

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018  
5:30 P.M.  
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE  
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135  
FOR A  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The special council meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bobby Smith, Vice-Mayor Maria Munoz, Council Members Dean Hetrick, Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez

Not Present: Council Member Bernardino Cruz

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Chief of Police Tamatha Villar, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Librarian Mary Helen Lopez and Finance Director Teresa Williams

Audience: Alan Urban- CAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2017

Council Member Hetrick moved to approve the above minutes as recorded. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

**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.**

Possible Executive Session for discussion/consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and Town Staff concerning any of the agenda items, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (3) (4) and (7)

Mr. Alan Urban – CAG to give information to council concerning the CDBG Project

Mr. Alan addressed the council on applying for the CDBG Grant that the Town of Hayden will be getting in 2019. He told the council that because they have agreed to partner with the Town of Kearny and the Town of Mammoth the amount that the town will be able to apply for is

Mr. Alan Urban Continued

approximately \$400,000. The town will need to hold two public hearings. At the first hearing the requirements will be explained and a list of projects will be presented. At the second public hearing the town council and public will be deciding what project they will be applying for. He reminded the council that there are three criteria's that need to be considered when thinking of project and they are: low to mod income, slum/blight and emergency need of the community. He always suggests that a capital improvement plan be done prior to make a decision on projects.

Discussion and possible action concerning increasing wages for town employees making under \$10.50 to \$10.50 which is the new minimum wage/Discussion and possible action concerning wage increases for all town employees/Discussion and possible action approving the new wage schedule

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve increasing the wages for town employees making under the new minimum wage amount of \$10.50. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Mayor Smith told the council that he felt that since the minimum wage has increased twice that The other town employees should also receive an increase in wages. The council has already increased the two cooks in the senior center due to the increase in minimum wage because the part time employees would be making the same amount as they were making. Mayor Smith did make a recommendation not to increase the police wages at this time. It was decided to table this item for the next meeting after the finance director receives the assessed value amount. Council Member Lagunas moved to table this item. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Council Member Lagunas moved to table the new wage schedule. Council Member Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Discussion and possible action on signing a letter of support for the Land Exchange between ASARCO and BLM

Council Member Hetrick moved to sign a letter of support for the Land Exchange between ASARCO and BLM. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

Vice-Mayor Munoz arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on purchasing a stove for the senior center not to exceed \$2,615.00 plus tax/Discussion and possible action on purchasing a lap top computer/ Discussion and possible action on purchasing a stainless steel steam table not to exceed \$109.00 plus tax/ Discussion and possible action on approving an additional amount of \$751.00 plus tax for the purchase of an ice machine, the amount approved in August 2017 was not to exceed \$3,000

Senior Center Director Hinojos told the council that Pinal/Gila Council for Senior Citizens has a one-time offer for funding. She has applied for the funding for this equipment but has not heard from them. Council Member Hetrick said that he has looked at the stove currently in the senior center and the pilot goes out and when it is lit the flames jumps out and it would be a good thing to replace it. Mayor Smith asked if the stove might be able to be repaired and Senior Center Director said that it is 23 years old and it would be better to purchase a new one. Council Member

Senior Center Continued

Lagunas asked if she has any idea how long it would be before she heard if Pinal/Gila Council will pay for the equipment. Senior Center Director Hinojos said that she did not know. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve purchasing a stove for the senior center in the amount of \$2,615.00 plus tax. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Mayor Smith asked Senior Center Director Hinojos if she has an amount for the lap top. Senior Center Director Hinojos said that she was not able to get quotes prior to the meeting. Mayor Smith asked her to get quotes and bring it back at the next meeting. Mayor Smith moved to table this item. Council Member Hetrick moved to second the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Vice-Mayor moved to approve the purchase of a stainless steel steam table not to exceed \$109.00 plus tax. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

There was discussion on what happened to the old ice machine that was going to repair and have it for back up. Senior Center Director Hinojos said she will contact the person that does the repairs and find out if it has been repaired. There was discussion on why the ice machines are not lasting longer than two years. Council Member Hetrick asked if Senior Center Director can do a schedule and place it on the side of the ice machine and this can be used as a guide to know when the filter needs to be changed. It was asked how often the filters were being changed. Senior Center Director Hinojos said approximately every six months. General Superintendent Cruz said that with our water, he would suggest changing the filter every two weeks. Mayor Smith said that he would rather spend money changing the filter more often than having to purchase an ice machine every two years. Vice-Mayor Munoz moved to approve the increase to purchase an ice machine with the understanding that some plan will be made to find a way to make the machine last longer than two years. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion and possible action on continuing internet service with our current provider or to contract with a different provider

Mayor Smith told the council that we have contacted the Town of Kearny and the Town of Superior for names of companies that provide their IT services. They both use Century Link and Coppernet. He asked the council if they want to look into having someone provide only IT services and keep the internet with Coppernet or do they want to find someone to provide both IT and internet services. Mayor Smith told the council that Mr. Ruiz from Coppernet met with the town clerk, finance director, police chief and himself and he said explained everything he was going to be doing to keep us in compliance and that he would be at our next council meeting and he did not show up nor did he contact the office to let anyone know that he would not be able to attend the council meeting. Mayor Smith said that he would be in contact with IT providers and find out what they can offer us. Council Member Hetrick moved to send a letter to Coppernet letting them know that we are looking for someone to do our IT services. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion and possible action on hiring Reserve Officer Freddie Nehrmeyer as full time police officer with an increase in pay from \$20.00 to \$22.29 plus benefits

Mayor Smith told the council that she received \$35,000 more this fiscal year from the Town of Winkelman for the police protection agreement but there was a stipulation that we would hire another police officer. We have not hired another police officer and we still have that money to use towards hiring an officer. Chief Villar told the council that Reserve Officer Nehrmeyer is able to perform firearm training for the officers and he keeps all training records for officers to submit to AZ Post. Financial Director Williams told the council that it will cost \$76,000 per year to hire Reserve Officer Nehrmeyer full time plus benefits. Mayor Smith asked when his start date will be. Town Clerk Romero told him that it will be the beginning of the new pay period which starts January 22nd. Council Member Hetrick moved to hire Reserve Officer Freddie Nehrmeyer as a full time police officer with a start date of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vice-Mayor Munoz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

Discussion and possible action on placing the Permanent Base Adjustment on the ballot for this year election

Financial Director Williams explained to the council that Home Rule Option was passed two years ago and it is still good for two more years. She gave the council a report she did that shows that if we have to live with our adjusted base for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 we can only spend \$649,000. On the report she only took the amount from the General Fund Expenditure and for the years of 2016, 2015 and 2014 we are spending over two million dollars. For the Permanent Base Adjustment you have to follow all the same steps for Home Rule, you have to advertise, have hearings and all calculations to prove to the state that you need this. Once you get the Permanent Base Adjustment you do not need to apply for Home Rule for several years until you meet the Permanent Base Adjustment. She asked if the council wants her to move forward with getting everything in place to be able to place this on the next election ballot. Council Member Hetrick moved to have Financial Director Williams to proceed with steps to place Permanent Base Adjustment on the ballot for this year election. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

Police & Animal Control, Written Report – Police Chief Villar reported to the council that there were a couple of errors on the report due to the fact that dispatch does not always enter the appropriate code. She reported that in November and December the numbers were down on citations, hopefully change in behavior, observing the speed limit. Officer Smith and Officer Nehrmeyer has been proactive with the community and she feels that this makes a difference. She is working with Gila and Pinal Counties trying to figure out the best way to approach some of the drug issues going on in the Towns of Hayden and Winkelman. It is almost impossible because when someone from the outside tries to come in to do an undercover project the people do not let them in, the towns being so small and people talk so they are trying to plan something else which will not violate people civil rights. She reported that the officers sponsored 20 children in the Towns of Hayden and Winkelman for Christmas. The officers shopped for the children and also delivered the gifts to them. Council Member Lagunas mentioned a couple of complaints that he received from residents concerning to the response of the officers. Chief Villar asked Council Member Lagunas to meet with her after the meeting and give her the details so that she can check into it. He also mentioned that he has observed an officer sitting outside Winkelman town limits.

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Departmental Review/Reports Continued

Fire, Written Report – It was mentioned that the fire chief should attend the meetings.

Magistrate, Written Report

Library, Written Report

Finance, Written Report

Public Works, Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz reported that the water line project is moving along. They had to repair a couple of water breaks. He also reported that one of his employees was involved in a car accident, he was off the job. Council Member Lopez reported that he received a complaint of a town employee speeding.

Golf, Written Report

Senior Center, Written Report

Mayor/Vice-Mayor –

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

December 2017/January 2018

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

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

ADJOURNMENT

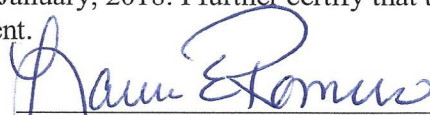
The meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a special council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

2-2018

Date

  
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Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk