

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
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 5:42 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Jeremy Garcia, Dean Hetrick, Thomas Lagunas

Not Present: Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz and Council Member Enrique Lopez

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, DPS Sergeant Blue, Fire Chief Johnny Silva, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Head Librarian Mary Helen Lopez and Accountant Teresa Williams

Audience: Sandy Palmer- Industrial Dev. Authority, Fred Barcon- Industrial Dev. Authority, John Marcanti, Gila County Supervisor and Marilyn Brewer- Gila County

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – December 21, 2015

Mayor Smith asked that a correction be made on page 3, under executive session should read to go back into regular session not executive session. Council Member Garcia requested a correction page 4 under regular session the vote to terminate Mary Helen Sims should have been 5-0 because Mayor Smith and Council Member Lagunas abstained. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the minutes with the corrections. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

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 addressed the council concerning the properties in town that are owned by the state and need to be cleaned up. They are trying to get the state to sign the properties back to the city, town or county and they will be responsible for cleaning up the properties. He also wanted to let the council know that he is in support of the Promise Zone that is being discussed at this meeting.

Sandy Palmer, Industrial Development Authority of Gila County to present the Promise Zone Initiative

Ms. Palmer told the council that this is the third and final year the Promise Zone will be available. At the end of 2016 there will be three rural communities in the United States awarded this designation. The Promise Zone must be comprised of a contiguous geographical region that meets the poverty threshold requirements. The Promise Zone is called the Central Arizona Transformation Corridor that consists of Gila County, Miami, Globe, San Carlos, Bylas, Hayden, Winkelman, Superior, Tonto Basin and Young. The Promise Zone will be comprised of designated representative(s) from each Promise Zone partner. The Industrial Development Authority will apply for the Promise Zone Designation and they will need a resolution to apply for the application. This designation is very competitive, they are expecting around a 100 applications. The Promise Zone Governing Board will be comprised of designated representative(s) from each Promise Zone partner. Focus groups will meet monthly with federal department liaisons to implement programs.

Discussion and possible action on Home Rule Option/Permanent Base Adjustment

Accountant Williams addressed the council on the Home Rule Option. This has to go before the voters every four years. The Home Rule Option allows the council to set their budget or the state will set the budget. If the voters approve Home Rule then your expenditure limitation is whatever the council sets in the budget. There is another option which is the Permanent Base Adjustment that allows the State Limitation to be increased and as long as your budget does not exceed this amount, you can spend whatever money the town may receive in that fiscal year. She needs to know what direction the council would like for her to move forward with. If the voters do not pass either the Home Rule Option or the Permanent Base Adjustment in the fiscal year 2016-2017 we would only have \$408,000 for the town to spend. Since the voters have passed the Home Rule Option in the past years, it would probably be safe to go with the Home Rule Option. Accountant Teresa will start working on the paperwork for the Home Rule Option.

Consideration to approve a refrigerator for the senior center in the amount of \$535.62

Mayor Smith asked for this item to be tabled until the next council meeting. Council Member Hetrick moved to table this item until the next council meeting. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Consideration to approve the purchase of eight rear tires for the garbage packer in the amount of \$2,940.00

Mayor Smith asked that this item be tabled until the next council meeting. Council Member Hetrick moved to table this item until the next council meeting. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion on the financial review

Accountant Williams recommended that everything stay the same as it is at this time. Mayor Smith mentioned that the town would not be able to give hours back to employees at this time but will be looked at for the next fiscal year. Accountant Williams said that during the first week in February she should find out what the tax situation will be for next fiscal year. She mentioned that she is looking into finding out why the town's tax revenue has declined so drastically.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report
- b) Fire, Written Report
- c) Magistrate, Written Report
- d) Library, Written Report – Council Member Ruiz asked Librarian Lopez if the electrical issues have been taken care of. General Superintendent Cruz said that he checked the outlets and everything is okay but he had things moved around because there were too many things connected to one outlet.
- e) Finance, Written Report
- f) Public Works, Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz thanked the council for allowing his department to take off the holidays. He reported that the new employee is doing a good job. Council Member Ruiz asked how the roof to the town hall was holding up with all the rain. General Superintendent Cruz said that it had been holding up, there were no issues.
- g) Golf, Written Report
- h) Senior Center, Written Report
- i) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Mayor Smith reported that he had tried to contact James from Coppernet to have an update on the server but had not received a response from James. He informed the council that the AT&T bill now has a zero balance after the right off.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

December 2015/January 2016

Consideration to approve payment of the above claims

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the payment of the above claims. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Adjournment

The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town council held a regular council meeting on the 19th day of January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date

Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk