

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Tribal Chambers ~ Nixon, NV October 2, 2020

Members Present: Anthony Sampson, Sr., Tribal Chairman Sherry Ely-Mendes, Vice Chairwoman
Cassandra Darrough William Miller
Janet Davis Irwin Mix
Judith Davis Michele Smith
Carolyn Harry Georgina Wadsworth

Note: Due to COVID-19, Tribal Council meetings are closed to the public to ensure the health and safety of attendees. Councilmembers attended in person, keeping to 6-foot distancing, and via audio conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

Anthony Sampson, Sr., Tribal Chairman called the October 2, 2020 Regular meeting of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Secretary. Councilmembers Janet Davis and Cassandra Darrough joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and Councilmember Michele Smith joined at 6:03 p.m. All other Tribal Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Sampson said there is one addition to the meeting agenda under New Business as Item #3, Approval of PLPT Directive Concerning COVID-19 Outbreak with Resolution.

Councilmember Harry made a motion to *approve the agenda with the one addition*. Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes seconded the motion. Votes were six (6) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2020

2. Approval Quarles & Brady LLP August 2020 Invoices #6294379 (128.3), #6294380 (080); and #629381 (080)
3. Approval Renewal Towing Business License for Hanneman Service LLC
4. Approval Ratification POLL VOTE – PLHS Bureau of Education Waiver with Resolution
5. Approval Enrollment Five (5) Applications for Regular Membership with Resolution

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Councilmember Mix seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions** (Smith). **Motion carried.** **RESOLUTION PL 096-20 Enrollment Regular Membership (5) Applications**

Chairman Sampson then read the individuals approved for Regular membership: Gina Lynn Jackson, James Robert Jackson, Alicia Dyani Lopez, Luciano Matthias Sampson, and Andrew Eugene Sanchez.

ENROLLMENT

1. Disenrollment Hearing – One Adult (With Resolution)

Judith Davis, Enrollment Committee, presented the disenrollment action on behalf of Joanne Shaw who is taking sick leave. Ms. Davis confirmed that no one was present for the disenrollment action. She said the Enrollment Committee is recommending disenrollment of the individual.

Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes made a motion to *accept the Enrollment Committee's recommendation for disenrollment and to also approve the Resolution*. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Judith Davis). **Motion carried.** **RESOLUTION PL 097-20 Disenrollment of David Paul Alan Skinner PL03388**

Councilmember Judith Davis stated she abstained from the vote because she serves on the Enrollment Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Business License – John Guerrero

John Guerrero said he is requesting approval of a business license for John Guerrero DBA John Guerrero Services along with his son Chance Guerrero. The business will be conducting for excavation work, electrical, pump, services, mechanical and equipment services. Included with the proposal, Mr. Guerrero submitted a copy of his insurance coverage. He has used the insurance on different projects for the Tribe.

Councilmember Harry asked Ben John if this fits under the current business license requirements and eligibility and Mr. John replied said the Ordinance is not in place yet, but it does meet what is currently in place. The Business License Ordinance is at the Bureau of Indian Affairs awaiting approval. Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes said this is what we must go by until the formal process is in place.

Councilmember Mix made a motion to *approve the Business License for John Guerrero DBA John Guerrero Services*. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Wadsworth). **Motion carried.**

2. Approval Law & Order Code Title 3, Chapter 5-Traffic – Diana Mitchell, Law & Order Committee

Diana Mitchell, Law & Order Committee, said the Committee is recommending approval of Title 3, Chapter 5 – Traffic. This item had been tabled from the September 3, 2020 Tribal Council meeting. Councilmember Harry said Section 3.5.210 Driving without Required Insurance states that says every motor vehicle that is registered or required to be registered shall continuously provide insurance against loss. She asked for clarification about cars that cannot be registered are still okay to drive on dirt roads and not on the highway. Ms. Mitchell said the Committee did discuss the farm equipment portion and the Committee did recommend that a license wasn't required for farm equipment.

Councilmember Janet Davis asked what the process would be for the Tribe to receive all the fines from the non-Tribal people. Chairman Sampson said there is an agreement with the Wadsworth Justice Court, but he doesn't know if it expires. Councilmember Mix said the Tribe receives a percentage from those fines and Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes said it is a percentage because the Tribe does not have jurisdiction over non-Tribal individuals in civil matters. She suggested to Ms. Mitchell to contact Chief Parsons and Wes Williams regarding this issue.

Councilmember Harry made a motion to *approve Law & Order Code Title 3, Chapter 5-Traffic*. Councilmember Darrough seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Ely-Mendes). **Motion carried.** **RESOLUTION NO. PL 098-20 Law & Order Code Title 3, Chapter 5-Traffic**

3. Approval Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Directive Concerning COVID-19 Outbreak with Resolution – Pyramid Lake Health Clinic

Chairman Sampson said Dawna Brown, Clinic Director, is requesting approval of a directive regarding the recent COVID-19 outbreak. The directive is requesting that everyone on the Pyramid Lake Reservation must wear a face covering/mask while in public; all Reservation residents who travel out of the State of Nevada must isolate for a 14-day minimum period upon returning to the Reservation; and any person testing positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days or longer based on the directives of the person's health care provider.

Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes believed the Tribal Council already approved the proclamation. Tribal Secretary Henry said the proclamation was approved but never sent out. Councilmember Judith Davis did not believe the 14-day quarantine for people who traveled wasn't included in the original proclamation. Councilmember Harry clarified that it was included.

Chairman Sampson said membership has not seen the declaration. He asked for a decision on the resolution. Councilmember Wadsworth said it is unfortunate that Dawna Brown was not here to answer any questions from the Tribal Council and getting the Health Clinic's perspective. Chairman

Sampson said he informed Ms. Brown that he did not think it was necessary for her to be here. Councilmember Wadsworth said if the declaration has already been approved, she did not see a reason why it needed to be approved again. Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes said the declaration that was already approved should be sent out.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the Comptroller has provided a date and time for a budget meeting. Chairman Sampson said the Executive Team discussed it and will probably have a date for consideration at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding an individual who was attempting to bypass the checkpoint. Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes said the checkpoint is for the State road and the Surprise Valley road is a Tribal road with no checkpoints. There are a lot of people who know the roads in the area to get around the checkpoints.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Tribal Council, Vice Chairwoman Ely-Mendes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes taken by Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Secretary


Submitted by,


Gina Wadsworth

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the 4th day of December 2020, having nine (9) members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of eight (8) FOR and zero (0) OPPOSED, with zero (0) ABSTENTIONS.

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____


Anthony Sampson Sr., Tribal Chairman
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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