

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALLON  
55 West Williams Ave  
Fallon, Nevada  
December 6, 2022**

The Honorable City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Tedford  
Councilman James Richardson  
Councilwoman Kelly Frost  
Councilwoman Karla Kent  
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson  
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga  
Public Works Director Brian Byrd  
Deputy Public Works Ryan Swirczek  
City Engineer Derek Zimney  
Chief of Police Kris Alexander  
Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Elsie Lee  
Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Mike O'Neill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Elsie Lee advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

**Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Geoff Knell of 261 Serpa Place read James 4:4 and I Peter, Chapter 3, verses 13-17. Geoff Knell stated the government has pushed out God and tyranny is moving forward.

Paul Harmon of 1169 Green Valley Drive addressed the Council. This past Saturday, Gary Cordes' funeral was held. As you know, Gary was a 30-year employee of the City of Fallon and on behalf of the family, I would like to thank the mayor and the city for the kind donation to the fellowship and for the Chief of Police, to have the Honor Guard there, for the people walking into the funeral. It was very nice and very much appreciated by the family and thank you very much for everything the city did.

Mayor Tedford said, you're welcome. We all appreciate what Gary has done for the  
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city all those years and we're sure sorry that he is gone and our respects to the family as we mourn his loss. Thank you very much.

There were no further comments.

### **Approval of Warrants**

- A) Accounts Payable
- B) Payroll
- C) Customer Deposits

Councilwoman Kent motioned to approve the Warrants to be paid; Seconded by Councilwoman Frost and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

### **Public hearing for Bill NO. 789: An Ordinance Joining the Central Nevada Health District, Providing the Organizational Structure of Said District, Establishing Its Powers and Authorities, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.

Geoff Knell said I am totally against this and I will give you the reason why. The State has the Counties Commissioners assigned library board of trustees. And in the law, it says to bring them in to be certified but it doesn't reference their political ideology and the political philosophy which they bring to the public libraries. I went to Henderson, Las Vegas, Reno, and Sparks and the libraries make this choice to allow men dress up as women to twerk in front of them, to (inaudible) them. In reality, they practice XXX sex. They are nothing but XXX entertainers. They dress in nasty stuff, sadomasochism and all this kind of stuff. See, my point is with this happens, it is tyranny. They take away our liberty and freedoms. (inaudible) their takin' a trustee on a board to perform certain tidings, once it's an opening to take away law enforcement chief and give it to the social workers and psychiatrists and medical field to take away our liberty and freedom we don't want, freedom to make a choice. If I don't wanna' take that shot, I shouldn't have to take that shot. But, NO, this is tyranny of unelected bureaucrats. UNELECTED. Doctors are brainwashed with Dr. Fauci with things you find out that were not true. If you tellin' this organization and pay \$100,000.00 a year, you're spending money unwisely. It's the understanding of freedom that we are supposed to have and preserve liberty. But not be under the direction of a political philosophy and ideology of medical tyranny after we've experienced over the past 2 1/2 years. Totally against it. It is on lies 'cause the law does not say to use the political philosophies and ideologies but to fry the bureaucrats up in Washington and the state to declare and all of a sudden, we have to have the vaccine passports. I can't even leave the state. And that is comin' this summer. It is comin'. But if you allow this to happen, oh, may God help you, may God forgive you.

Mayor Tedford said, "Before you back away, did you even take time to read this?" "Did you even take time to read this?"

Geoff Knell said, "ya, I read it." "It is all superficial." "It's an open point, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tedford asked if he even took time to read this.

Geoff Knell stated that it was on the website.

Mayor Tedford said, "Because nothing that you commented about had anything to do with the Central Nevada Health District." "Nothing you commented on had anything to do with the formation of the Central Nevada Health District."

Geoff Knell stated that it is the beginning, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Tedford said that it isn't the beginning of anything that you commented on. It had nothing to do with anything that you commented on. Mr. Knell, you have to comment on what the subject is in this public hearing. In public comment...

Geoff Knell interrupted saying he apologized.

Mayor Tedford said that public comment...

Geoff Knell interrupted and stated that I am going to leave, I am going to leave.

Mayor Tedford said, "Let me finish."

Geoff Knell said, "I am going to leave." "I need my hearing, in here the air pressure is that I can't hear everything."

Mayor Tedford said, "Let me finish."

Geoff Knell said, "NO."

Mayor Tedford said, "I will talk loud so you can hear me."

Geoff Knell said, "No, I am leaving!" "You are out-of-control Mr. Mayor!"

Mayor Tedford said, "You are out-of-control, always, always in here, you are out-of-control." "Under public comment, you can say what you want apparently, in here." "But when you talk on an agenda item, you have to talk to what the agenda item is about." "You did not comment on what the agenda item is about."

Geoff Knell said, "I realize that." "It was, the audio in here, acoustics, I can't hear and I apologize and I will depart." "You heard what I had to say, thank you for listening and it's just amazing what's going on with you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tedford said, "It is not amazing." "What we are trying to do in here is the public's business." "The people in the City of Fallon's business." "Comment on it right now." "Come to the mic and comment on it."

Geoff Knell (inaudible – too far away from the microphone)

Mayor Tedford said, "The agenda item #5." "Central Nevada Health District."

Geoff Knell said, "That is what I commented on."

Mayor Tedford said, "No you didn't."

Geoff Knell said, "Mr. Mayor..."

Mayor Tedford said, "Let me explain what the Central Nevada Health District is." "It is a combination of counties that are getting together to help each other's citizens make decisions about health care, in their communities."

Geoff Knell said, "So what Fauci did..."

Mayor Tedford said, "This doesn't have anything to do with Fauci."

Geoff Knell said, "Yes it does."

Mayor Tedford said, "NO, it does not."

Geoff Knell said, "Oh goodness."

Mayor Tedford said, "You sit here, every week, you sit in here and say, 'Do not do things that the Federal Government does.' 'Do not do things that the State of Nevada does.' 'And now, we're taking health care decisions away from the State of Nevada and doing them in a five (5) county setting.' 'And you don't want to do that in a five (5) county setting?' 'You want us to release that back to the State, because you didn't read this where it says that we're going to make these decisions in these five (5) counties instead of getting them from the State?'"

Geoff Knell said, "Right."

Mayor Tedford said, "It is totally opposite that you argue every time you're in here, so you didn't read this."

Geoff Knell said, "I read what's on the website."

Mayor Tedford said, "All you want to do is talk about tyranny and Dr. Fauci."

Geoff Knell said, "It is."

Mayor Tedford said, "That doesn't have anything to do with this, Geoff, you have to talk on what it is in this proposed ordinance today."

Geoff Knell said, "Ya."

Mayor Tedford said, "Read this. "

Geoff Knell said, "I read it, what's on the website."

Mayor Tedford said, "Then comment on this."

Geoff Knell said, "It is revealing the beginning of tyranny."

Mayor Tedford said, "This has nothing to do with libraries."

Geoff Knell said, "I used the library, Mr. Mayor, as an example because people are not being evaluated." "When you put people in a trustee position, that is what it is. It is the exact same method as the library trustees and you said..."

Mayor Tedford said, "I am going to sit on this Board, you say that this is unelected people making decisions." "I am elected." "You're not." "I am elected."

Geoff Knell said, "You need to read it, it says volunteer." "You're not coming as a public official." "You're goin' there as a...READ IT."

Mayor Tedford said, "You have to understand that I am always elected." "I am never a volunteer." "I can never remove myself from being Mayor."

Geoff Knell stuttered, saying, "The website does not say an elected official, it says volunteer – read it."

Mayor Tedford told Geoff it doesn't matter how you interpret a website.

Geoff Knell said, "Oh, there you go! There you go!"

Mayor Tedford asked, "There, what I go?"

Geoff Knell replied, "Ya."

Mayor Tedford said, "All I can tell you is the Central Nevada Health Care District is there to serve citizens in this five (5) county area."

Geoff Knell replied, "Ya, I know."

Mayor Tedford continued saying that they make decisions themselves.

Geoff Knell said, "I read it." "I read it." "But you can understand."

Mayor Tedford said, "The only thing in here, says that you can voluntarily withdraw." "That doesn't say volunteer, it says voluntarily withdraw. "

Geoff Knell said, "Okay."

Mayor Tedford said, "When you talk on an agenda item, you can't talk about all this kind of stuff that I don't particularly agree with you at all in public comment." "This is NOT public comment." "This is an agenda item."

Geoff Knell agreed, saying, "Right and it is beginning, it is the beginning." "That's how when you study the National Socialist Party, Mr. Mayor, they're taking things they use and they got worse and worse and worse." "It looks good on the surface but I am telling you, with the design of the World Economic Forum, the New World Order, the Peace System." "You should understand in the book of Revelation, Mr. Mayor, it's a strong petition."

Mayor Tedford said, "I want to tell you one thing and then I am going to end my discussion." "All that you talk about, is going the opposite way." "This is something taking back, the people are taking a smaller viewpoint, not giving it back to the Federal Government, not giving it back to the UN, not giving it back to those titles, this is taking it back for the people." "Five (5) little counties are getting together." "Five (5) little rural counties are getting together." "We are not giving it to the bigger counties." "We are not giving it to the State Government." "We are not giving it to the Federal Government to run." "We are not giving it to Germany to take over." "We're taking it ourselves and five (5) little counties to run."

“That’s totally opposite of the theory that you’re espousing here all the time.” “So, it is just the opposite of what you are talking about.” “We’re not giving it to Washoe County, or the City of Sparks, or the Library Association, that is all I can tell you.” “You are totally misreading this fact pattern, which is totally, your style, Geoff, I will be honest with you.”

Geoff Knell said, “You are incredible.”

Mayor Tedford said, “I am incredible, thank you for that.”

Geoff Knell said, “Ya, you’re incredible because you don’t know how to discern the difference between good and evil.” “It looks good on the surface.”

Mayor Tedford said, “I take great exception of.” “Great exception and you are not here to judge me and you know that and the scripture says that.” “You are not here to judge me.” “You are not here to judge any of us.”

Geoff Knell said, “So, alright, you, you...”

Mayor Tedford said, “You know that!” “You know the scripture says that you’re not here to judge us.”

Geoff Knell said, “I’m sorry.” “Galatians...”

Mayor Tedford said, “The Lord Jesus Christ is here to Judge us, not you.”

Geoff Knell said, “James 5 says, Mr. Mayor...”

Mayor Tedford said, “No, you cannot back up...”

Geoff Knell said, “It is for a multitude of sins...”

Mayor Tedford said, “The Word says you are not here to judge us Geoff.” “You are not here to judge us.” “You and I have had this discussion before.”

Geoff Knell said, “Jesus warned...”

Mayor Tedford said, “I’m tired of hearing this stuff from you every week in here.”

“We are not evil. “

Geoff Knell said, “Excuse me?”

Mayor Tedford repeated, “We are not evil.”

Geoff Knell said, “No you’re not, but you follow evil.”

Mayor Tedford said, “You just told me I was evil.”

Geoff Knell said, “Come on, you shut the City Hall down because of “damn” COVID.”

“There was a whole bunch of misconceptions and you let that happen.”

Mayor Tedford said, “You don’t even know if City Hall was closed or not, Geoff.”

Geoff Knell said, “I saw the signs on the door.”

Mayor Tedford said, “Geoff, I am not even going to go into COVID because it is over.”

“But you don’t even know that and that is not even...”

Geoff Knell said, “I don’t even want to talk about petty stuff...”

Mayor Tedford said, “That is not even a fact that we’re going into.”

Geoff Knell said, “You just don’t understand.”

Mayor Tedford said, “I am done with you today.” “We need to move on...”

Geoff Knell said, “I agree.”

Mayor Tedford said, “We need to move on.”

Geoff Knell said, “I am going to depart.”

Mayor Tedford said, “I am good with that.”

Geoff Knell said, “You need to dissect what I said, ‘cause it is way over your head.”

“Way over your head.”

Mayor Tedford said, “I am not at your level, I agree.”

Geoff Knell laughed, “Wow.” “What you gonna do today?”

Mayor Tedford said, “What is good for the people of the City of Fallon, or we wouldn’t be doing it.”

Geoff Knell said, "I'm sorry I interrupted you, in a sense, and I am sorrowful for the actions that everything that you all do, don't think with logic."

Mayor Tedford said, "Oh my gosh, Geoff."

Geoff Knell said, "You know Mr. Mayor, I use the example of a Library Trustee Board, because the qualifications for 'em end up doing sexualizing the children." "That's in the example." "And the tyranny that may produce what you're doing..."

Mayor Tedford said, "That is a poor analogy, Geoff, a poor analogy, a very poor analogy."

Geoff Knell said, "Ya, right." "You all have a good day."

Mayor Tedford asked if there was any other public comment.

Jo Petteruti of the Fallon Post addressed the Board. Generally, I am here as a Fallon Post reporter but I am also a member of the Library Board of Trustees for this county and I take complete offense against what he said. We do not sexualize children. We do not do any of what he said and that is all I've got to say. I am just very angry right now.

Mayor Tedford said it goes without saying. Now, let's take a short break and gather ourselves. I apologize for what I just did. I haven't done it in a while, in fact, I've never done that to someone. (The time was 9:20 a.m.) Mayor called for a short recess @ 9:20 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order by Mayor Tedford 9:22 a.m.

**Consideration and possible adoption of Bill No. 789: An Ordinance Joining the Central Nevada Health District, Providing the Organizational Structure of Said District, Establishing Its Powers and Authorities, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

Mayor Tedford asked if the Council had any questions. Bob and I have been following the setup of the Board and it's been ongoing for a few years now, since about 2020. Some of the background: In 2020, under the satellite lab, there was a quote in there, which really was related to a meeting back in 2020, where we were trying to set this Health Care District up in Churchill County. The State really wanted us to set it up throughout the other three (3) counties, but there are four (4), Pershing, Eureka, and Mineral. Then the effort began to set up the other counties. It was born out of the pandemic and the frustration. You all know what we felt during that time of COVID, being told what to do a lot of times. We wanted to have a little more independence and maybe make decisions quicker. I think it is a good deal to have this Regional Health District and it should be clear that the satellite lab is just separate. That was set up with the State, who are our partners, who you can't get beyond with healthcare. That was set up with the State and the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the County, with much work from Shannon Ernst and Jim Barbee. They worked very hard, and their staff, with those two entities, to get that satellite lab. That is totally separate from this Healthcare District, but I think it is a good thing and the hospital has been involved in this Healthcare District, trying to take healthcare to another level here. I think we have been able to get quicker services and more services for our people, in getting together with these other counties. Being out there alone, often times, we're not able to do those things. Being involved in healthcare, like I have been, since I chaired the old hospital thing in 1981, and staying on the hospital board for that long, as I have done, I just think that this is a real plus. I know why there is a fifth entity because the City is in it; the City and Churchill County, Pershing, Eureka, and Mineral, that makes the five (5). I just totally recommend this to the Council; this is a great step for our community, and it is very short-sighted for someone like Geoff to not see that. It doesn't have anything to do with politics. Still, we are never going to be able to not work with State, come on, the resources that the State brings is tremendous, but it does help

you some decisions on your own. Just look at testing, how much quicker testing is – it is a great thing. If there aren't any questions for the Council, we will take public comment.

Councilwoman Frost said Mr. Mayor, I noticed that we still have Mineral County in here.

Mayor Tedford said that we need take that out.

Councilwoman Frost asked if we need a motion to do that.

Mayor Tedford replied with a yes.

Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga address the Council. Yes, I know that it was brought up in the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. What I have here, I have a copy for the record as well, there was a draft with an error on the first page. What I have done here is we have stricken Mineral County and replaced that with the City of Fallon and there also on the last page as well, there was 2021, instead of 2022. What I will do, is I will give each Councilmember a packet here and I will also include one for the record. My recommendation would be to adopt Bill No. 789 as amended.

Mayor Tedford said, "Back to Council for discussion or a motion."

Councilwoman Frost asked for clarification that Mineral County is not a part of the Healthcare Board.

Mayor Tedford confirmed that it was in there, as a typo and then clarified that it was City of Fallon, Churchill County, Pershing, Eureka, and Mineral as the five (5).

Councilwoman Frost said that it was her understanding that there are only two other Health Districts in Nevada and those are Clark and Washoe County, which is Carson City and Minden. I think this is a tremendous attribute for us to be doing this as a rural county and specially to have the City of Fallon on this Board. I just want to commend everyone on this Board to have the foresight and initiative to get this through.

Councilwoman Kent motioned to adopt Bill NO. 789: An Ordinance Joining the Central Nevada Health District, Providing the Organizational Structure of Said District, Establishing Its Powers and Authorities, and Other Matter Relating Thereto.

Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga reminded them and asked if they wanted to adopt the one as amended.

Mayor Tedford confirmed that it would be as amended.

Councilwoman Kent also confirmed as amended.

Councilwoman Frost seconded and it was approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Public Comments.

No comments were noted.

### **Council and Staff Reports**

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.

Councilwoman Frost thanked the Fallon Police Department for participating in the Food Drive between all the different agencies. There was over 24,000 pounds of food donated.

Chief of Police Kris Alexander corrected her and said 24,040.

Councilwoman Frost apologized to Chief Alexander. I would like to commend the Fallon PD and all the other agencies, the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, and the others who participated. I would like to thank all the members of our staff that participated and volunteered their time. I would also like to thank all the staff members and Fallon PD for

making the tree lighting such a great event. I know we had a lot of posts on social media and looking at some of those photos and video, it was a great event. I know it takes so much time and hard work from everyone in the City of Fallon, so I appreciate all of that. Thank you.

Councilwoman Kent added that it was a very, very good firework show.

There were no further comments.


### **Executive Session**

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Attest:

  
Sean C. Richardson, City Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mayor Ken Tedford