

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
5:30 P.M.
HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dean Hetrick, Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members Bernardino Cruz, and Thomas Lagunas

Not Present (Excused)- Council Members Rosalinda Lopez, Enrique Lopez

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Interim Police Chief Brian Marquez, and Fire Chief Cruz Angel Gonzales

Audience: David Navarro

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – November 16, 2020

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve the above minutes as recorded. Vice Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

5. 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. David Navarro wanted to pass along information he came across on the news concerning how cities and towns are finding that Covid-19 is being found present in sewer plants and wanted the town and staff to be aware. General Superintendent Gary Cruz stated that public work staff has had training on this matter. Mr. David Navarro also asked if the trees can be trimmed around town with the man lift when the Christmas lights are taken down. General Superintendent Gary Cruz said he is looking into the cost of keep the lift longer to address this matter.

6. **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)**
7. **Discussion and possible action to reappoint council member Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez as council members**
Council Member Bernardino Cruz moved to approve reappointment of council member Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez. Vice Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-1 (Council Member Thomas Lagunas Abstained)
8. **Oath of Office taken and subscribed to by Mayor Dean Hetrick by Town Attorney/Oath of Office taken and subscribed to by Council Member Rosalinda Lopez and Bernardino Cruz, Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez**
Oath of Office taken by Mayor Dean Hetrick, Council Members Bernardino Cruz and Thomas Lagunas. Council Members Rosalinda Lopez and Enrique Lopez were not present.
9. **Appointment of Office of Vice-Mayor, Per Town Code Section 2.09.020**
Mayor Dean Hetrick moved to appoint Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith to continue as Vice-Mayor. Council Member Bony Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
10. **Office of the Mayor/Discussion and possible action designating Mayor Dean Hetrick as the Chief Fiscal Officer with the authority to request vehicle plate exemptions from MVD for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to serve on the League's Resolution Committee and CAG's Regional Council**
Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve designating Mayor Dean Hetrick as the Chief Fiscal Officer with the authority to request vehicle plate exemptions from MVD and to serve on the League's Resolution Committee and CAG's Regional Council. Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
11. **Discussion and possible action authorizing signers to transfer funds to or from town accounts by the mayor**
Vice Mayor Bobby Smith moved to table this item for next meeting. Council member Bernardino Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
12. **Discussion and possible action to ratify the following items:
NAPA - \$505.39 for batteries – Sanitation Dept.
Home Depot - \$1,492.75 – Christmas Lights Replacements
United Rental - \$744.76 – Lift Rental**
Vice Mayor Smith moved to approve to ratify items and amounts as listed on this agenda item. Council Member Bernardino Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
Mayor and Council directed General Superintendent Gary Cruz to keep the Christmas Lights Replacements in safe storage.
13. **Discussion and possible action on sanitation department picking up appliances and large items and setting a fee**
Mayor Dean Hetrick moved to table this item for next meeting. Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

14. Discussion and possible action to approve David Garcia providing Wastewater Services for the Town of Hayden Wastewater System. Mark Endicott will be retiring December 31, 2020; David Garcia has been working with Mark and will take over January 1, 2021. Fees will remain the same.

Vice Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve David Garcia to provide Wastewater Services for the Town of Hayden Wastewater System. Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

15. Discussion and possible action on pay increase for Police Officer Fred Nehrmeyer from \$22.29 an hour to \$22.49 per hour

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve a pay increase for Police Officer Fred Nehrmeyer from \$22.29 an hour to \$22.49 per hour. Council Member Bernardino Cruz seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-1 Vice-Mayor Smith voted no

16. Discussion and possible action on the town's current financial situation

Council Member Bernardino Cruz moved to table this item for next meeting. Vice Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

17. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

- a) **Police & Animal Control, Written Report-** Interim Chief Brian Marquez thanked the council on behalf of the police staff for the Christmas Bonus. He reported to the council that the Hayden Police Department participated in the Annual Police Kids Christmas Shopping and it was a huge success.
- b) **Fire, Written Report** – Fire Band will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- c) **Magistrate, Written Report-** No Report
- d) **Finance, Written Report-** Reviewed
- e) **Public Works, Oral Report-** General Superintendent Gary Cruz also thanked the council for the Christmas Bonus on behalf of his staff. He told council the department was dealing with pump issues on station 1 and 2. He is looking into the warranty of these two pumps; if there are no warranty coverage, he is going to have to purchase two pumps. He will have the information of the cost for the two-pump next council meeting.
- f) **Golf, Written Report-** Reviewed
- g) **Senior Center, Written Report-** No Report
- h) **Mayor/Vice-Mayor** – Mayor Dean Hetrick thanked the Police Department for volunteering their time for the Kids Christmas Shopping this year again. He also thanked the Hayden Golf Club Members for continuing to volunteer their time at the Hayden Golf Course.

**18. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –
November 2020/December 2020**

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

Vice Mayor moved to approve the above claims for payment.
Council Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:19 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 21st day of December 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date



Nancy Hinojos, Deputy Town Clerk