

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING – 5:30 P.M.
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Not Present: Council Member Rhonda Gault

Staff: General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Chief of Police Louie Tartaglia, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Town Accountant Teresa Williams, Head Librarian Mary Helen Lopez and Magistrate Clerk Nancy Hinojos.

Audience: Mrs. Lydia L. Martinez – Hayden High School, Mrs. Sylvia Kerlock – Town of Winkelman, Mayor Louis Bracamonte – Town of Winkelman, Supervisor John Marcanti – Gila County, Ms. Marilyn Bruwer – Gila County Supervisor Executive Assistant, Ms. Nellie Acton, Mrs. Nancy Hinojos – Council Member Town of Kearny, Mayor Sam Hosler – Town of Kearny, Mr. David Herrera – Council Member Town of Kearny, Mr. Alan Urban – CAG, Mr. Ken Strobeck – League of AZ Cities and Towns and Christina Estes-Werther, League of AZ Cities and Towns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CDBG Public Hearing – February 17, 2015

Regular Council Meeting – February 17, 2015

Special Council Meeting – March 3, 2015

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the above minutes as recorded. Council Member Lopez 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.**

Gila County Supervisor Marcanti reported to the council that in November they voted on the half cent excise tax for transportation and the town should be getting the check soon. He told

CALL TO THE PUBLIC CONTINUED

the council that Council Member Ruiz approached him concerning the motel in Hayden. He said that he checked into it and there is a tax lien on the property by the State in the amount of \$98,000. He took pictures showing it is a safety hazard and he has turned it over to the County Attorney's Office.

Mr. Urban addressed the council concerning the item of listing the projects for the CDBG was not listed on the agenda for discussion and asked the council to make an amendment so that this can be approved.

Mrs. Lydia Martinez representing Hayden/Winkelman Schools requesting the use of the Little League Field for Softball Tournaments scheduled for March 27th and 28th

Mrs. Martinez asked the council if the Hayden/Winkelman Schools can use the Little League Field for their 24th annual softball tournament. They will have ten teams participating in the tournament and they will only need the lights for the championship game scheduled for Saturday the 28th. They will get with the Little League to use the concession stand. She asked if she needs to come in every year to request the field. The tournament is always held the same time each year. Mayor Smith said that it would be best for someone to come each year to make sure there is nothing else going on. She thanked Supervisor Marcanti for a donation he gave to the school in the amount of \$2,000 for scoreboards. They have ordered two scoreboards one for baseball and one for softball. Vice-Mayor Munoz moved to approve allowing Hayden/Winkelman Schools to use the Little League Field for their annual softball tournament. Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Mr. Louis C. Bracamonte, Town of Winkelman Mayor to address the town on ADOT Grants

Mrs. Kerlock, Winkelman Town Clerk addressed the council concerning the Town of Winkelman applying for a Pre-Scoping Study of Quarelli Street in Winkelman. They are looking on including Golf Course Road. If the Town of Hayden gives them permission to include Golf Course Road it will give them more points. They are looking into developing bicycle, jogging/walking lanes, lighting and paving from Golf Course Road to Quarelli Road and onto the park. ADOT will do the study and then they will come back with a design and the Town of Winkelman will choose their design and the Town of Hayden will choose their design. There is a cost of \$20,000 to complete this study but there are no matching fees. The Town of Winkelman will be the lead agency on this application. Council Member Garcia moved to approve partnering up with the Town of Winkelman for the Pre-Scoping Study. Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Consideration to approve transferring money from the LGIP Volunteer Firemen's Pension to General Fund per advice from Town Auditor John Naylor

Town Accountant Williams told the council that this should have been done every year but it has not been done in about three years. The town has been paying the retired pension for the volunteer firemen. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve transferring money from the LGIP Volunteer Firemen's Pension Account to the General Fund. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Consideration to approve the resignation letter submitted by Police Chief Louie Tartaglia, effective April 6, 2015/Discussion and possible action to approve advertising for a chief of police

Council Member Ruiz asked the chief why he was resigning. The chief responded that it was time to resign. Council Member Garcia moved to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Police Chief Louie Tartaglia. Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-2 Council Member Lagunas and Council Member Lopez voted no. Mayor Smith asked that a roll call be done. Mayor Smith – yes, Vice-Mayor Munoz – yes, Council Members Ruiz – yes, Garcia – yes, Lagunas – no and Lopez – no.

Consideration to advertise for lifeguards

Council Member Lagunas moved to advertise for lifeguards. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Consideration to pay the tuition for a child(ren) to attend the College for Kids Program sponsored by Central Arizona College

Council Member Ruiz moved to approve paying the tuition for one child to attend the College for Kids Program. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-1 Vice-Mayor Munoz abstained.

Mayor Smith told the council that at this time they would vote to approve the projects for the CDBG Projects. They listed the projects as: number one will be water system improvements, number 2 will be housing demolition and number three will be town hall and senior center improvements. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the CDBG Projects. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

League of Arizona Cities and Towns Representative(s) to address the council on the duties of elected officials.

Mr. Ken Strobeck and Ms. Christina Estes-Werther addressed the council on the duties of Council Members. Mr. Strobeck talk to the council concerning their rolls as a council person and how they give up a lot to represent the community, for example what you say carries a lot of weight with the community so you need to be careful what you say. You give up a lot of your personal time. The council as a whole makes decision. A vote of the majority of the council determines the outcome of the vote and if a council member votes no then that council member needs to support the decision of the majority of the council. The council is not to get into the day to day operations of the town. The council makes policy and have employees carry out the policies, the town manager is not to make policy this is the council job and the town manager carries out the policies. He advised the council that the decision that was made to amend the agenda earlier will need to be ratified at the next meeting or it will not hold up. They also mention that the agenda needs to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting to prevent from violating the open meeting law. He also told the council that they make the decision not the audience and they do not have to let the audience speak. They spoke on the open meeting law, even sending e-mails or calling other council members to talk about an item or see how they will vote is violating the open meeting law. They Talked about executive session and the importance but not talking about what goes on in the meeting with anyone not present at the meeting. Anyone violating this law will be fined and will need to step down.

Mayor Smith left at 6:45 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report – Council Member Ruiz asked about the dog situation and what is being done about it. Chief Tartaglia said that at this time there is nothing being done. Sometimes the County is called and his officers will meet them half way in an emergency situation
- b) Fire, Written Report
- c) Magistrate, Written Report
- d) Library, Written Report
- e) Finance, Written Report – Council Member Ruiz asked if they are planning a budget retreat. Mayor Smith said the probably not a retreat but they will be having budget meetings. Council Member Garcia said that he checked into another institution and they have a higher interest rate than Wells Fargo. He said that Wells Fargo interest rate is .02 percent not 2%. Council Member Ruiz requested that the whole council be present when voting on this.
- f) Public Works, Oral Report – General Superintend Cruz told the council that the new employee is doing a good job. They are doing work themselves to keep cost down.
- g) Golf, Written Report
- h) Senior Center, No Report
- i) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Vice-Mayor Munoz said that she appreciates all the department for the good job of keeping cost down.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

February/March 2015

Consideration to approve payment of the above claims

Council Member Lopez moved to approve the claims for payment. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 6-0

Adjournment

The council meeting was adjourned by the Vice-Mayor at 7:18 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town held a regular council meeting on the 23rd day of March 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Date
Town Clerk

Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk