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Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, November 1, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Gardnerville Town Hall

INVOCATION – Colleen Kurczodyna layperson from Carson Valley United Methodist Church

4:30 P.M. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

Vice-Chairman Miller called the meeting to order and made the determination of a quorum.

PRESENT:

Ken Miller, Vice-Chairman
Lloyd Higuera
Cassandra Jones
Linda Slater

Michael S. Rowe, Town Counsel
Tom Dallaire, Town Manager
Geoff LaCost, Town Superintendent
Carol Louthan, Administrative Service Mgr.

ABSENT:

Mary Wenner, Chairwoman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Tom Dallaire

PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS (No Action)

This portion of the meeting is open to the public to speak on any topic not on the agenda and must be limited to 3 minutes. The Gardnerville Town Board is prohibited by law from taking immediate action on issues raised by the public that are not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Glenn Linderman looked at the county transportation plan. There has been a lot of talk about truck traffic in Gardnerville and the lack of desirability of the same. It occurred to me there is a road in the plan somewhere someday south of the Ranchos that would connect 395 and 88. Then there is a road by the high school that would bypass the 395/88 interchange. If those two sections of road were built and 395 routed that way, it would cure all the problems of through traffic in downtown Gardnerville and Minden. It would probably alleviate the need for a lot of the other little roads. The other roads that are listed would help certain things. They were talking about east west connectivity. There would be east-west connectivity at the south end of town, which we don't have at all today. It just looked like if those two sections of road were prioritized it would solve a lot of the problems without building lots of other roads. Muller Parkway looks nice, but people differ on whether that is a truck route or not. Current county declaration says it is not. It will not really solve the truck traffic problem. Just thought I would mention that.

No further public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA, with public comment prior to Board action.

The Gardnerville Town Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.

No public comment.

Motion Higuera/Slater to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

I. **October 4, 2016 Regular Board meeting**

No public comment.

Motion Jones/Higuera to approve the October 4, 2016 regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried with Vice-Chairman Miller abstaining (not present at the meeting) and Chairwoman Wenner absent.

II.  October 10, 2016 Special Board meeting, with public comment prior to Board action.

No public comment.

Motion Higuera/Slater to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

 CONSENT CALENDAR FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are items that may be adopted with one motion **after public comment**. Consent items may be pulled at the request of Town Board members wishing to have an item or items discussed further. When items are pulled for discussion, they will be automatically placed at the beginning of the Administrative Agenda.

1. **For Possible Action: Correspondence
Read and noted.**
2. **For Possible Action: Health and Sanitation & Public Works Departments Monthly Report of activities
Accepted.**
3. **For Possible Action: Approve October 2016 claims
Approved.**
4. **For Possible Action: Approve continuing Resolution 2015-01, a resolution by the Gardnerville Town Board adopting policy regarding opening invocations before meetings of the Town Board of Gardnerville
Approved.**
5. **For Possible Action: Recommend approval of a Douglas County Outdoor Festival Entertainment Event Application by Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce for the 20th Annual Parade of Lights, December 3, 2016 starting at Heritage Park and ending in Minden Park, and a waiver of associated street closure fees by Town of Gardnerville. This event includes closures of the following Town maintained streets from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Gilman, South Ezell Street and Eddy Street
Recommend approval.**
6. **For Possible Action: Approve appointment of Katrina Rowe to the Main Street Board of Directors.
Approved.**

No public comment.

Motion Slater/Jones to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA


(Any agenda items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be heard at this point)

7. ** Not for Possible Action: Discussion on the Main Street Program Manager's Monthly Report of activities for October 2016.**

Mrs. Lochridge reported the revolving loan fund that we've had in place, the gentleman who was the liaison between our loan committee and the Main Street Board has had to step down. We are going to work with him on reorganizing that. We have the money available. We just don't have a process in place to do that right now. We did find out that we can't use that money for a matching grant. Slaughterhouse Lane Coffin Races had great weather and great attendance. We had fewer coffins entered but the committee is going to be working on engaging the teams earlier for the next coming year. Thanks to Geoff and the Town of Gardnerville for having a team in the race. Fall in Love with the District Vacancy tour was made into a virtual tour. We are waiting to see how that worked. We reached 1300 people on Facebook. Don't know about Twitter. We might be doing the virtual tour on an as-needed basis. We have our Main Street Mingle coming up on November 9th at El Aguila Real. We do have a new sidewalk gallery up featuring photos of the Great Race from the various local photographers. If you get a chance stop by and check it out.

Mr. Miller commented the sidewalk gallery is worth going to see.

Mrs. Lochridge explained it took the volunteers a lot longer to put up the pictures because of the shapes and sizes. Thank you for approving the board selection of Katrina Rowe. She will be filling the vacancy left by Margaret Pross.

8.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion to approve, approve with modifications or deny a request by Martin Stahl for a zoning map amendment (DA 16-03) to change the zoning district from neighborhood commercial to mixed use commercial within the Town of Gardnerville. The subject property is located at 1378 N Hwy 395, Gardnerville, in the Minden/Gardnerville Community Plan. (APN 1220-04-101-029); with public comment prior to Board action.

Mr. Dallaire reviewed the Board denied the application for multifamily. Mr. Stahl is back with the same proposal but changed the front building as requested by the town to commercial with residential in the back.

Mr. Ruben, representing Mr. Martin Stahl, pointed out this is a little different. This doesn't require a master plan amendment. It is a zone change. We are trying to comply as much as we can with the Plan for Prosperity. The issue that we had originally is you have to be elevated above the flood plain. We are looking at underground parking. We have to come back before the board with design and landscaping.

Vice-Chairman Miller asked about the driveway in front of the funeral home for access. is there any problem with that? Is that private property?

Mr. Ruben responded there is an existing easement that goes through there that has been in place for 20 or 30 years. We are trying to negotiate with the owners on the easement. It was divided up after when it used to be one piece of property. It's really superfluous why it's on a portion of the site. We are hoping to work with the owners to get it cleaned up.

Mrs. Slater asked if the driveway is something that down the road we would be able to have control or the state would have control on whether that is a right-hand turn only or would they be able to make a left-hand turn on the S-curve?

Mr. Dallaire stated the traffic study shows they would have both movements there. I think if it became a problem it would have to be addressed in the future. If there are any improvements in the front they will have to go to NDOT for an encroachment permit and NDOT will make the comments at that time. At design review we can comment.

Mrs. Slater asked what the town's plan is for the ditch. Are we going to fill that in, put a pipe in; are we going to leave it open?

Mr. Dallaire answered it is an open channel. It is in the flood plain. We finally received permission from Army Corp to put the trough in between Kingslane and the irrigation box. Eventually we would put a trough all the way down. Right now the first phase of the trough is up by Kingslane.

Mrs. Slater didn't want to fill that in anyway.

Mr. Dallaire advised it needs to be cleaned out. It will have to stay open.


Vice-Chairman Miller believed it is important to have two access points.

Mr. Higuera is glad to see it conforming more closely to our Plan for Prosperity. You still have traffic on entry and exit to work out. The staff recommendations really nail it.

Mr. Ruben takes these are recommendations because you can't condition a zone change. I understand when we come back for design review we will address those concerns.

No public comment.

Motion Jones/Slater to approve the request by Martin Stahl for a zoning map amendment DA1603 to change the zoning district from neighborhood commercial to mixed use commercial within the town of Gardnerville. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

9.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion to approve, approve with modifications or deny, a request by Opal Investments LLC, ET AL, to accept the maintenance of the Ranch at Gardnerville, Phase 1 improvements, including, street, storm drain, street lights, street signage associated with the local roads: Lasso Lane,

Ox Yoke, Gilman Avenue north of Heybourne Road, and the proposed flood channel trench, and storm drain trench located on town owned open space property, with public comment prior to Board action.

Mr. Dallaire explained Alton's own personal company has the bond for this project. He is trying to get that bond released. The first step is to get the improvements approved. There were a number of items they needed to address. They have straightened the signs once. The concrete was a mess and has been replaced. When they do a site by site basis we do sign off on the driveway to make sure the sidewalk isn't damaged. But the amount of concrete that they re-pour ends up being less than what the orange book requires for testing. Potentially we have a liability there with the concrete that has been replaced. It's time to move on and get it done. The channel is done. Based on the revisions there are still some improvements that need to be made. Alton Anker dropped off a \$2,900 check today to replace that sidewalk. We have a larger project going in there to provide access for our staff to get onto the maintenance path. We will put in a concrete pad, two bollards, some boulders and block it off so vehicles can't get in there and have it for maintenance only. That is out to bid right now and hopefully we will be done within the next month. Pavement has been down since 2012. It is the only section in Gardnerville that has the newer NV asphalt that is the county's new standard. I highlighted the areas on the map to clarify what we are accepting. We have already accepted phase 2b and c. We did that about a year ago.

Chairman Miller called for public comment.

Mr. Franklin Harry Ernst, 1513 Lasso Lane, thanked the board for talking about the cracks and getting that taken care of. Before I came over I looked at the wheelchair ramps. Three of the four have cracks. They are not serious but earth does move. The street signs lean so it looks like whatever is holding the posts in place is moving. I would appreciate the town straightening those up. You may want to look at getting those fixed so you don't have to worry about it in the future.

No further public comment.

Mrs. Slater asked if the ramps aren't up to par is that something we can have taken care of prior to acceptance.


Mr. Dallaire can look at them again. It's been four or five years since they were put down. The ramps on our property, on the corner of Gilman and Ox Yoke, are all returns, normal ramps. I don't know why we couldn't do those at the other corner of Ox Yoke and Lasso. Those ramps are what is allowed in new construction. So they are very large.

Mr. Higuera didn't think the work he is talking about relates to this item.

Mrs. Yturbide pointed out for purposes of your agenda item, what you are considering is whether or not to accept the maintenance. You're talking about maintenance issues rather than acceptance.

Mrs. Slater thought it sounded like Mr. Anker is working with us.

Motion Higuera/Slater to approve the request by Opal Investments LLC et al, to accept the maintenance of the Ranch at Gardnerville Phase 1 improvements including: street, storm drain, street lights, street signage; all associated with the local roads Lasso Lane, Ox Yoke, Gilman Avenue north of Heybourne Road, the proposed flood channel trench and storm drain trench located on town owned open space property. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

10.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion to approve, approve with modifications or deny, a request by Jenuane Communities The Ranch LLC. to;
- a. Approve the Landscaping Maintenance plan for use by the HOA,
 - b. Approve the Storm Drain System Maintenance plan, which will discharge into the town owned and maintained channel which discharges directly into the Martin Slough,
 - c. Approve the "Access and Spillway Maintenance Easement" along the maintenance path of the large flood channel located between the proposed development and flood channel,
- Authorizing the town manager to sign the documents, located at Esplanade at the Ranch, (APN:1320-33-210-069); with public comment prior to Board action.**

Mr. Dallaire reviewed the issues. The condition we are concerned about is the drainage maintenance. The HOA had to have some sort of landscaping plan. There is also a storm drain maintenance plan showing the inserts they are putting in, the maintenance schedule and the minimum maintenance requirements to check everything after each

rain storm and verify the bags are still working and in proper condition. Basically these are similar to what is at Wal Mart. We had them prepare a plan. There is a simple landscaping maintenance schedule. The storm drain just gives the HOA direction on how to ensure the maintenance of their system is in working condition before it goes to a pond. I asked Mike Rowe to get the easement together. We will get the original from Mike and get it back to Evan. Part of the condition was they needed to get this rectified before we approved the plans.

Mrs. Yturbide informed board members Mike indicated that in the event the board approved this he would finalize the easement.

Vice-Chairman Miller called for public comment.

Mr. Franklin Harry Ernst has a major concern with flooding potential. At the bottom of where you have the overflow, is there a berm planned to keep the water out of that resident's yard? When will construction start on this project? It's been three years in the works. There were some weeds mowed down on Sunday. I'm wondering if that was a town activity or a land owner activity? I wonder if weekend work is going to be a habit out there? It's nice to get the weeds cut but we have kids running around out there. I looked at the flooding potential with my insurance carrier. I am very concerned about flood potential coming out of the Pine Nuts. Since then I have purchased flood insurance, out of choice, from FEMA.

Mr. Dallaire answered there will be a wall constructed. It will not be a flood wall, but the based on the elevation all the water should flow out of the overflow prior to going into the adjacent property owner's home. I will go back and look at the plans. The overflow is about 12 inches lower than the top of the pond. All the drainage goes into some sort of drainage structure and then the pond will back up and hold the water until it gets to a point where it overflows at the 25 year event. I don't know who mowed the weeds. It wasn't town staff. I think the owner of the property had some weed issues. Mimi has asked Alton to get rid of the weeds and spray. They are doing that along the landscaping strips on Heybourne for his approval of phase 1. I have no idea why the county or the town required the developer to put in a ditch now. There is no water going through this now. They are using it for irrigation. It does collect water from Chichester. The developer does not have approval yet from everybody to start building.

Mrs. Lori Simpson asked who owns the property. Who is going forward with the project?

Mr. Dallaire answered Jenuane Communities the Ranch LLC.

Mrs. Simpson asked, as a resident being there in the daytime, when I see your guys out there I know them. The people that were out there don't have any identifying signs as to whether those people are supposed to be there or not. We had somebody working out in the field. We had an incident where people were going door-to-door saying they were collecting for the military. It's just nice to know who is doing what. At least if they identify who they are or have a sign on the truck or something. The maintenance people that will come in and take over, Opal, they are in Utah. Are they doing the HOA part of it?

Mr. Dallaire responded no. Jenuane is separate from the folks in Utah. Utah is the owner of the Ranch project. The Ranch project is done by a developer who created this parcel. They built all the roads and put the utilities into each lot. Then the builder comes in and buys those lots. It will be similar to the ones in Reno.

Mrs. Simpson trusts the town. But I don't have any faith in the county or the builder. I'm happy to know you will be taking over some of the things. But there needs to be clarification just to know who is supposed to be out there. I think it would behoove us to know who is there when they are working on something. My last question is we all have taken off days from work and you have worked hard with all the variances, how do we know from the beginning of the project, all the variances that have been granted to where we are today? Who checks those variances?

Mr. Dallaire answered the improvement plans are on the back table. One of the comments was they need to satisfy the town. There are some minor details they need to address. We will make sure the wall is on their property.

Mrs. Simpson feels better if town staff is taking care of things.

Mrs. Yturbide thanked Mrs. Simpson for her input. The one thing that I need to mention is we need to stay on target with the agenda item. If you want to talk about that in the public comment section that is a perfect time. I want to bring the board back to the item that is before them, which is simply to look at whether they are going to approve the landscaping maintenance and maintenance of the storm drain system. I know they appreciate your input.

No further public comment.

Motion Higuera/Jones to approve the request by Jenuane Communities the Ranch LLC to A- approve the landscaping maintenance plan for use by the HOA; B- approve the storm drain system maintenance plan, which will discharge into the town owned and maintenance channel, which discharges directly into Martin Slough; C- approve the access and spillway maintenance easement along the maintenance path of the large flood channel located between the proposed development and the flood channel, authorizing the town manager to sign the documents, located at Esplanade at the Ranch APN 1320-33-210-069. Motion carried with Chairwoman Wenner absent.

11.  Not For Possible Action: Discussion on the Town Attorney's Monthly Report of activities for October 2016.

Mrs. Yturbide spoke with Mr. Rowe before coming. He indicated he worked on the spillway access easement for the Ranch LLC, which we just talked about. He will go ahead and finalize that. The other thing he mentioned was that you had gone to a credit card payment system and he and Carol had been working on a privacy policy. They are reviewing that and it will eventually come to the board. I think the request came in after the last period of time for the deadline of the agenda item, so he expects to bring it to you in December. I spoke with Tom and worked on the public utility easement for the Sanchez property, which is near Trinity Lutheran for the transformer site. Otherwise it's been fairly quiet.

12.  Not For Possible Action: Discussion on the Town Manager's Monthly Report of activities for October 2016.

Mr. Dallaire had a meeting with the DDI owner and he has been approached by one of the county commissioners to try to get recycling done before the commissioner completes their term. They are proposing to do a trial period. I will bring this back to the board in December. They are wanting to collect recycling from an area within the town or we can collect it on a trial basis from February through July. That will allow some time to send letters to those that will be participating. We would track the tonnage. It would probably take four or five more hours for an individual to use a side loader truck. We have about 180 homes identified. It does include the Ranch and a portion of Chichester. After Geoff and I went over this, it is the best area in town. We have containers. We can use their containers or provide them. We would get yellow lids to try it out. They would be labeled. There is a list DDI will share with us on what they want to collect. It would be dumped at DDI and then they will transport it to Tahoe to get sorted.

Mrs. Jones asked if this was the same negotiation that was in your report or is this different?

Mr. Dallaire responded it is the same. I believe eventually this will be mandatory. Then we would know what we need manpowerwise. DDI is going to pick up the recycling every other week. We could do the same or pick it up the same day as trash. Recycling would be picked up every other week.

Mrs. Slater asked how many additional man hours are you talking about?

Mr. Dallaire answered about five to six hours per route. The whole trial period is just so we can get some data to analyze it. Our biggest expense in the trash fund is the disposal of the garbage. I can bring this back and you can make a decision on it. I wanted you to think about it and let me know your concerns. We can address that next month. I think the trial period would be the way to go. It would be an investment on our end just to see how people will take that program.

Mrs. Jones believed part of the discussion on the trial program is alerting the residents along the route to the program and their participation will directly affect whether we can move forward. This has been my thing since I started. If we don't do it, it could be another ten years before we have the discussion again.

Mr. Dallaire thought with California moving to recycle the food waste, it's starting to be a requirement. It's just a matter of time before Nevada follows that model. I just didn't feel comfortable letting DDI into our service area to pick up recycling, as it could confuse the issue on the other service the town is providing. Better to invest in the lids and get those ordered. Then we can create the blue cans and if somebody is paying for the extra can then let's take them off the extra can and hit the recycling.

Mrs. Jones pointed out recycling is less expensive than the dump.

Mr. Dallaire didn't think it would be. You have trucking. You try and scrap metal and it's not worth the trip to Reno. But it's better than paying \$104 at DDI to get rid of it. They have to ship everything to Lodi. In some cases, the white paper gets crated up and processed in China. The one thing that makes money is the aluminum. It doesn't pay for the rest of it. They have gotten to the point with the recycling of plastic they had to combine the different types of plastic together. If they sorted those they would be more valuable. DDI got to the point where nobody followed the rules and they just baled it up all together. It barely pays for the trucking.

Mrs. Slater would like to let the residents know in the newsletter. It takes some education. In addition, mention the orange bags that residents can bag up their own leaves rather than put them in the garbage can and also the dropoff location.

Mr. Dallaire asked if any board member would like to write something for the newsletter. We would write a letter to all the participants. Do you want to let everybody else know we are doing a trial too?

Mrs. Slater thought it would be a good idea.

Mr. Miller wondered if residents in other areas would call in and want to be part of the trial.

Mr. Dallaire would still like to write something up. Not everybody understands the greenwaste bag system and the extra greenwaste days. I am meeting this Thursday with Nevada Energy about our lights. The PUC approved NV Energy's rate and they are no longer allowing Christmas decorations on their poles or the plugs ins. I've been pushing to look at the plans and see if we can get them converted to a meter and in the town's maintenance realm. Linda Basset is the area manager. I met with her boss on the golf course at the League of Cities conference and got the fire lit. I sent her all the info that we are looking for today. I am trying to get the billing clarified. The other thing is they are not allowing us to connect the rapid flashing beacons at High School Street. We have a stub out now for power with the revised sidewalk. So we can connect it once we do the crosswalk project and run the lights at Mill Street. I still don't have power across the street and I don't have any power at High School. I do have power at Mission. It sounds like they will sell us the system and I will find out how much. They are going to upgrade the lights to the new LED style. Jennifer and I have gotten a proposal back from the placemaking training. We are hoping to get the board some ideas and tools to use for different improvements in town before the strategic planning session. We are reviewing that contract and the amounts were way more than what I thought they should be. We will share the cost with the Main Street Board and the town boards.

Vice-Chairman Miller saw the presentation at the Minden Rotary last week.

Mr. Dallaire had a conversation with Karen Craig. She wants to see the proposal. She is helping with the vitality project. We will see what she says if we can get it cheaper. The county supported our project (Gardnerville station). We have nine projects total that we are up against on the second round. Friday is the presentation. Dube` gave us new numbers on their design. The cost of the building has gone up about \$70,000. Some of their costs are on the high side. I don't know about the building improvements. We did make the call on replacing the sewer. We will do the submittal in January to Douglas County for a building permit. Dube` has 95 percent plans done. If we get awarded we will know on Friday. The CDBG board will select the project they will fund. If we are not successful we will submit the new application for the 2017 funding cycle. Mobilite was on the agenda. We pulled it after talking with county staff. This needs to go through NDOT for approval. Mobilite is looking at adding some hardware to an existing power pole on Toler. The one thing I am concerned about is the 75 foot pole on 395. It's only two feet from the back of curb across from the meter and another overhead line across the highway to the pole. I gave them my concerns. I will tell the county. It would be better behind Wal Mart or by Carrick pond. I will tell the county that. We have a meeting about it with the county.

13.  Not For Possible Action: Discussion on the Board members activities and liaison committee reports including but not limited to; Carson Valley Arts Council, Nevada League of Cities, and Main Street Gardnerville.

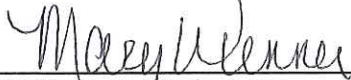
Mrs. Slater has prepared a statement she will read into the record. (Statement is attached to these minutes.) The Nevada League of Cities conference was very successful. They discussed a social media policy, the high cost of health care, insurance and Medicaid. There are approximately 200 members in the Nevada League of Cities. Of that there are seven executive board members. I was asked by the other board members to serve a final term as the representative for the At Large Towns and GID's. I am on the legislative committee for 2017. There are handouts I gave you before the meeting on the bill draft requests.

Mr. Miller reported we have a new member on the Main Street board. Katrina Rowe is one of the managers at the local FISH store. I get a feeling she is over the Carson City location too. She is very willing to work with us. We interviewed her the last board meeting and she seems to be very experienced in doing these types of things.

2nd PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS period (No action will be taken)

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Mary Wenner, Chairwoman



Tom Dallaire, Town Manager

Nevada League of Cities Report –

The Nevada League of Cities annual conference was held in Sparks October 12 th thru October 14 and I wanted to tell you that it was a very successful and well attended. I would like to give you a brief overview.

Guest speakers addressed the importance of volunteers in our communities and that if we should need special assistance during a disaster we may qualify for a grant assistance program offered by The Corporation for National Community Services, most commonly referred to as Ameri Corp Vista Volunteers. The program offers grants and is used state wide when disasters occur.

This was followed up by Mr. Roger Brooks who gave us an uplifting report on the seven (7) fastest growing trends that are turning downtowns around. I will be bringing Paula up to speed on that presentation. It had a lot of wonderful ideas that I think Main Street Gardnerville would be interested in.

They also addressed Social Media, used in the workplace and how it is vital your organization has a policy in place and that ALL staff be familiar with the policy guidelines for usage and sign off on the acknowledgement of the policy. It protects the organization as well as the personnel from wrongful usage.

Also discussed was the high cost of Health care, Insurance and Medicaid in our state. Lorinda Wickman, Nye Co. commissioner, addressed the pull out of the only hospital in Tonopah and the struggles they have endured every single day since and the struggle to find replacement health services.

Along with Lorinda's presentation Mr. Nate Kerr from L/P Insurance addressed the carrier market place and how options that we all use to have, have gone away and how premiums are remaining high with no end on the horizon anytime soon. There is nothing that he is currently aware of that will be introduced to the 2017 legislature to help the situation.

The major challenges have been to the small group employers (50 or less employees). This continues to be a major concern for our local General Improvement Districts that we have discussed many times during our caucus meetings.

On the last day of our conference our Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting. There are approximately 200 members in the Nevada League of Cities in Nevada. There are 7 elected Executive Board members consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Past President and a At large-Large Cities representative , an At-large-Small cities representative and an At-large-Town and General Improvement representative. As an Executive Board member you are allowed only two- one year terms in any one position. I felt very privileged to be asked by the other board members to serve a final term as the representative for the At Large-Town and GID's for 2017.

Because I'm on the Legislative committee for 2017, I felt it was in the best interest of the Town to accept the appointment for 2017. The alternative would have been to not have a seat at the table for our upcoming legislative session. Therefore I accepted the appointment.

The handouts I have provided for each of you are only a preliminary summary of the Bill Draft Resolutions. There will, of course, be many more BDR's introduced as we start the session in 2017. But this may give you a little insight as to what the focus will be.

So, overall the conference was a success with many excellent topics that were of interest to all of us and we look forward to the conference in 2017 to be held in either Winnemucca or Mesquite. It will be determined during our January board meeting.