

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016
5:30 P.M.
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The special council meeting was called to order at 5:38 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: Head Librarian Mary Helen Lopez and Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos

Audience: Mr. Freddie Rios – AZ Water Company

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN IGA WITH ARIZONA WATER COMPANY

Mr. Rios explained to the council that AZ Water Company is supplying the lower part of Hayden with water and this is out of their service area. They have a four inch line at the border of Hayden and Winkelman that supplies the water to Mountain View area and the businesses. Town of Winkelman is in their service area and their residents and businesses are paying more than the residents and business in Hayden are paying. He told the council that AZ Corporation Commission is the one that regulates the water rates and not AZ Water Company. He explained to the council that they would like to continue to service this area but will need to increase the fees to be able to do so.

Mayor Smith told the council that the increase they are proposing in the IGA would more than double what we are paying at this time. He feels that it will be a huge increase to pass on to the residents and businesses and would need to find out if the increase that is being planned for all customers in Hayden will be enough to cover this increase or if they are going to have to recalculate the increase. It was discussed to have AZ Water Company to include this area to be covered in their service area. Mr. Rios said that he would need to take this to the AZ Corporation Commission to get permission to do this and it would be a lengthy process. Mayor Smith explained that this was not placed in our budget for this fiscal year and would place a hardship on the town. He asked if it

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might be possible to increase the rate by half this fiscal year and then the other half next fiscal year. Mr. Rios said that he would take this request back to the AZ Corporation Commission and find out if they would be willing to increase the rate to commercial rate and then increase to industrial rate next fiscal year. Mayor Smith moved to table this item until the next Regular Council Meeting. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Smith informed the council that chief of police applicant David Blue is requesting a three year contract. Mr. Blue told the mayor that this has nothing to do with money but for security. When he was interim chief for the Hayden Police Department he put in place things that needed to be taken care of at the time but once he is hired as chief for the department, he will be stricter and get everything turned around where it should be. Mayor Smith told the council that we would need to pay into AZ State Retirement for him and ACR amount for Public Safety Retirement. He told the council that in the contract it would indicate that if we decided to terminate Mr. Blue he would receive 2 month severance pay per year left on the contract. Mr. Blue will need to give us a 60 day notice if he leaves employment. Also added into the contract is the definition of "for cause" and that if he is terminated for cause there will be no recourse against the town. Council Member Lopez said that he felt the contract should remain for one year. Council Member Ruiz felt that since Mr. Blue had been our interim chief for six months, a three year contract should be offered to him. Council Member Dean also felt that a three year contract should be offered if we have an easy out and with the modifications that are being made to the contract. Council Member Lagunas also felt that a three year contract should be offered to Mr. Blue. Mayor Smith told the council that he had spoken with Vice-Mayor Munoz and she was okay with offering a three year contract with the modifications. Council Member Ruiz asked if the evaluation every six months would remain in the contract. Mayor Smith said that it would remain in the contract. Council Member Lagunas moved to offered Mr. Blue a three year contract with the modifications. Council Member Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

The special council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:38 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 3rd day of November 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
Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk