

Council delays vote on power district ordinance

By Rachel Dahl

For the second consecutive meeting, the Fernley City Council postponed action on a proposed ordinance creating the Fernley Power District, with a majority of council members saying they want to review an independent consultant's analysis before adopting the framework that could govern electric service for future large industrial users.

The ordinance, first introduced May 20, was continued in June and again July 15, when the council voted 3-1 to postpone a second reading until Aug. 5. Councilman Ryan Hanan cast the lone dissenting vote in favor of moving forward. Councilmembers Albert Torres, Joe Mendoza and Felicity Zoberski supported the delay. Mayor Neal McIntyre, who strongly advocated for adopting the ordinance, votes only in the event of a tie.

The proposed power district is intended to support a large natural gas-fired power plant planned by Mark IV Capital to serve major industrial cus-



Victory Logistics footprint where Mark IV Capital is proposing to generate power through a municipal power district.

tomers in the Victory Logistics District. During the meeting, representatives of Mark IV argued that adopting the ordinance would provide the certainty needed for customers to sign long-term power contracts and allow the project to move forward.

Council members who supported delaying the vote emphasized they were not rejecting the project. Instead, they said the city should first review an independent analysis from Raftelis, the

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Consultant review slows decision

By Rachel Dahl

When Fernley City Council members voted to delay action on the proposed Fernley Power District ordinance for a second time, one name came up repeatedly: Raftelis.

The Charlotte, North Carolina-based consulting firm was hired by the city in June under a contract not to exceed \$70,380 to provide an independent review of the proposed municipal power district before the council decides whether to adopt the ordinance.

According to the city's agenda report, staff recommended hiring an outside consultant because the proposal involves creating a municipal electric utility—a specialized undertaking requiring expertise beyond the city's normal operations. The agenda report describes Raftelis as having “the largest public utility financial and

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Fernley reshapes City Hall

By Rachel Dahl

Fernley residents elect a mayor and five City Council members. But that does not mean all six officials do the same job, or that any one of them can simply order City Hall to act.

City government is a legal structure. The mayor, council, administrators and department heads each have different powers designated through Nevada law, city ordinances, the budget and personnel rules.

That might sound like inside baseball, but when a city changes how it operates, the public should be able to look at its structure and clearly understand who is responsible for what.

Fernley is a general law city, meaning its basic powers and structure come from Nevada Revised Statutes, particularly NRS Chapter 266, rather than from a special city charter written specifically for Fernley.

Nevada has 12 charter cities and seven general law cities: Caliente, Carlin, Ely, Fallon, Fernley, Lovelock and West Wendover.

Under Nevada law, in a general law city, the mayor is the city's chief executive officer. The City Council is the legislative body. The council adopts ordinances, approves the budget, establishes policy, authorizes major spending and makes decisions on matters such as land use and development.

The council acts collectively. One council member cannot independently direct city employees or change city policy. A council member has one vote. The council's authority generally comes through a majority vote at a properly noticed public meeting.

For most of Fernley's history as an incorporated city, the city also had a professional city manager.

Fernley created the office of city manager by ordinance in 2001. That ordinance made the manager the city's chief administrative officer and gave the position responsibility for supervising departments, preparing the budget, overseeing purchases, managing employees and carrying out council policy.

The city revised those rules again in

2022. The updated Chapter 2 continued to describe the mayor as chief executive and the city manager as chief administrative and operational officer. It assigned the manager broad authority over employees, departments, budgeting, purchasing, investigations and daily administration.

Fernley's 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report likewise described the city as operating under a “Council/Manager form of government.” It said the council established policy, the mayor served as chief executive and the city manager handled day-to-day operations while supervising department heads.

That was the structure residents were told they had until this spring, when the city made significant organizational changes.

At its May 20 meeting, the City Council approved a broader staffing and organizational restructuring as part of the city's budget process. Mayor Neil McIntyre explained that the action eliminated the city manager and deputy city manager positions and cre-

ated two new executive positions.

The chief development officer is intended to oversee Planning, Building and Engineering. The chief operating officer is intended to oversee Public Works, Parks and Utilities.

City officials said the restructuring is expected to save approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually while better aligning Fernley with what they describe as a strong-mayor form of government.

However, that is where the civics question becomes interesting.

An organizational chart shows how officials intend the city to operate. A budget determines which positions are funded. But the municipal code establishes legal offices and assigns authority.

The May 20 agenda authorized the council to consider staffing, reorganization, employee positions and employment contracts as part of the budget process. That action may have been

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Captain’s Log – Who comes after you
and how hard is their job?

There was a note in the “Idea Bin” that said, “Captain – make it easy for the next guy, facilitate the world.” That is something CJ Hadley harped on last year as she was teaching me how to do all the RANGE magazine tasks. “Think about who was going to touch this piece of paper or file or story next and what are they going to be faced with when they get ahold of it. Do everything you can to make what he has to do easier.” Wouldn’t it be cool if everyone had just an inkling of that way of looking at the world in all our regular, everyday tasks. Think grocery carts, gas pump hoses, shirts on the rack at TJ Maxx. People. How about we think about leaving people better off for the next person who happens by them. I suppose in my note taking the thinking was something along the lines of, “if we all did that wouldn’t it be so much nicer as we move through the world.” We certainly don’t want to be the

guy who makes it more difficult for whoever comes after us to get what he needs to do done. When we’re newspapering this is actually pretty easy, it just requires a little forethought and planning. Teaching everyone to think this way sometimes takes a minute. Everyone comes with a different version of training that’s for sure. When I was little, Joe Dahl was very specific about how we behaved and made our way through life. I remember him at different levels of my growing up giving some version of the lessons around paying attention. “You need to be watching all the time. When you’re around horses, you need to be watching and always be a half a step ahead of the horse, prepared for any sort of behavior. When you work for someone always be looking to see what needs to done, always be anticipating what the boss may need.” This advice has stood the test of time, but not everyone has had

the same lessons. And now as I inherit those people in my office, it’s sometimes tricky to make the lessons stick and become more about who we are as a team rather than just something we DO. But some of our crew has got it DOWN. They were raised by similar people, their ability to see what’s going on and see what needs to happen next is almost instinctual. And what a joy that makes the day. I love not having to worry someone won’t understand or get it done right. I love working with people you don’t have to explain things to, they just get it. We have some of those and it makes all we’re doing just a thrill. So while we coach up our new kids and get the ol’ veterans to demonstrate, while we write instruction manuals and schedule tasks and all the things it takes to get these newspapers out the door, we’ll always be right here... ...Keeping you Posted. Rach

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sufficient to eliminate funded positions and approve a new organizational structure. But the office of city manager was more than simply a funded job. It was created by ordinance, and Chapter 2 of the municipal code assigns that office numerous legal responsibilities. Those duties include preparing and administering the budget, supervising purchases, appointing and removing subordinate employees, investigating city affairs, reorganizing departments with council approval and reporting to the mayor and City Council. The obvious question becomes: Who now holds those powers? At its June 3 meeting, the council amended Chapter 8 of the municipal code concerning employee evaluations. That amendment assigned the mayor responsibility for preparing final evaluations of the city attorney, city clerk, finance director, human resources manager, chief development officer and chief operating officer after receiving input from the City Council. That change clearly expands the mayor’s supervisory role over senior officials. However, the June 3 amendment did not repeal Chapter 2 or comprehensively reassign the city manager’s duties contained in the municipal code. Today, those public documents do not yet tell the same story. Fernley’s 2024 financial report describes the city as operating under a council-manager form of government. The published municipal code still creates the office of city manager and assigns it numerous legal responsibilities. Meanwhile, the city’s current organizational chart no longer includes that position, and city officials now describe Fernley as operating under a strong-mayor form of government. When the Fernley Reporter asked how the city manager’s legal duties had been reassigned, City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen said the city believes Nevada law has always placed those executive powers with the mayor. According to Mouritsen, Fernley is a general law city governed by NRS Chapter 266, which designates the mayor as the city’s chief executive officer. “The ordinances merely delegated the Mayor’s power to the City Manager,” Mouritsen wrote. “In the absence of

a City Manager, all of these powers still reside with the Mayor who supervises the use of these powers by the newly created positions of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Development Officer.” Mouritsen said the former city manager structure created a separation-of-powers issue because it delegated executive authority to an administrator who remained subject to City Council oversight. “We are appreciative to the Mayor and City Council who identified this problem and moved forwards with a reorganization that complied with separation of powers law and NRS 266,” he wrote. He said the city is now undertaking a comprehensive revision of its municipal code to eliminate references to the city manager and bring Fernley’s ordinances into what he described as better harmony with Nevada law. Mouritsen’s explanation answers one important question while raising another. If the city’s interpretation is correct, then the mayor always retained the executive authority granted under Nevada law, while the city manager exercised many of those responsibilities through authority delegated by ordi-

nance. At the same time, Fernley’s own ordinances and official financial reports continued for years to describe the city as operating under a council-manager form of government. As a result, the city’s current organizational structure reflects one interpretation of state law, while portions of its municipal code and prior public documents have not yet been updated to match that interpretation. City officials say that work is now underway. Whether a city operates under a council-manager or strong-mayor structure, the underlying principle remains the same: residents should be able to determine who has the legal authority to make decisions, who supervises city departments and how elected officials are held accountable. When a water line breaks, a development application stalls, the budget is prepared, employees are disciplined or contracts are approved, residents should not have to compare organizational charts, municipal ordinances and financial reports to determine who is responsible. As the city updates its municipal code, those questions should become easier for the public to answer.

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FEATURES

Fernley couple charged with child, animal abuse or neglect

By Robert Perea

A Fernley couple who are both teachers at Silverland Middle School, were arrested July 19 on charges of child abuse or neglect and animal neglect after deputies responded to a 911 call from a child.

Donald Speth, 57, and Trista Speth, 54, were arrested after deputies responding to a home on Stallion Ct. following a 911 call by a child determined the home was unsafe for the children and animals living there.

Deputies responded to the home at 4:04 p.m. July 19 after the child called 911 and complained about mice in the home. Deputies said the child's mother took the phone and said everything was okay.

Deputies said they were given consent to enter the home and immediately noticed the strong odor of urine and animal feces. They de-



Donald Speth, 57, and Trista Speth, 54, were arrested after deputies responded to a home on Stallion Ct. Photos courtesy of LCSO.

scribed the home as being in “deplorable” condition with mouse feces, dog urine, and dog feces spread on the floor, and trash scattered throughout the home.

The deputies also said there were

two large dogs in kennels that were stepping on their own feces and urine. Fernley Animal Services also responded and determined that two dogs and two guinea pigs were severely neglected and that the dogs did not have regular access to food or water.

Deputies said they also saw two dead mice in a bathtub and multiple mice running throughout the house, as well as mouse feces on the kitchen floors and counters, including on kitchen utensils and pans.

A deputy reported that a representative of the Division of Child and Family Services wouldn't be able to respond until the next day, so the children were placed in a safe environment.

Both Donald and Trista Speth were transported to the Lyon County Jail in Yerington and bail was set at \$154,140 each.

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management consulting practice in the nation” and says the firm can provide the specialized review needed to evaluate the proposal.

The review is not intended to decide whether the power district should be created. Instead, Raftelis has been asked to independently evaluate the technical, financial, operational and business assumptions underlying the proposal submitted by Mark IV Capital for the Victory Logistics District.

Under its contract, Raftelis will review four primary areas.

First, the firm will analyze the project's financial forecasts, including projected electricity prices, startup costs

and operating assumptions, and determine whether those calculations follow standard practices for municipal electric utilities.

Second, Raftelis and its subcontractor, GridCo Partners, will evaluate the proposed electric infrastructure needed to generate, transmit and distribute power for the project's initial 300 megawatts of demand, identifying technical risks and considerations for the city.

Third, the consultants will examine how the proposed utility would operate day to day, including maintenance, system operations, fuel procurement, capital improvements and administrative functions, comparing those plans with accepted industry practices.

Finally, the review will examine the proposed business structure and governing documents to better understand the financial and operational responsibilities of the various entities involved in the project and identify potential risks for the city.

The final product will be a comprehensive memorandum summarizing the firm's findings, identifying risks and providing observations on the project's technical, financial, operational and regulatory plans. The consultants are also expected to present their findings to city leaders and the City Council.

The contract notes that Raftelis does not guarantee project outcomes or provide legal advice. Instead, its role is to independently review the information provided by or on behalf of the city and compare it with standard utility industry practices.

During the July 15 council meeting, supporters of delaying the ordinance repeatedly referenced the pending report, saying they wanted to review the consultant's findings before establishing the power district. Representatives for Mark IV argued the ordinance could be adopted now and amended later if necessary, while council members favoring a delay said independent verification should come first.

Council members have repeatedly referenced waiting for “the Raftelis report,” but there isn't a contractual requirement that the report be finished by a specific calendar date. Rather, the city was told to expect the work in roughly four to six weeks after the contract was approved in early June.



A SPECIAL FEATURE BY THE The Fernley Reporter

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: LEARN, ENGAGE, VOTE

What is a franchise fee?

By Rachel Dahl

One of the biggest questions surrounding the proposed Fernley Power District is a seemingly simple number: 1%.

Supporters of the project argue that a 1% franchise fee could eventually generate tens of millions of dollars annually for the city while helping attract major industrial investment. Others have said the city should independently verify those assumptions before adopting the ordinance.

Understanding that debate begins with understanding what a franchise fee is and why the percentage matters.

A franchise fee has nothing to do with restaurants or retail franchises, but is a payment made by many utility companies for the right to use public streets and rights-of-way to provide service. Electric utilities, natural gas companies, cable providers, telecommunications companies and, in some communities, waste collection companies often operate under franchise agreements with local governments.

Rather than charging rent for every utility pole, underground conduit or pipeline, cities typically negotiate a single agreement that establishes the company's rights and responsibilities, along with the fee it will pay.

Many franchise fees are calculated as a percentage of the company's gross

revenue within the community. The money typically goes into the city's general fund to help pay for local government services unless state law or the agreement dedicates it elsewhere.

Most residents already live in communities that receive franchise fees from one or more utilities, even if they rarely notice them.

At first glance, it may seem logical that if a 1% franchise fee produces revenue, then a higher percentage would produce even more, but the economics are more nuanced.

For residential utilities serving homes and small businesses, modest differences in franchise fees may have relatively little effect on where customers receive service.

The proposed Fernley Power District, however, is designed for a different type of customer.

The district's first target customers are expected to be very large industrial facilities, operations that could consume hundreds or even thousands of megawatts of electricity. Those companies often compare multiple sites across the western United States before deciding where to invest billions of dollars in new facilities.

Because electricity is one of their largest operating costs, even relatively small differences in the total cost of power can influence where they choose to locate.

Representatives of Mark IV Capital have argued that the proposed 1% franchise fee should be viewed as part of the project's overall pricing strategy.

They say the goal is not simply to maximize the city's percentage today, but to keep the total cost of electricity competitive enough to attract major employers that otherwise have many locations to choose from.

According to the developer, if the fee is set too high, the overall cost of electricity could become less competitive, making it harder to secure long-term customers. Without those customers, they argue, the city would receive little or no franchise fee revenue because the power would never be sold.

Rick Nelson, senior vice president of Mark IV Capital, said that the scale of electric service proposed for the Victory Logistics District is unprecedented in Nevada. He said the economics are driven by attracting customers willing to sign long-term power contracts, the industry standard is often 20 years or more, which require confidence that electric rates will remain competitive over time.

Those contracts, he said, allow both customers and the utility to forecast costs decades into the future while providing the financial certainty needed to support major infrastruc-

ture investments.

Large industrial customers don't just compare today's electric rate – before investing hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars in a new facility, companies often evaluate the total cost of electricity over decades. Those projections become part of their decision about where to build.

Supporters of the Fernley proposal argue the 1% franchise fee functions as an economic incentive, helping keep electric rates competitive enough to attract those long-term investments while still generating substantial revenue for the city.

Council members who voted to delay the ordinance have not necessarily disagreed with that concept. Instead, they said they want an independent review of the financial assumptions before adopting the ordinance.

That is where the city's consultant, Raftelis, enters the discussion.

The consulting firm has been hired to independently evaluate many of the assumptions underlying the proposal, including projected electric rates, financial forecasts and the long-term feasibility of the power district.

Ultimately, the issue for city council is whether the proposed fee and the broader financial model strike the right balance between attracting investment and protecting the city's long-term interests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fernley launches low cost spay/neuter lottery

By Robert Perea

Fernley will begin a low cost spay/neuter voucher lottery aimed at reducing accidental litters and easing chronic overcrowding at the Lyon County animal shelter.

Animal Services Program Manager RanDee Gahr told the council that like other jurisdictions around the country, the city is seeing too many animals and too few homes. She said expanding access to affordable spay and neuter services is one of the most effective ways to reduce shelter intake.

The program will start small to avoid overwhelming local veterinarians. Gahr presented the proposal for the city to accept 20 applications each month and select five through a lottery. Owners will pay a co pay of \$50 for a cat neuter, \$75 for a cat spay, \$75 for a dog neuter and \$100 for a dog spay. Approved vouchers must be used within 60 days. Animals will receive a mandatory rabies vaccine at the owner's cost and a free microchip through the program.

Gahr said the city will also donate up to 10 vouchers a year for seniors or

residents who are truly indigent and cannot afford the co pay. Those donated vouchers may also be used in court diversion cases involving owners with multiple chronic escape incidents, particularly when unaltered dogs are contributing to unwanted litters.

The goal, she said, is to reduce accidental and unwanted litters, increase licensing compliance, expand microchipping and lessen the burden on the shelter, which remains overwhelmed with unwanted dogs.

Gahr also reported on the city's microchip and pet pantry programs

launched in May 2024. In just over a year, she said the city has microchipped 129 pets, fed 180 animals through the pantry and distributed 2,400 pounds of food.

The city will partner with Moffit Animal Clinic and Animal Care Center for the procedures. Gahr said staff are exploring grant opportunities with help from new Grants Coordinator Trisha Livingston, but she said Fernley has historically not met criteria for national spay/neuter grants because it does not operate its own shelter.

City Council approves \$10 special event licensing fee

Staff Report

At its July 15 meeting, the Fernley City Council approved a change to its special event licensing process that will allow event organizers to collect vendor fees directly and streamline how temporary business licenses are issued.

City Clerk Kim Swanson told the council the current system requires event organizers to gather a list of participating vendors and submit it to the clerk's office. Staff then contacts each vendor individually to issue either an annual business license or a temporary

license. She said the proposed update is designed to reduce that administrative workload for both event organizers and the city.

Under the new process, organizers may either collect each vendor's annual business license number or collect a \$10 per day fee from vendors who do not hold an active license and submit the money to the city. Payment of the fee authorizes an unlicensed vendor to sell products at that event only. Swanson said the change makes participation cheaper and faster for vendors. The temporary license fee had been \$25.

Fernley seeks public input on 2050 Master Plan

Staff Report

The City of Fernley is asking residents to help shape the community's future as work continues on an update to the city's 2050 Master Plan.

The plan will guide decisions about how Fernley grows and develops over the next 25 years. It will address issues including housing, transportation, parks, economic development, public services and other community priorities.

City officials are encouraging residents to complete a community questionnaire and share their thoughts about Fernley's needs, challenges and opportunities.

Public feedback will help planners develop a long-term vision that reflects the priorities of the people who live and work in the community.

Residents do not need to be longtime Fernley residents to participate. The city is seeking input from people who have lived in Fernley for decades, as well as those who have recently moved to the area.

leaders should consider as they plan for Fernley's future.

The master plan is intended to provide a framework for future policy and development decisions. While it does not approve individual projects, it helps guide city officials when considering land use, infrastructure, transportation, public facilities and economic development.

Residents can complete the Community Questionnaire at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/7Z9GZR7

Additional information about the planning process is available on the project website at:

www.fernleycmp2050.com

City officials are also asking residents to share the questionnaire with friends, family members and neighbors so the planning process includes as much community input as possible.

The city said public participation is an important part of creating a plan that reflects Fernley's needs and priorities.

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Fernley revising draft Title 16 following public feedback

By Amber Hardin

Following widespread public opposition to Fernley’s proposed Title 16 nuisance ordinance earlier this summer, City officials are continuing to revise the draft before it returns for further public review.

During public workshops in June, nearly 200 residents attended a City Council code enforcement workshop, with dozens more participating in a subsequent open house. As previously reported by The Fernley Reporter, many residents voiced concerns about the proposal’s impact on private property rights, prompting Mayor Neal McIntyre to ask that the ordinance be taken back for further revision rather than moving forward in its current form.

An item on the agenda for the June 17 City Council meeting to cease work on the Title 16 rewrite was removed from the agenda by a 2-1 vote of the council.

Since those meetings, the City has confirmed that revisions are underway.

City officials confirmed through correspondence with The Fernley Reporter that portions of Title 16 already addressed elsewhere in Fernley’s municipal code—including building code language—are being removed from the ordinance.

In addition, officials said that the city’s Building Official will organize a working group of Fernley residents to review the revisions beginning in

September. Following those meetings, City staff expect to make an additional round of revisions before releasing what they hope will be a final revised draft for public review in October.

With revisions now underway, many residents continue asking a central question: How exactly will Title 16 affect Fernley residents?

According to the current draft, the ordinance is intended to establish minimum property maintenance standards, protect public health, safety, and welfare, prevent blight, regulate improved and unimproved property, and provide uniform enforcement throughout the city within a single title of the Fernley Municipal Code.

City officials have also stated the proposal is intended to modernize code enforcement by shifting many property maintenance violations away from criminal misdemeanor prosecution and toward civil administrative enforcement, allowing greater emphasis on voluntary compliance before criminal penalties become necessary.

Public discussion has largely focused on the scope of the ordinance and the authority it grants the City to enforce violations on private property.

The current version establishes procedures for inspections, notices of violation, civil citations, administrative penalties, and, when violations remain unresolved, City-performed nuisance abatement. The ordinance defines abatement as actions the City may take to correct or remove conditions that violate the code and recover

the associated costs.

The proposal also creates a vacant lot registration program, establishes maintenance requirements for vacant properties, and authorizes a City Council-adopted fee schedule for administration and enforcement.

Some residents have expressed concern that those enforcement tools could ultimately allow the City to recover costs through liens against property if abatement expenses remain unpaid.

Several residents have also expressed concern that the ordinance’s use of terms such as “neglected” and “blight” leaves too much room for interpretation by individual code enforcement officials.

The draft defines “blight” as conditions including accumulated debris, deteriorated fences or walls, neglected or overgrown landscaping, and the visible use of tarps or plastic sheeting as exterior screening, fencing, or wall covering on residential lots.

Similarly, the ordinance identifies public nuisances as including deteriorated vegetation, unsecured vacant structures, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, certain Development Code violations, unlawful burning, and other conditions affecting public health and safety.

City officials and residents who support the proposal say these provisions provide needed tools for addressing neglected or unsafe properties; however, some residents have questioned how terms such as “neglected,”

“deteriorated,” and “blight” would be interpreted and applied consistently by future code enforcement officials.

In its current version, Title 16 also includes a due process outline for enforcement.

Social media discussion has frequently centered on the City’s authority to enter private property to correct violations.

The current draft outlines a multi-step enforcement process that includes written notices, opportunities to voluntarily correct violations, administrative remedies, and appeal procedures before City-performed abatement may occur, except in limited emergency situations.

That distinction has become an important part of the community discussion, as many residents continue seeking clarification on how enforcement would work in practice and how consistently the ordinance would be applied.

City officials emphasize that the ordinance remains under revision; some of the provisions currently generating discussion may ultimately be modified or removed.

For now, the conversation surrounding Title 16 continues to center on balancing two priorities that many residents agree are important: well-maintained neighborhoods and the preservation of private property rights, while ensuring code enforcement is applied consistently, transparently, and fairly.

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Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
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COMMUNITY

Rooted Moms Collective aims to rebuild community for local families

By Amber Hardin

A new community group is taking root in Fernley with a mission to help local mothers build meaningful friendships, learn practical skills, and create a stronger sense of connection for families.

Founded by Sierra Ratcliffe, alongside Madi Primeau and Ashley Coverdell, the Rooted Moms Collective was created to "bring back the village" by offering a welcoming space where moms can support one another while making lasting memories with their children.

Ratcliffe said the idea grew from a desire to restore the sense of community that many families feel has been lost in today's busy world.

"Rooted Moms Collective was created from a simple but meaningful desire: to help rebuild the sense of community that so many families are missing today," Ratcliffe said. "I wanted to create a place where moms can form genuine friendships, encourage one another, and build a strong support system while creating lasting memories with their children. We truly believe that when families are connected and supported, our entire community becomes stronger and the quality of life for everyone improves."

The collective plans to host a variety of activities designed to bring local families together, including family-friendly events, moms' meetups, seasonal celebrations, community service projects, and opportunities to learn practical homemaking skills.



Ashley Coverdell



Madi Primeau and her two children



Sierra Ratcliffe

Hands-on gatherings may include bulk cooking days, baking, canning, gardening, freezer meal preparation, and other seasonal projects. Members will also have opportunities to exchange recipes, gardening tips, and homemade goods while learning new skills from one another.

Beyond practical workshops, the organization hopes to foster genuine friendships through coffee meetups, craft nights, bonfires, walks, occasional wine nights, and other social gatherings where moms can relax and connect in a supportive environment.

Ratcliffe emphasized that the group's focus isn't on perfection, but on

creating a place where every mother feels welcomed and valued.

"My hope is that children will grow up surrounded by lasting friendships, and moms will know they never have to navigate motherhood alone," she said.

She also expressed appreciation for the women helping bring the vision to life.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the support of Madi Primeau and Ashley Coverdell, who have been by my side helping bring this vision to life," Ratcliffe said. "Their encouragement, ideas, and dedication have been invaluable in getting Rooted Moms Collective off the

ground. We're excited to see this grow into something that strengthens families, fosters meaningful friendships, and makes a lasting, positive impact on our community."

The group welcomes mothers (and grandmothers) of all experience levels, encouraging participants to share their own knowledge while learning from others. Organizers say the goal is to create a community where everyone has something to contribute, and every family has a place to belong.

For updates on upcoming gatherings and events, community members can follow the Rooted Moms Collective on Facebook.

Lyon County Sheriff's Office prepares to lead law enforcement operations at Night in the Country

By Amber Hardin

As thousands of visitors prepare to descend on Yerington for the 25th annual Night in the Country Music Festival, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office says it is ready to once again lead law enforcement operations for one of Nevada's largest annual events.

In a July 17 "Message of the Week," Sheriff Brad Pope announced that the Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley has once again asked the Lyon County Sheriff's Office to oversee the law enforcement response and public safety presence throughout the three-day festival, scheduled for July 23–25 at the Grange Festival Grounds in Yerington.

Pope said the agency is proud to serve in that role, noting that this marks the third year the festival has been held at its current location. From an operational standpoint, he said the venue has created fewer challenges than previous sites, allowing emergency responders to move more efficiently while improving safety for both attendees and first responders.



Night in the Country celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and remains Nevada's longest-running country music festival. Photo courtesy of LCSO.

Planning for the event begins almost immediately after each year's festival concludes. According to Pope, law enforcement and event organizers conduct a detailed debrief to review what worked well, identify areas for improvement, and strengthen plans for the following year.

"The Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley is a great law enforcement partner and works diligently to ensure the Night in the Country event is safe for all attendees," Pope said.

The Sheriff's Office mission during the festival is to provide law enforcement protection, communications, emergency response, and oversight for sworn and civilian personnel, event staff, and the public. The agency also prepares to respond to any potential threats that could impact the safety of festivalgoers.

Pope acknowledged that opinions surrounding Night in the Country vary within the community but emphasized that the Sheriff's Office re-

mains focused solely on public safety.

"I have seen the arguments for and against the Night in the Country event," Pope wrote. "The Lyon County Sheriff's Office, as an agency, does not take sides one way or another. Our function is to protect the public as the need arises during the event."

He added that working alongside event organizers throughout the planning process helps ensure appropriate safety measures are in place before the first concert begins.

Following the festival, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office plans to release a comprehensive after-action report detailing the agency's operations and response during the event, continuing a practice established after last year's festival.

Night in the Country celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and remains Nevada's longest-running country music festival. The event transforms Yerington into a destination for country music fans from across the region, with this year's headliners including Cole Swindell, Jordan Davis, and Shenandoah.

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its July 15 meeting:

- Evolve Vacation Rental Network, Inc., Residences used for short term rentals
- Nicki Industries LLC dba/Desert Health, Primary care practice
- Aavanti LLC, Handyman services
- Skoden Trucking LLC, Trucking and transportation
- BrightView Landscape Services, Inc., Landscaping services contractor
- Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, Water purification systems sales and service
- Lighthouse Laser & Skin Care, Cosmetic/Esthetic Services
- Boba and Bites LLC, Mobile food vendor
- All Out Patio Solutions LLC, Contractor
- Jensen Engineering, Electrical engineering consultants
- CWG Products LLC, Hobby/crafter
- Fernley Wings LLC dba/Wingers Restaurant and Alehouse, Restaurant and alehouse
- Power Up Electric LLC, Electrical contractor
- The Looney Leprechaun, Mobile ice cream and Dole trailer
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BUSINESS

Fernley welcomes new Texcel distribution center

Staff Report

Community leaders, business partners, and Texcel employees gathered recently for the ribbon cutting of the company's newest regional distribution center, marking another milestone in Fernley's continued growth as one of Northern Nevada's premier logistics and manufacturing hubs.

The new 80,000-square-foot warehouse is Texcel's sixth regional distribution facility and represents a significant investment in the community. The facility will serve customers throughout the western United States by providing faster access to industrial hose, hydraulic hose, flat goods, and hose assembly products.

With the new location now fully operational, many West Coast customers can expect one to two-day delivery times, same-day shipping, and expanded inventory availability. Texcel has also extended customer service hours to 5 p.m. Pacific Time, giving customers in the western United States direct access to live support from the company's service team.

"The opening of our Fernley facility represents an exciting milestone for Texcel as we continue to grow our national footprint and better serve



Photo courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

customers across the western United States," said Texcel CEO Jake Walker. "This location allows us to strengthen our distribution network, improve delivery times, and remain committed to the quality and service our customers have relied on for decades."

The ribbon cutting also highlighted the company's investment in its workforce with the promotion of Bernard Young to warehouse manager for the Fernley facility.

Young, who has been with Texcel for several years, said he has witnessed tremendous growth throughout the

company while its core values have remained consistent.

"The biggest change I've seen is the growth in our operations and the way we've used technology and processes to improve efficiency and customer service," Young said. "What has stayed the same is our commitment to quality, safety, and taking care of both our customers and employees."

As he takes on leadership of the new facility, Young said his focus will be on building a strong team culture centered on communication, accountability, and employee development.

"The most valuable lesson I've learned is that success comes from the people around you," he said. "No matter how good the equipment or processes are, it takes a strong team working together to achieve results."

Young hopes the Fernley operation becomes known not only for operational excellence, but also for creating a workplace where employees are proud of what they accomplish together.

"I want Fernley to be recognized as a location where employees take pride in their work, support one another, and consistently deliver outstanding service to our customers," he said. "If people look back years from now and say we built a team that cared about each other and set a standard for success, that would be a legacy I'm proud to leave behind."

The addition of Texcel to Fernley continues the city's momentum as a destination for companies seeking strategic access to major transportation corridors while creating new employment opportunities and contributing to the region's economic development.

The ribbon cutting served as both a celebration of Texcel's westward expansion and another example of Fernley's growing role as a key distribution center in Northern Nevada.

Redwood Materials introduces smart battery recycling bin in Fernley

By Rachel Dahl

Redwood Materials is testing a new public battery collection system in Fernley as part of an effort to make lithium-ion battery recycling safer and more convenient.

Tricia Dutcher, who works in policy and community affairs for Redwood Materials, presented the company's new "smart bin" program during a Fernley Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. The bin is designed to accept rechargeable batteries and battery-powered devices without requiring customers to sort, tape or individually package them.

Redwood Materials operates a large battery recycling and materials manufacturing campus in Storey County. Dutcher said the company recycles old batteries to recover lithium, nickel, cobalt, copper and other materials that can be used to produce components for new batteries.

"We call ourselves a battery recycler, but actually what we do is produce the material that goes into batteries," Dutcher said.

The company's goals, she said, are to increase the domestic supply of battery materials, reduce battery costs and lessen the environmental effects associated with producing new materials.

According to Dutcher's presentation, Redwood recycles approximately 20 gigawatt-hours of lithium-ion batteries each year, equivalent to about 40,000 metric tons of material or batteries from

approximately 250,000 electric vehicles.

She said Redwood currently handles about 75% of the lithium-ion batteries recycled in the United States, although batteries collected throughout the country may eventually be transported to the Nevada facility.

The company also recovers materials from consumer products, including cellphones, laptops, cordless tools, rechargeable household devices and other products containing lithium-ion batteries.

Those smaller household batteries are among the most difficult materials to collect, Dutcher said, because recycling depends heavily on individual consumers knowing which devices contain batteries and where to take them.

An average household may contain approximately 50 rechargeable batteries, she said. They can be found in phones, computers, earbuds, toys, cordless vacuums, power tools, electric toothbrushes, speakers, drones and many other products.

The problem arises when those devices stop working and are placed in household garbage or curbside recycling.

Lithium-ion batteries can be damaged when compacted in garbage trucks, recycling equipment or landfills, creating the potential for fires. Dutcher said those fires can endanger sanitation workers, equipment operators and others working in the waste and recycling system.



Tricia Dutcher of Redwood Materials discusses the company's new smart battery recycling bin during a Fernley Chamber of Commerce meeting. The pilot program is testing a collection system designed to safely accept rechargeable batteries and battery-powered devices from the public. Photo by Rachel Dahl

"You can't put it in your curbside garbage," she said. "It's going to get crushed in the truck, and that causes truck fires."

Putting batteries in a curbside recycling container is also unsafe because most traditional recycling facilities are not equipped to process them, she said.

Although some retailers offer battery recycling, Dutcher said the collection containers can be difficult to locate, may accept only certain battery types and often require customers to prepare batteries before depositing them.

Redwood's smart bin was created to

address those limitations.

The approximately 5½-foot-tall unit contains a steel collection drum, sensors, remote monitoring equipment and material designed to isolate batteries from one another. As batteries are deposited, the system layers them with a granular fire-suppression material.

If one battery begins to overheat, the material is intended to absorb heat and prevent the problem from spreading to neighboring batteries.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lyon County Planning Commission recommends approval of Monarch Data Center after lengthy public hearing

By Amber Hardin

After hearing several hours of testimony from residents, tribal representatives, technical experts, and project supporters, the Lyon County Planning Commission voted 4-3 on July 17 to recommend approval of the proposed Monarch Data Center Planned Unit Development, forwarding the application to the Lyon County Board of Commissioners for final consideration.

The proposal, submitted by Copia Power Development Company LLC, calls for the construction of a 1,000-megawatt data center campus on approximately 505 acres east of U.S. 95A near Yerington. The planned development would include eight two-story data center buildings totaling approximately 4.6 million square feet, a 500-megawatt battery energy

storage system, a 500-megawatt natural gas backup generation system, an electrical substation, high-voltage transmission infrastructure, and related support facilities.

Planning staff said the hearing marked the fourth public review of the project. Commissioners recommended approval of the site's Specific Plan in 2025 before the Lyon County Board of Commissioners approved it following revisions to roadway access. The July 17 hearing focused on whether the Planned Unit Development complied with the county code and the previously approved Specific Plan.

Throughout the presentation, county staff emphasized that the Planning Commission's role was limited to evaluating land-use compatibility and compliance with county code. Other issues raised throughout the meeting—

including water rights, wastewater permitting, highway improvements, and certain environmental regulations—fall under the jurisdiction of state or federal agencies.

As part of the application, staff presented additional language requiring the developer to design, fund, and construct a northbound passing lane on U.S. 95A at Wabuska Hill before site improvement permits could be issued. Lyon County would coordinate with the Nevada Department of Transportation, with the developer bearing the cost of the improvements.

Representatives for Copia Power described the project as a \$15.3 billion private investment expected to generate thousands of construction jobs, 150 to 250 permanent positions, and significant tax revenue. Company officials said the facility would utilize

a hybrid closed-loop cooling system designed to reduce water consumption by roughly 60% compared to the property's historical agricultural use, relying on existing water rights and onsite water reuse. They also told commissioners the company has no plans to seek tax abatements for the project.

Commissioners questioned company representatives about tribal consultation, emergency services, traffic improvements, and other aspects of the project before opening the public hearing. During that discussion, Commissioner Wendy Loomis encouraged continued consultation with tribal governments before the proposal reaches the Board of County Commissioners.

Public testimony continued for sev-

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Lyon County Commissioners consider workforce expansion, approve public safety and development measures

By Amber Hardin

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners took action on several items during its July 16 meeting that could influence future development, workforce training, and public services across the county, including Fernley.

One of the meeting's more forward-looking discussions centered on potential revisions to Lyon County's Heavy Industrial zoning regulations. Community Development Director Gavin Henderson presented a proposal to eventually allow secondary trade and technical education facilities within Heavy Industrial zoning districts through the Conditional Use Permit process. Henderson said the idea was prompted in part by plans for workforce training facilities associated with industrial development in northeast

Fernley, which would allow students to train near future employers while maintaining public review of each proposal. Commissioners unanimously directed staff to draft ordinance language for future consideration.

The board also unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding between Lyon County and the Central Lyon County Fire Protection District to formalize coordinated building plan reviews. The agreement establishes a streamlined review process between the county and the fire district while maintaining separate application requirements, with county staff saying the system should improve efficiency for development projects that require approval from both agencies.

Commissioners approved several countywide public safety and technology initiatives, including the adop-

tion of a new five-year Telephone Surcharge Master Plan supporting emergency communications infrastructure. County staff explained the plan funds dispatch equipment, telecommunications connections, and other components necessary to maintain reliable 911 service. The board also approved a two-year, \$31,651.87 annual agreement with the cybersecurity platform ThreatLocker to strengthen cybersecurity protections for county computer systems.

Additional actions included accepting a \$268,287 state grant for Rapid Response and Stabilization Services. These services provide emergency assistance, transportation, childcare, parenting education, behavioral health services, and case management for at-risk families, including approval of an agreement with Douglas County for

overflow juvenile detention services when Churchill County facilities reach capacity. Additionally, a budget transfer was authorized for tree removal at Hillcrest Cemetery, and the county's management pay plan was corrected to include the Emergency Management and Government Affairs Director position after a clerical omission.

Several residents also addressed the commission during public comment. Topics included floodplain compliance, traffic safety along Osborne Lane, transparency in county government, and concerns about how future zoning changes could intersect with industrial and data center development. While no action was taken during public comment, some of those issues resurfaced during the discussion of the proposed zoning revisions.

Board fills Planning Commission vacancies following review of seven applicants

By Amber Hardin

As Lyon County continues to experience significant residential, commercial, and industrial growth, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners appointed two new members to the county's Planning Commission during its July 2 meeting after considering seven applicants from communities across the county.

Following the discussion, commissioners appointed Jim Davis of Dayton and Michael Irvin of Silver Springs to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission. The appointments came

after the Board reviewed applications from candidates representing Dayton, Fernley, Silver Springs and Yerington.

Earlier in the meeting, public comment underscored the growing importance of the commission's work. One resident encouraged commissioners to consider geographic representation when filling the vacancies, specifically expressing concern that Yerington should continue to have a voice on the Planning Commission as the county reviews an increasing number of development proposals.

Although commissioners ultimately selected Davis and Irvin, the appoint-

ments followed discussion of multiple qualified applicants before the Board reached its decision.

The Lyon County Planning Commission serves as an advisory body to the Board of Commissioners, reviewing land-use matters including zoning requests, subdivision maps, special use permits, master plan amendments, and other development proposals before making recommendations to the Board for final consideration.

The appointments come at a time when planning and development issues have become increasingly prominent throughout Lyon County. During

the same July 2 meeting, commissioners considered several agenda items related to infrastructure, utilities, and long-term growth, while numerous residents voiced concerns during public comment about industrial development, including proposed data centers and the infrastructure needed to support future growth.

Lyon County continues to review a growing number of development proposals and long-range planning issues, placing renewed attention on the Planning Commission's role in evaluating land-use matters before they reach the Board of Commissioners.

Businesses, residents encouraged to submit proposals for CDBG funds

By Amber Hardin

During a presentation before the Fernley City Council on July 15, residents, businesses and other entities were encouraged to submit applications for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for qualified projects prior to the August 19 city council meeting, where such proposals will be considered.

Trisha Livingston, the city's grant administrator, said there is \$2.9 million in CDBG funds to be divided among Nevada's 26 eligible rural communities for the 2027 CDBG program year, and Fernley is one of those eligible entities, though the selection pro-

cess is highly competitive.

The first criteria for consideration is that the activity must benefit low- and moderate-income persons, the activity must address slum or blight conditions and there must be an urgent need to address a serious and immediate threat to community health and welfare, Livingston said.

Eligible activities include acquisition of real property for purposes such as creating a park, acquiring property for commercial use and acquiring deteriorated buildings for demolition, she said.

Also eligible are public facilities and improvements for streets, sidewalks, curbs/gutters, water/sewer

lines, flood drainage improvements, senior centers, firehouses and housing shelters. Demolition of buildings, removal of demolition debris and removal/treatment of environmental contaminants are also eligible, Livingston said.

Under planning and capacity building, plans to determine a community's needs and plans to assist a CDBG-assisted project are also eligible, as well as acquisition/construction of commercial or industrial buildings, assistance to for-profit businesses, job training and placement, and rehabilitation of commercial structures, she said.

Eligibility criteria required by the

Governor's Office for Economic Development include many of the criteria already mentioned for improvement of public infrastructure, but also includes development of broadband infrastructure and includes activities to create and retain jobs and to create and expand businesses, Livingston said.

Persons and entities desiring to submit an application to receive CDBG funds or seeking more information about the funding program may contact Livingston prior to the August 19 city council meeting. She can be reached by calling (775) 784-9851 or emailing her at tlivingston@cityoffernley.org.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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utility consulting firm hired to evaluate the proposal.

The request for additional review came relatively late in the process. The council created the power district working group April 1, with a City of Fernley representative, Barry Williams, as well as North Lyon County Fire Department Capt. Kuntz, serving alongside representatives of Mark IV Capital and Stella Power. The working group was expected to develop recommendations and a draft ordinance for council consideration. The council unanimously approved the ordinance's first reading May 20. City staff then brought forward a contract with Raftelis on June 3 to provide an independent review of the proposal. Raftelis estimated its work would take four to six weeks, contributing to the ordinance's postponement in June and again in July while the analysis is completed.

The council's caution reflects the size of the decision. During the meeting, attorney Bob Sweetin, representing Mark IV Capital, argued that if the district ultimately expands to its projected capacity, the proposed 1% franchise fee could generate an estimated \$68 million to \$83 million annually for the city, compared with Fernley's current general fund budget of approximately \$13.4 million.

Those figures are projections presented by the developer and are among the financial and operational assumptions Raftelis has been hired to review.

The timing of that review has now become central to the council's decision, even though the independent analysis was commissioned after the ordinance had already advanced through its first reading.

Mendoza made the motion to continue the ordinance until the consultant's report is complete and any necessary revisions can be considered before adoption.

The discussion ultimately centered on two competing viewpoints. Supporters of delaying the ordinance argued the city should independently verify the project's assumptions before establishing the district. Supporters of immediate adoption countered that investors need certainty now and that the ordinance could be amended later as the project develops.

Throughout the discussion, council members questioned the proposed governance structure, financial assumptions, projected electric rates and whether additional safeguards should be incorporated before the ordinance is adopted—many of the same issues Raftelis has been hired to evaluate.

Torres said he appreciated the additional information presented during the meeting but remained concerned about ensuring the city fully understood the proposal before taking action.

"We have to do our due diligence," Torres said, noting that Fernley must balance industrial growth with maintaining the quality of life residents expect.

Zoberski said she believed it was premature to adopt the ordinance be-

fore reviewing the consultant's findings.

"It feels a little premature to be making a decision on an ordinance before we have a look at the report from the working group," she said.

Supporters of the project countered that the consultant's work should not delay adoption because the district's governing framework can be amended later if necessary.

Sweetin argued the city's power district working group was created to study operational and technical issues—not the legality or structure of the ordinance itself.

"The power district working group is looking at proper operations, proper deployment, proper electrical service rules," Sweetin said. "What they are not analyzing is the ordinance, the legality of the ordinance or the franchise fees related to the ordinance."

Rick Nelson, senior vice president of Mark IV Capital, told the council the company has spent years developing the project and that prolonged uncertainty could jeopardize contracts with prospective customers.

"When customers do not sign contracts, billions in private infrastructure investment does not occur," Nelson said.

Nelson argued the proposed 1% franchise fee was intentionally designed to keep Fernley competitive with other locations pursuing similar industrial projects.

"A higher franchise fee early on does not produce more money for the city," he said. "It produces less development and far less revenue. The 1%

rate is the key that unlocks the entire benefit."

Mark IV estimates the proposed franchise fee could generate between \$126 million and \$157 million during the project's first six years, while also producing substantial property tax, personal property tax and permit fee revenue. Company representatives said those projections depend on attracting multiple large industrial customers that require significant electrical capacity.

Hanan said he believes the project represents a rare economic opportunity for Fernley and argued the council could modify the ordinance in the future if needed.

"In five to 10 years that may give the city the wealth to start its own police department and fire department," Hanan said. "I see this as an amazing opportunity."

McIntyre also urged the council to move forward, calling the project transformational for Fernley.

"I think this is an amazing project that will really financially help the city of Fernley," the mayor said. "Let's get these people in here. Let's get it started. As it moves along, let's look at it again."

Sweetin likewise emphasized that the ordinance establishes a framework that can be amended over time as the district evolves.

Council members, however, maintained that reviewing an independent analysis before adopting the ordinance would better position the city to make informed decisions on a project with potentially significant long-term impacts.

Meetings

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- Fernley Planning Commission**
2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
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- Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9:00 a.m.
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- Lyon County Commission**
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington
Next meeting August 6
- Lyon County Planning Commission**
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Lyon County Administrative Complex, 27 S. Main St., Yerington
Next meeting August 11

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SPORTS

Fernley football cultivates next generation with high school-led youth camp

By Robert Perea

Fernley High School's football program and the Fernley Youth Football League completed their second annual youth camp July 15-17, a three-day skills and fundamentals session designed to prepare FYFL athletes for the start of conditioning July 20 and strengthen the connection between the youth program and the high school.

FYFL President Roman Sisneros said the camp gives young players a head start before formal practices begin and helps new athletes adjust.

"The goal of the camp is to get these kids fine tuned, ready for conditioning," he said. "They get the experience before they get into the grind and the struggles and the not so fun days."

The camp was free for all FYFL athletes and funded entirely by Rip City Riders, which sponsored the event and covered the cost for every participant. Sisneros said the group also previously raised money to provide Guardian Caps for all FYFL players.

Fernley High School coach Anfernee Sloan said the sponsorship was new this year.

"Those guys actually sponsored the event, instead of any of the kids having to pay," he said.



Fernley High School coach Anfernee Sloan speaks to a group of young players during the FHS Youth Football Camp on July 16. Photo by Robert Perea

FYFL fields seven football teams: 6U, 8U, two 10U teams, 11U, 13U and 14U. Sisneros said about 180 players signed up this year, and more than 100 participated in the camp.

The league also operates a large cheer program with 160 athletes and 10 teams, ranging in age from 3 to 14. FYFL Cheer has won multiple regional titles and national championships and sent a team to Pop Warner Nationals in North Carolina last year. A separate JAMZ Cheer & Dance Camp was held the same weekend, with FYFL subsidizing half the cost for participants.

Sloan said the youth football camp benefits both programs. High school players served as coaches during the camp, helping run drills and teach fundamentals. Many of them also serve as junior coaches for FYFL teams during the season.

Sloan said the experience gives his athletes a chance to develop leadership and communication skills.

"It's teaching my guys social skills," he said. "It teaches them how to work with people and to understand how to give back, being able to make it bigger than just us."

Sloan said the camp also gives the high school staff an early look at upcoming classes, especially seventh- and eighth-grade athletes. But he emphasized the community connection



Fernley High School junior Andrew Wodke teaches a young player the proper technique for shedding a blocker during the FHS Youth Football Camp on July 16. Photo by Robert Perea

as its primary value.

"The biggest thing is our ability to give back to the community," he said.

Attendance more than doubled from last year's inaugural camp, and Sloan said he hopes to expand participation to between 150 and 180 next year. His ultimate goal is to have 200 youth players, which would allow organizers to divide the groups by age and position for more specialized coaching.

Sisneros said the relationship between FYFL and the high school program has strengthened in recent years. He said former head coach Chris Ward made it a priority to involve the youth league with the high school program. Sloan has continued that effort and regularly stops by youth practices, checks in on players and encourages high school athletes to coach.

"He pops in our practices and gives the kids a pep talk if it looks like they're struggling for the day," Sisneros said. "I think our relationship is really good and it's getting better."

Sisneros said the older FYFL teams run a modified version of the high school's offensive system, with teams adopting shared cadence and terminology as players get older. He said the goal is to prepare athletes before they reach high school.

"At the end of the day, we're a feeder program for the high school," he said. "If we do good, they do good."

Sloan said the camp's main objective is keeping young athletes engaged and returning each year.

"Retention, retention, retention," he said.

Sisneros said the growth of FYFL directly affects the high school program. He pointed to past seasons when low youth participation led to smaller high school rosters.

"That 2019 state championship, the juniors and seniors, those two youth programs were dominant, and then our program kind of died off for a little bit," he said. "When our numbers were low, the high school numbers were low. Now that our numbers are climbing, their numbers are climbing."

The camp also gives young players the chance to interact with and learn from the older high school players they look up to, most of whom came through the same program before reaching high school.

"They idolize these guys, and they look up to them, and you can see it with the high school boys that they're seeing that what they do means something other than to their parents and their families," Sisneros said. "It means a lot to the community."

Experienced Vaqueros prepare to replace record-setting seniors

By Robert Perea

It's a story as old as high school sports themselves, and it happens every year: A senior class of players graduates, leaving fans and observers to wonder how good the team will be with-out them.

But despite having to replace three players who combined to score 51 of the team's 55 offensive touchdowns last season, Fernley coach Anfernee Sloan is confident the Vaqueros can do just that.

Keeshawn Love graduated as the school's all-time leading rusher, Bryce Dunagan-Stephens was a three-year starting quarterback, and Riley McCullar was a triple threat as a runner, receiver and kick returner. In addition, Joey Machado was the school's all-time leading tackler.

But Sloan said the Vaqueros have a team full of players who are ready for their turn to shine.

"I know we had some dang good football players last year, but in the hindsight of it, I think those guys kind of masked what actually made that a good football team, and that's those juniors that we had that are seniors this year," Sloan said. "I've got 20 seniors that I think are a pretty special group, that are a lot of three-year varsity football players that have played for us, that are going to kind of show their true colors this year."

In addition, Sloan said he went into last season with a plan to develop players who would be ready to step in this year.

"We knew we were going to be losing some good football players, so it dictated our decision with certain players," he said.

Sloan said that's why he kept Jayden

Esparza, a sophomore last year, and Elijah Devold, a freshman, on varsity instead of JV, giving them practice repetitions against varsity players every day.

"I learned my lesson with Bryce four years ago," Sloan said. "I wish I would have brought him up when he was a freshman when (Gabe) Tollstrup was our quarterback. And I'll never re-gret it again."

Now, Sloan said Esparza is in line to get the most repetitions at running back, while Devold is ready to compete for the starting quarterback position, although Sloan said he will have to earn it.

"I'd like to say yes (that Devold will be the starter), but you know what? I've got three other guys that can take snaps too and I'm going to force them to go and compete," Sloan said.

Along with Devold, Sloan said senior Jayden Scripiliti, who has also taken snaps as a back-up the last two years; Jayse Jones, a junior who played slotback on the varsity last season; and Brayden Haas, who was the JV quarterback, will all be given a chance to win the starting quarterback job.

"Once you get out there and put a helmet on, it's going to ultimately get to how everything's going to pan out," Sloan said.

Likewise, Sloan said several players will get chances at running back and at the slot positions, meaning the Vaqueros will have plenty of players to rotate and keep everyone fresh.

But what the Vaqueros have up front is what excites Sloan the most.

"I think that's probably our foundation of our team this next year, defensive and offensive line," he said. "We've

got more tackles and tight ends, defensive ends, tackles and guards than we've ever had. We're going to see if your Jimmies are better than our Joes up front, for sure."

Entering his fifth year as head coach, Sloan said participation in this year's summer conditioning program has been the best it has been since he took over the program in 2022.

"This summer the most we've had was 105 and we've been hovering around 90 kids, which is huge," he said. "So we're thinking we're going to be

over 100 for sure, going into the fall."

Practice begins July 27 with two days of heat-acclimation workouts. Players will wear hel-mets but no pads during those workouts. July 29-30 will be noncontact practices in shells — helmets and shoulder pads, but no leg pads — and full-contact practices in pads begin Aug. 1.

The Vaqueros are scheduled to scrimmage at Bishop Manogue on Aug. 7, then open the season Aug. 14 against Coral Academy of Science at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno.

Fernley Women's Golf Club Results, July 14th

Game:
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Red Tees
Tie: Patty Liljeberg & Cheri Grutkowski, 29

Purple Tees
1st: Verl Ely, 32
2nd: Karen Holcher, 37

Birdies: Jana Garner, Hole #16
Closest to Hole #7: Linda Garrett, 9'9"
Low Putts: (Tie) Jana Garner & Patty Liljeberg, 29
Chip-Ins: Kathy Kennedy, Hole #1

REGIONAL NEWS

Business leaders warn uncertainty can carry unintended consequences for economic development

By Owen Truesdell

One City Council vote may not seem like much in the life of a community. But according to Northern Nevada commercial real estate broker Matt Harris, the message that vote sends to the business community can have consequences far beyond the project under consideration.

Appearing on Nevada Newsmakers with host Sam Shad, Harris said uncertainty, not necessarily regulation itself, is often what causes companies to reconsider investing in a community.

Harris, co-principal and partner of Street Commercial Real Estate, said his firm was helping a company expand its Northern Nevada footprint when the Reno City Council voted to impose a moratorium on new data centers.

The next day, he said, the client called to put its expansion plans on hold.

"They were worried about what signals that it sent to the marketplace," Harris said. "Companies don't like uncertainty. They like to know what the plans are going forward."

The company was not directly involved in the data center industry, Harris said. Instead, executives questioned what the moratorium suggested about the region's overall business climate.

That reaction illustrates what Harris calls the "unintended consequences" of government decisions.

While public debate often focuses on the specific project being approved or denied, businesses may be evaluating something entirely different: whether local governments provide predictable rules and long-term stability.

Harris emphasized that companies compare multiple locations before investing millions, or even billions, of dollars in new facilities.

"If they're willing to nix one whole sector of the market," he said, companies naturally ask, "What else is next?"

Northern Nevada has spent decades marketing itself as a business-friendly alternative to California, attracting manufacturers, logistics companies and technology firms with lower taxes, available land and a streamlined regulatory environment.

But Harris said that advantage has narrowed in recent years.

Industrial property costs in Northern Nevada have climbed significantly while prices have cooled in parts of California's Inland Empire, reducing one of Nevada's traditional competitive advantages.

"If the price is low enough, we can almost withstand any type of regulation," Harris said. "When the price gets to a point where you can no longer do both, then you look at moving."

That makes consistency increasingly important.

"We need to stay competitive," Harris said.

"We need to stay competitive by being aligned in our communities and having one message."

Harris acknowledged that development should not occur without oversight.

"I would never sit here and advocate for just an outright build whatever you want, wherever you want," he said. "There has to be guidelines."

Instead, he argued that elected officials should evaluate projects individually rather than adopting broad moratoriums.

He believes planning commissions and elected councils are capable of weighing concerns about water, power, traffic and land use on a case-by-case basis.

"The moratorium sends the wrong message," Harris said. "Any moratorium, outside of where it's health and safety, immediate response needed, is the wrong message."

Although the discussion centered on data centers, Harris suggested the issue extends far beyond a single industry.

He said companies considering manufacturing, logistics and other industrial investments often pay close attention to how communities make decisions because large projects typically involve decades of planning and substantial capital investment.

For those companies, predictability can be as important as taxes, utility

costs or available land.

Economic developers often describe Northern Nevada's business climate as one of the region's greatest strengths. Harris said maintaining that reputation requires communities to provide consistent expectations while still addressing legitimate public concerns.

Perhaps Harris' biggest concern isn't the companies that publicly announce they're leaving.

It's the ones the public never hears about.

"I'm really worried about it's not the companies like this that we know decided not to be here," he said. "It's the ones that we never ever will know that don't come. And that terrifies me."

Those businesses never hold press conferences announcing they chose another state.

Instead, Harris said, they quietly cross a community off their list before local residents ever know they were considering investing there.

Whether residents support or oppose specific development proposals, Harris said communities should recognize that policy decisions often send broader signals to the marketplace than elected officials may intend.

Those signals, he argues, can influence investment decisions long before the public sees the results.

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ROBERT GUERRERO – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$6,670, Charges: Failure to appear after bail on gross misdemeanor crime; Assist other agency–Hold
EDWARD HIPSLEY – Area: LYSO, Bail: \$13,420, Charges: Use/possess drug paraphernalia; DUI (1st); Possess Schedule I/II controlled sub-stance under 14 grams (1st or 2nd); Possess dangerous drug without prescription (1st/2nd); Possess controlled substance or paraphernalia by DOC prisoner
DANIELLE WHITSELL – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$6,000, Charges: Domestic battery (1st)
TRISTA SPETH – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$154,140, Charges: Child abuse or neglect (1st); Deprive/neglect/refuse animal food or drink (1st)
SCOTT SORRELL – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$10,000, Charges: Criminal contempt – Failure to obey court order
NICHOLAS BUCHANAN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$7,635, Charges: Assist other agency–Hold; Criminal contempt; Drive with revoked driver license; Owner – Proof of insurance required; Operate unregistered vehicle/trailer/semi; False statement to/Obstruct public officer
EZEKIEL TOVANI – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$23,000, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of conditions of parole; Driver disobey peace officer en-dangering persons or property; Domestic battery (1st)
SALLY WHOOLEY – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$16,140, Charges: Possess Schedule I/II controlled substance under 14 grams (1st or 2nd); Con-spiracy to violate Uniform Controlled Substances Act (1st); Use/possess drug paraphernalia
RAYMOND GLENN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Domestic battery (1st)
ANTHONY BENGOCIA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: DUI (1st)
CIERA SCOTT – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$16,140, Charges: Possess/receive/transfer stolen vehicle; Possess to sell Schedule I/II, flunitraze-pam/GHB (1st); Use/possess drug paraphernalia
HERMAN SHORT – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$740, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
MICHAEL ORTA – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$77,640, Charges: Assist other agency–Hold; Trafficking schedule I–II controlled substance, fl-unitra-zepam/GHB (100g but under 400g); Use/possess drug paraphernalia
CATRINA JENSEN – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$3,640, Charges: Possess Schedule I/II controlled substance under 14 grams (1st or 2nd); Use/possess drug paraphernalia
STEPHEN LAFEVER – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Prohibited act – violation of sex offender registration (2+)
DONALD SPETH – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$154,140, Charges: Child abuse or neglect (1st); Deprive/neglect/refuse animal food or drink (1st)
JOHN HALE – Area: Silver Springs,

Bail: \$1,000, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
COLLEEN SPOHR – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$15,700, Charges: Domestic battery (1st); Criminal contempt
CHRISTOPHER WASHINGTON – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$3,140, Charges: Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime; Resist public officer; Failure to appear after bail, misdemeanor crime
JON GARGETT – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$6,140, Charges: Possess Schedule I/II controlled substance under 14 grams (1st or 2nd); Use/possess drug paraphernalia; Possess dangerous drug without prescription (1st/2nd)
CAIB TETREAULT – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence
GREG BINGHAM – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$2,615, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation; Violate stalking/harassment temporary protection order
ERIN COMBS – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$840, Charges: Failure to appear on traffic citation
BRIAN JOHNSON – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$0, Charges: Court commitment
AMILCAR MARTINEZ LUCAS – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$81,280, Charges: Domestic battery (1st); Child abuse or neglect (1st)
JEFFERY MARTIN – Area: Silver Springs, Bail: \$5,000, Charges: Prohibited act – violation of sex offender registration (1st); Felony arrest for violation of probation/conditions of suspended sentence
LORIBENNETT – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$3,420, Charges: Battery; Resist public officer
RICHARD PICHININO BORDEN – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$31,555, Charges: Duty to stop at scene of accident; DUI (1st); Fail to drive on right half of road
VERONICA LEWIS – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$34,280, Charges: Prevent/dissuade reporting crime/cause prosecution/arrest; Coercion with force or threat of force; Abuse of elderly/vulnerable person (1st); False imprisonment; Domestic battery (1st), enhanced/violation of probation; Resist public officer
KARLIE MORGAN – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$2,280, Charges: False statement to/Obstruct public officer; Resist public officer
RAY HERNANDEZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$20,000, Charges: Assist other agency–Hold
DALTON ROBILLARD – Area: Fernley, Bail: \$1,140, Charges: Battery
CARLOS DOMINGUEZ BORQUEZ – Area: Dayton, Bail: \$1,200, Charges: Assist other agency–Hold
JENNER LAGOS MOLINA – Area: Mason Valley, Bail: \$2,920, Charges: Possess ID information for false statement/occupation/license/ID; Drive without driver license; Operate vehicle with expired registration/plates
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THE INSIDE VEER

Misheard lyrics kill the vibe

By Robert Perea

“What’s so easy about Saturday mornings?”

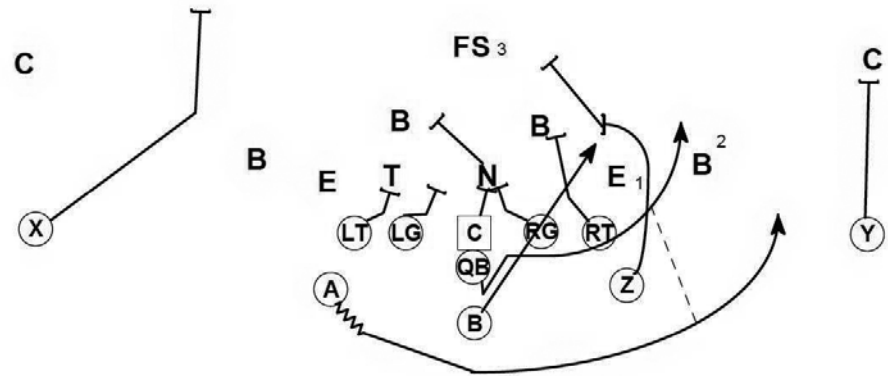
That question, asked by an elderly friend, caught me off guard, because I wasn’t sure what she was talking about.

“Do you mean Sunday morning?” I responded, thinking she might be referring to the popular 1970s song by the Commodores, where Lionel Richie sang, ‘I’m easy like Sunday morning.’

It turned out she was, except she had the day wrong, and didn’t believe me when I pointed that out. She kept insisting the lyric was “easy like Saturday morning,” until I Googled the song and played it on my phone.

That song is not one where the lyrics are difficult to discern, so I’m not sure how she mixed that up, but she insisted she had always heard it as Saturday morning and had been confused by it for almost 50 years.

There is one point in the song where Richie does hesitate ever so slightly between the words Sunday and morning, so I can kind of understand how someone might, if they think he said the word pretty fast, mistake Sunday for



Saturday.

But that’s not like thinking Jimi Hendrix is saying ‘Scuse me while I kiss this guy,’ in Purple Haze, instead of ‘kiss the sky’; or that Bad Moon Rising by Creedence Clearwater Revival says, ‘There’s a bathroom on the right’ instead of a ‘Bad moon on the rise.’

I had one of those moments myself a couple weeks ago. During the intro to the song “Give a Little Bit” by Supertramp, I have always thought that vocalist Roger Hodgson said, “Here we go, man.” The high-pitched tone of his voice, the phrasing, and that line itself epitomize the mid-to-late 1970s to me.

But when I mentioned that to someone as that song came on a couple weeks ago, she said she thought he was saying ‘Here we go again.’

So, I again turned to Google, and sure enough, the word Hodgson says is ‘Here we go again,’ not ‘Here we go, man.’

It’s a strange sensation to have a piece of your personal soundtrack rewritten by a search engine, but even worse than that, I somehow enjoy that song, which I have loved for a long time, a little less now. My image of that song went from a laid-back, California-cool vibe to something a little less carefree.

There’s actually a name for mishearing lyrics: mondegreens. That word itself never made sense to me until just now, as I was writing this. I searched Google once again to ask where that word comes from. If that can be believed, in 1954 a writer named Sylvia Wright misheard a line in a Scottish ballad ‘laid him on the green’ as ‘Lady Mondegreen.’

I’ve never heard that song, but just from reading the lyric, I can see how you’d hear it that way.

My friend ultimately decided ‘Easy’ made more sense once she realized the song actually says Sunday. Meanwhile, my ear still hears ‘man’ every time I hear the guitar kick in on “Give a Little Bit.”

I think it probably always will.

Robert Perea has covered news and sports in Northern Nevada since 1993. He has published The Fernley Reporter online since 2016, loves music, is a sucker for the pets who have adopted him, and is thrilled to be printing the Reporter.

COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Fascinating Fernley - Meet Your Neighbors

By Sonia Hedrick

Fernley is fascinating. Now, before you say otherwise, allow me to explain that declaration. About a year ago, my husband and I packed up what we could fit into our RV, arranged to sell our house and moved to Fernley to be closer to family living in Sparks. Quite a change from our home of many years in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. But certainly not an unwelcome one.

If you’ve been to southeast Florida recently, specifically Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach counties, you know that the area has a teeming population of some 7 million. In contrast, the entire state of Nevada boasts somewhere around a modest

3.5 million. While we welcomed the reduction in people and pace, admittedly I had a nagging concern about boredom. I was accustomed to a very diverse area with a vast array of people engaged in a countless variety of activities. What does one do in Fernley? And what kind of people inhabit it?

Within short order, I found out and to my delight, I am utterly enchanted. While the population may be sparser than in my hometown, the residents of this area are abundant in interests and experiences. Ever living up to the “Friendly Fernley” tag, many folks have been eager to chat and share something about themselves. There was the guy who invented a process for harnessing

energy through volcanic tubes and the woman who led the effort to engineer video communications between Earth and outer space. How about the lady pest control expert, the maintenance man who is a world class artist or the printer who sports an NFL Super Bowl ring? Amazing.

And this area has wild horses and real live cowboys. The closest I’ve come to a cowboy was watching episodes of Yellowstone. I wasn’t convinced they still existed until my husband and I accidentally stumbled into a livestock auction. This area is bursting with interesting people who do interesting things. I can’t wait to meet more of them and as I do, I can’t wait to introduce them to you too.

Your participation in this column is welcome. Would you like to share your interesting story with us? Or do you know someone fascinating that I should meet? Let’s talk. Send me an email at: fernleyreporter@fallonmediallc.com

Sonia Hedrick and her husband Jerry arrived in Nevada just over a year ago. A South Florida native, Sonia is captivated by the landscape, climate, history and overall “vibe” of Lyon County and specifically, Fernley. Sonia truly enjoys meeting people and has found some of the most interesting people she has ever met right here in our area. She looks forward to introducing readers to their neighbors in her upcoming contributions to the Fernley Reporter.

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The system also monitors the temperature and volume of the material inside the bin. When the collection drum is full, Redwood receives an electronic notification and sends a contractor to replace it.

The bin remains locked except when a user activates the deposit door. Dutcher said the system will remain locked if sensors detect a potential problem.

The collection drum and fire-suppression material received a special permit from the U.S. Department of Transportation, she said, allowing full drums to be transported without employees sorting or individually taping each battery.

That is important because federal

shipping requirements can make public battery collection difficult and expensive.

The bin was also designed so that businesses or public facilities hosting one do not need specialized equipment or extensive employee training.

“It needs to accept everything safely without requiring any prep,” Dutcher said. “It can’t require specialized training or take a significant amount of a host site employee’s time.”

Redwood developed the smart bin as a prototype and is testing it through a grant-supported pilot program. Dutcher said one bin has been placed in Fernley, with additional units operating in Washoe County and Carson City. More are expected to be installed in area libraries.

The company is also testing bins in other locations, including New York

City, where residents of high-rise apartment buildings may have limited access to battery drop-off locations.

Dutcher said the goal is to study how the bins perform in different communities and determine whether the system can be expanded.

“We’re hoping that we keep pointing to Nevada as the site of innovation for these lithium batteries,” she said.

The bins accept rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, rechargeable nickel-metal hydride batteries and many battery-powered devices. Small devices such as phones or earbuds may be deposited whole if the battery cannot easily be removed.

Larger products should be separated from their batteries when practical. Lead-acid automobile batteries are not accepted and should instead be re-

turned to an auto parts store or another approved collection site.

Dutcher said Redwood’s larger mission is to create a domestic, closed-loop battery supply chain in which valuable materials are recovered, refined and reused rather than discarded.

She said the company also recovers aluminum, copper, steel and other materials from battery packs, along with much of the packaging used to transport them.

“Metal is infinitely recyclable,” Dutcher said. “If it was used in a battery, somebody out there is using it in something else.”

The recyclebins are located at 595 Silver Lace Blvd., City Hall. More information can be viewed at www.cityoffernley.org/1200/Recycle-Lithium-ion-Batteries

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eral hours, with dozens of speakers voicing both opposition and support for the project.

Opponents repeatedly expressed concerns about groundwater availability, traffic along U.S. 95A, continuous operational noise, backup power generation, air quality, wildfire response, potential impacts to wildlife and agricultural resources, and the absence of a formal environmental impact statement.

Several tribal representatives also urged additional consultation regarding cultural resources and water concerns before the project advances further. Others called for the county to adopt a moratorium on future data center development until broader studies could be completed.

Supporters, including former officials with the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center and local property owners, argued that similar concerns had accompanied industrial development

elsewhere in Northern Nevada but had not materialized as predicted. They pointed to infrastructure investments funded by private developers, reduced water consumption compared with existing agricultural uses, and the project’s anticipated economic benefits.

Following the close of public comment, commissioners discussed the proposal and acknowledged many of the concerns raised by residents while reiterating that their responsibility

was to determine whether the application satisfied the findings required under county code.

Commissioner Mark Jones moved to recommend approval of the Planned Unit Development, including the additional roadway improvement language presented by staff. Commissioner Andrew Merritt seconded the motion, which passed on a 4-3 vote, advancing the recommendation to the Lyon County Board of Commissioners for final consideration at its Aug. 6 meeting.

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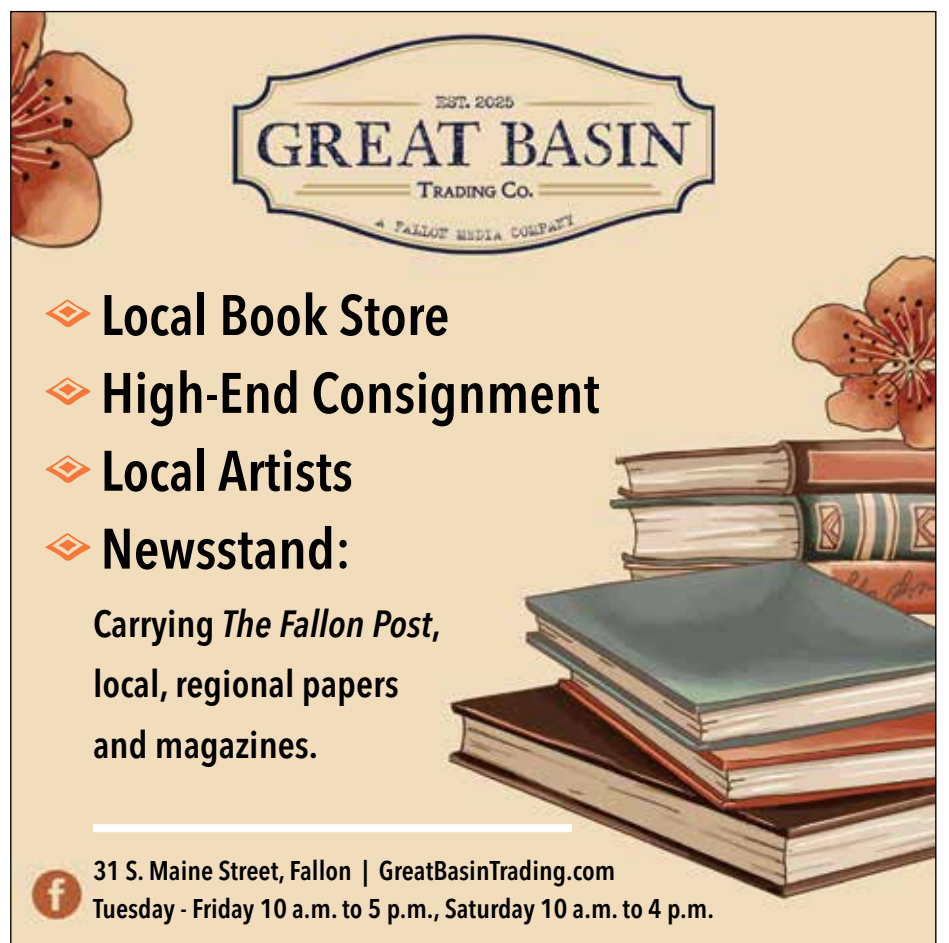


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