next Meeting Date October 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.
- X. Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.**