

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5:30 P.M.  
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE  
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135  
FOR A  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members Gloria Ruiz, Bernardino Cruz, Dean Hetrick and Enrique Lopez

Not Present: Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz, Council Member Thomas Lagunas

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Librarian Mary Helen Lopez, Financial Director Teresa Williams

Audience: Mr. Andres Bustamante, Mrs. Della Soliz-Bustamante, Mr. Ernest Bustamante-Town of Mammoth Council Member, Mrs. Rita Rios, Mrs. Vega, Mrs. Bracamonte, Mrs. Gwynette Greenwood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2017

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

Mrs. Della Soliz-Bustamante addressed the council concerning the utility increases. She told the council that she is on a fixed income and the majority of the citizens in Hayden are also on a fixed income and they will not be able to purchase their medications and food with everything being increased. She asked the mayor what he could do to lessen this increase. Mayor Smith explained that the town has not increased their services in years and the town has been subsidizing these amounts. Financially the town cannot continue to subsidize these amounts. Everything has been increasing and the amounts that are being charged to the citizens have been staying the same. Mayor Smith said that this should have been done in

Call to Public Continued

small increments in the past years but since it was not done, the town had no choice but to increase all services at one time.

Mr. Ernest Bustamante introduced himself as a council member for the Town of Mammoth. He told the council that these small communities have been hit hard financially and that he felt the communities are doing the best they can under the circumstances. He mentioned the Town of Hayden and the Town of Mammoth pulling resources and working together for a chief of police.

Discussion on possible interest in the Steelworkers Union Building (formerly school building).

Mr. Ernest Bustamante/886 requested this be placed on our agenda for discussion.

Mr. Bustamante asked requested that discussion be held at a later time when he will have more information for the council.

Discussion on the property tax amount information.

Financial Director Williams told the council that the Assess Value went down this year. She submitted a report to the council showing the decrease. Council Member Ruiz asked if the council will need to raise property taxes. Financial Director Williams said that it would be up to the council to make that decision.

Discussion and possible action on increasing all employees back to their original hours that were reduced in Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

There were discussions on making sure financially that the town would be able to give the employees back their hours and not have to take them away again. Financial Director Williams told the council that she felt they would be able to give the hours back to the employees for this year but she cannot predict what will happen next year. Council Member Hetrick moved to table this item. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion and possible action on changing the policy of weekend and holiday stand-by hours from 4 hours per day to 8 hours per day.

Council Member Hetrick moved to approve increasing stand-by hour from 4 hours per day to 8 hours per day. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Consideration to hire Rose Irene Denogean as a part-time (19.5 hours per week) aide, cook, driver for the senior center, \$10.00 per hour/Consideration to approve hiring a substitute for the senior center.

Council Member Ruiz moved to hire Rose Irene Denogean as a part-time aide, cook and driver for the senior center at \$10.00 per hours. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion and possible action to declare vacancy in Office of Council Member Gloria Ruiz for failure to attend Council Meetings and Ceasing to be a resident of the Town of Hayden as required pursuant to Hayden Town Code Section 2.04.030.5.6.7

Council Member Ruiz asked if she could read a letter at this time. Mayor Smith gave her permission to read the letter. Council Member Ruiz read her letter of resignation. Council Member Hetrick moved to accept Council Member Ruiz's Letter of Resignation. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Discussion and possible action on an IGA with Arizona Water Company

There were discussions on the rate increase Arizona Water Company wants to charge the town. Mr. Rios from Arizona Water told the council that he had met with Mayor Smith several times concerning this IGA. Arizona has never had an agreement with the Town of Hayden. The portion of town that is serviced by Arizona Water is outside to their service area and the town is being charged less than customers that are in their service area. Arizona has one meter that services the residents and businesses in this area and because the amount of water that is being registered through this meter needs to be charged as an industrial rate. Mayor Smith said that he understands where they are coming from but they need to understand where the town is coming from. He explained that the amount of water that is registering through the meter needs to be broken down to residents and businesses and it is not fair to charge an industrial rate for the residents. Mr. Rios said that he had taken the town's request to the Corporate Commission and they are willing to accept the town's offer of paying an increase from \$1.65 per thousand to \$2.00 per thousand now and increasing to \$3.75 July 1, 2017. After continued discussion on the amount that the town is able to pay at this time, Mr. Rios told the council that he is willing to take the amount of \$3.50 to be paid starting July 1, 2017 and there will not be discussion for another increase until 2018. Council Member Cruz moved to approve pay \$2.00 per thousand now and \$3.50 per thousand beginning July 1, 2017; with discussions concerning another adjustment July 1, 2018. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Discussion and possible action on continuing with the current practice of giving police officers banked holiday hours or to discontinue this practice

Council Member Hetrick moved to discontinue this practice effective February 21<sup>st</sup>. Officers will be able to use what has been accumulated. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Consideration to approve paying Foster Electric \$1,765.00 to troubleshoot control panel @Sewage Station #1, provide and install new motor starter and repair wiring in junction box  
Council Member Cruz moved to pay Foster Electric \$1,765.00 to troubleshoot control pan @Sewage Station #1, provide and install new motor starter and repair wiring in junction box.  
Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report- Mayor Smith said that he was approached by the Town of Kearny wanting to use our animal control officer for emergency basis. Mayor Smith said that they would need to have an agreement with the animal control officer on his own time but that he would look into having an agreement for the use of the animal control vehicle and check into the liability portion of it.
- b) Fire, Written Report
- c) Magistrate, Written Report
- d) Library, Written Report
- e) Finance, Written Report
- f) Public Works, Oral Report- General Superintendent Cruz reported that his crew has been busy with sewer pump repairs but they have everything running again.
- g) Golf, Written Report

- h) Senior Center, No Report
- i) Mayor/Vice-Mayor - Update on the Building Removal Committee and the chief of police application process – Mayor Smith reported that there were four applicants that were going to be interviewed for the position of chief of police; however, one accepted another job offer and one decided not to interview for the position. One applicant is working with Pinal County Sheriff's Office but is planning on retiring and the other applicant is from Illinois. Mayor Smith reported on the Building Removal Committee. At this time Council Member Hetrick, Council Member Cruz, General Superintendent Cruz and he are on this committee. He is waiting to receive codes from Gila County that he would like for the council to adopt.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

January 2017/February 2017

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

Council Member Lopez moved to approve the above claims for payment. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Adjournment

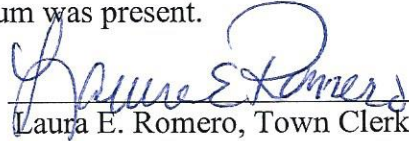
The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:48 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a regular council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

3-20-17

Date

  
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Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk