

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 5:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Dean Hetrick, Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez

Not Present: Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz and Council Member Jeremy Garcia

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Library Clerk Rosa Navarro, Financial Director Teresa Williams

Audience: Copper Basin News Reporter Mila Lira-Besich, Mr. Angus Sallis, Mrs. Jo Sallis, Mrs. Vicki O'Brien and Mr. Jay Carpenter – Desert Blockchain Field Trials

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – September 19, 2016

Mayor Smith requested a correction on page 2, under IGA the council member that seconded the motion was not named. Council Member Hetrick moved to approve the above minutes as record with the correction. Council Member Lagunas 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.**

Mr. Angus Sallis addressed the council concerning the vacant home next to his residence. He passed out pictures of the home to the council members. He said that something needs to be done because it is a fire hazard and a health issue. He told the council that he had talked with people from the Health Department and the Town of Hayden and has not been able to get anything done. Mayor Smith informed Mr. Sallis that he has an open door policy and that Mr. Sallis has never come in to talk to him concerning this situation. Mayor Smith told Mr. Sallis that if he had come in to talk with him, he would have told him that he has been working with Gila County to get an IGA so that they can condemn the vacant homes that are falling apart and presents a health and safety issue. There were discussions on should be contacted because the owner has passed away and his brothers do not want anything to do with the house. Town Attorney asked to be excused to talk with Mr. Sallis outside the council chambers concerning this issue.

Consideration to approve an IGA between the Town of Hayden and Arizona Water Company for Standby Water Agreement

Mayor Smith moved to table this item until he can get more information from AZ Water Company concerning the increased water rate the Town of Hayden will be charged under the IGA. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

IGA/Consideration to approve to renew an IGA between the Town of Hayden and the Town of Superior for prepared homebound and congregate meals

Mayor Smith told the council that he had talked with the Town of Superior's Mayor and was told that they did not budget for an increase for the IGA. They would agree to pay 5% now and then another 5% in six months. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve an IGA between the Town of Hayden and the Town of Superior for prepared homebound and congregate meals. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion/Possible Action to approve a request from Hayden-Winkelman Schools to donate/sponsor the Hayden Booster Club/Discussion/Possible Action to donate to the Hayden-Winkelman K-8 National Honor Society for a trip to Washington.

Town Attorney Cooper told the council that the only way the town can give a donation is if it will benefit the town as a whole. He told the council that the town can purchase uniforms and have the Town of Hayden's name on the back of the shirt or donate items that the Booster Club can use to make money. Council Member Hetrick moved to approve purchasing items for not more than \$100 to help with fundraising. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

The Town Attorney told the council that for the trip to Washington, he feels it is good for the students but unless they plan on using the information to put back into the town, it would be hard to justify giving a monetary donation. Mayor Smith told the council that he would contact town employees to see if they would like to donate to the Washington Trip. Mayor Smith moved to table this item so that he can contact town employees. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion/Possible Action on sponsoring a student(s) for the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce Junior Chamber. The cost to sponsor a student is \$80.00

Town Attorney told the council that the Junior Chamber is part of the Chamber of Commerce which works hand in hand with the towns. He felt that it is better to sponsor the group and not an individual. Council Member Lagunas moved to sponsor the group but not an individual. Council Member Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion/Possible action on hiring the remaining candidate as chief of police or to start the process again of advertising for applications for the position of chief of police

Mayor Smith asked if he can give some background on this person in open meeting. Town Attorney said that he would be able to because the person is not an employee of the town. Mayor Smith explained that we had started out with nine applicants and narrowed it down to five for interviews and then the top three were picked. One of the three backed out right away and then another one backed out from the two. The one that is left is Mr. David Blue. Mr. Blue is still employed by DPS and he would like to accept the position as Chief of Police; however, he is asking for a three year contract. He told the mayor that he wants the three year contract for security. Mayor Smith told the council that he explained to him that we have never offered a contract to a chief and he is willing to do a one year contract. Town Attorney Cooper said that he would not recommend going for more than two years because he has seen it turn into a nightmare with the severance pay. There were comments

Chief of Police Continued

on having an easy out of the contract and that there would be no recourse on the town. Town Attorney Cooper said that if we terminated the relationship because he broke the law or did something wrong then he would not have recourse against the town and he would not receive severance pay but for example he brought something to the council's attention that was being done and was breaking the law and the council terminated him then he would have recourse against the town. Council Member Hetrick moved to offer Mr. David Blue a one year contract. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Town Attorney Cooper advised that a motion be made to have Mayor Smith start advertising in the case that Mr. Blue does not accept the offer. Council Member Hetrick moved to authorize Mayor Smith to start advertising in case Mr. Blue does not accept the offer. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Consideration to approve ordering seed for the golf course in the amount of \$1,395

Council Member Hetrick moved to approve ordering seed for the golf course in the amount of \$1,395. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report – Council Member Ruiz asked about a dog bite that happened to a town resident. Mayor Smith said that he was aware of it and that it is being taken care of.
- b) Fire, Written Report – Mayor Smith reported that there have been a lot of medical assist.
- c) Magistrate, Written Report
- d) Library, Written Report
- e) Finance, Written Report
- f) Public Works, Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz thanked ASARCO for doing the clean-up and painting at Garms Park. He thanked Granite Construction for the millings they gave to the town. He also reported on cows getting into the golf course area.
- g) Golf, Written Report
- h) Senior Center, Written Report
- i) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Mayor Smith reported that he has gone around town with a map and marking what houses have been burned, which ones are falling down and are a health and safety issue. He is working with Gila County on getting an IGA to have someone come down and condemn some of the houses. He will be working on getting letters out to the homeowners if anyone wants to help. He mentioned that he would like to get an employee recognition program started. Council Member Hetrick said that he would like something placed on the November Agenda to consider doing something for the employees for Christmas.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

September 2016/October 2016

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

Mayor Smith moved to approve the above claims for payment. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion carried. 5-0

Adjournment

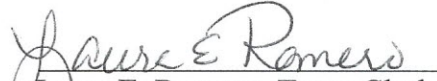
The regular meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:42 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a regular council meeting on the 17th day of October 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

11-21-16

Date



Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk