

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015
5:30 P.M.
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Jeremy Garcia, Rhonda Gault, Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez

Staff: Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia, Fire Chief Johnny Silva, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Head Librarian Mary Helen Lopez, Accountant Contractor Teresa Williams and Magistrate Larry Bravo

Audience: Ms. Nellie Acton and Ms. Mila Besich-Lira – Copper Basin News Reporter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Council Meeting – November 17, 2014

Council Member Ruiz moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections, the mayor from Winkelman is Louis Bracamonte not Manuel Bracamonte and it should read December 15, 2014 not November 17, 2014. Council Member Gault seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

CALL TO THE PUBLIC/Citizens Wanting to Address the Council on Any Non-Agenda Item
The Mayor and Council Will Listen to Comments, But May Take Any One of the Following
Actions (1) Respond to Criticism, (2) Request That Staff Investigate and Report on the Matter
and (3) Request that the Matter be Scheduled on a Future Agenda. **SPEAKERS SHALL BE**
LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

No Comments from the audience.

Consideration to move the February Meeting to Tuesday, February 17th in observance of
Presidents Day.

Council Member Gault moved to move the February Meeting to Tuesday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Consideration to approve all monies being paid to the town for services, be paid at the Hayden Town Hall.

Mayor Smith told the council that this is for accountability and to avoid having so many hands involved in handling the money. Council Member Ruiz moved to approve having all money paid for town services to be turned into the town hall on a daily basis. Council Member Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Discussion on IGA with the Town of Winkelman on Animal Control Officer

Mayor Smith reported that he was approached by Mayor Bracamonte from Winkelman concerning an IGA for an animal control officer. Mayor Bracamonte said that at their last council meeting they had some concerns because they heard that Hayden was negotiating a contract with the Town of Kearny. Mayor Smith told him that the Town of Kearny does not have an animal control officer at this time Bracamonte gave him some numbers, for the remainder of the fiscal year they want \$4,000 which is negotiable and next fiscal year it would be \$9,600. The animal control officer works between 25 – 50 hours per week and receives a set monthly pay amount of \$529.22 which annually comes out to little over \$6,000. Mayor Smith said that the money amount does not make sense. Mayor Smith said that he knows Senior Center Director Hinojos is on the Winkelman Town Council and he did not know if she knew anything about this. Senior Center Director Hinojos replied that she felt that Mayor Smith needs to sit down and negotiate this and make sure that the numbers are correct. Council Member Lagunas mentioned getting a discount for using our vehicle. Council Member Gault said that she would like for Mayor Smith to crunch some numbers and meet with Mayor Bracamonte and see what amount they can come up with. Chief Tartaglia told the council that there was some negotiating going on with the Town of Kearny and the last he had heard is that it was still in process.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report – Council Member Lagunas asked if Officer Abendano was back on the schedule. Chief Tartaglia said that she was on the schedule. Council Member Garcia told the chief that he has noticed that some of his officers stay in the same location for long periods of time. Also he reported that he had called 911 because of a house being broken into and it took the officer 20 minutes to respond. Mayor Smith said that council members are not supposed to be keeping track of employees. If there is an issue then they need to go through the chain of command. Chief Tartaglia said that they have logs and he will review them.
- b) Fire, Written Report
- c) Magistrate, Written Report
- d) Library, Written Report

Vice-Mayor Munoz arrived at 5:55 p.m.

- e) Finance, Written Report – Accountant Williams went through the financial statement with the council. As of December 30, 2014 the town spent \$628,000 more than what was brought in. The biggest areas are in the senior center and sewer department. We will get part of the senior center expense back from Pinal/Gila Council. She said that the sales tax has been steady but she is still concerned because we have only received about \$5,000 so far this month. She is hoping for a bigger amount on Thursday. She told the council that we will receive the Assessed Valuation in February. She doesn't feel it can go lower than last year. Council Member Ruiz asked if we had to transfer money from the savings. Accountant asked if she meant regular savings or the LGIP. Council

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORT CONTINUED

Member Ruiz said both accounts. Accountant Williams said that we had to transfer from the regular savings but have not had to in a couple of months. She said that we have about \$75,000 in the regular savings at this time. Vice-Mayor Munoz said that the lowest the regular savings account has been is \$10,000. There was discussion on the transfer of money and why it had to be transferred. Vice-Mayor Munoz said that money being spent is on necessities and payroll. Council Member Ruiz asked if the past due bills have been caught up and Accountant Williams confirmed that they had been. Council Member Gault questioned what happens to the water deposits. Accountant Williams said that it goes into an account and then when the account is closed the deposit is applied. Council Member Gault mentioned that the council has approved for the deposits to be returned after one year and she has not gotten hers back. It will need to be looked into when the council approved this to see if it has been a year. Council Member Ruiz asked if they are planning a budget retreat. Vice-Mayor said they should wait to meet and they should have a recommendation in March.

- f) Public Works, Oral Report – Mayor Smith reported that public works is working on cutting down on the load going to the dump, the land field has raised their prices again.
- g) Golf, Written Report
- h) Senior Center, No Written Report
- i) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Vice-Mayor Munoz told the council that Copper Corridor is working on information brochures that will be distributed across the region. Vice-Mayor Munoz had Copper Corridor representative Mila Besich-Lira to give information on this project. Ms. Besich-Lira told the council that the price is \$270 for a quarter page and \$525 per half page. These brochures will be available to town halls, chamber of commerce and visitor centers.

Vice-Mayor Munoz mentioned that we are still not where we want to be financially but we are doing better. The month of December was the first month that she felt comfortable not having to worry about payroll. Vice-Mayor Munoz and Mayor Smith thanked the employees for doing a great job keeping spending down. Mayor Smith wanted to give Vice-Mayor Munoz and Accountant a hand for being able to stay on top of the financial situation. Mayor Smith said that he would like to have a representative from the League to come and give a presentation to the council so that everyone is aware of what they can and cannot do. If any of the council wants something done or has an issue with an employee, let him know. Council Members are not to go directly to an employee.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

November/December 2014 – December/January 2015

Consideration to approve payment of the above claims

Council Member Gault moved to approve the above claims for payment. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 7-0

Adjournment

The special council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:25 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a Special Council Meeting on the 20th day of January 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date

Laura E. Romero
Town Clerk