

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
5:30 P.M.
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular council 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 Rosalinda Lopez, and Thomas Lagunas

Not Present: Council Members Bernardino Cruz and Enrique Lopez

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, Interim Police Chief Brian Marquez, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, and Finance Director Teresa Williams

Audience: Adrian Bravo, Hayden Golf Club President, Robert Lorona, Hayden Golf Club Member

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2021

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

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 ratify the following payments:

Ferguson \$1,099.32 water department repair parts

RDO Equipment \$928.24 repairs on backhoe

Dietz & Dietz Pump Repair - \$2,700

Council Member Lagunas moved to ratify the above payments for payment. Council Member R. Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

8. Discussion and possible action on golf course rate increase

There were discussions concerning the increase in golf rates. Mr. Bravo and Mr. Lorona expressed their concerns of the rate increase. They told the council that people are not wanting to pay the rates and the golf club is losing out on tournaments that also benefits the town. They talked about the pass holders that have stop paying for passes because of the increase. Council Members explained the choices that have had to be made for budget purposes have been hard choices. Mayor Hetrick explained that all meetings including budget meetings are opened to the public. Representatives from the club should try to attend meetings to understand the situation the town is facing and give suggestions. Mr. Lorona told the council that the golf course is a service the town provides to the community and the town cannot expect to make money from the service. Mayor Hetrick explained that the council does not want to close the golf course just like they did not want to close the library and swimming pool. The town is fortunate that the county stepped in to take over the library but unfortunately, the swimming pool which is an activity for the youth had to be closed. The town had to lay off employees and cut back on spending, all these situations are very difficult for the council to make. It was asked if the club would be able to approach the council concerning reducing the fees for tournaments. The tournaments have helped many families financially when facing medical hardship. They were told that they can come before the council with that request. The council asked Mr. Bravo and Mr. Lorona to meet with the club members and get ideas of what they are wanting and bring it back to the next council meeting. Council Member Lagunas moved to table this item until the next meeting when more information is received from club members. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion was carried. 4-0

9. Discussion and possible action on purchasing two tires for the John Deere Tractor in the Amount of \$570 each, total of \$1,140.

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve purchasing two tires for the John Deere Tractor. Council Member R. Lopez seconded the motion and the motion was carried. 4-0

10. Discussion and possible action on approving Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy

Council Member R. Lopez moved to approve the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Pension Funding Policy. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

11. Discussion and possible action to hire Paula Romero as a temporary, part-time office clerk, wage will be \$12.80 per hour not more than 19 hours per week. The town will be reimbursed by a grant through Gila County
Ms. Romero will be helping Senior Director Hinojos in the senior center under a grant. The grant is to educate the elderly in healthy lifestyle and information on Covid. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve hiring Paula Romero as a temporary, part-time office clerk, \$12.80 per hour and no more than 19 hours per week. Council Member R. Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

12. Discussion and possible action to approve purchasing ammunition and refurbish up to 6 donated Toughbook Laptops using Prop 207 Smart and Safe Act funds not to exceed \$7,000.00.
Finance Director William advised Interim Chief Marquez that he will still need to bring the items back before the council for approval; the council can give permission to spend the funds, but the items will need to be approved as the items are being purchased. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve spending the \$7,000.00. Council Member R. Lopez seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

13. Discussion and possible discussion on hiring Joyce Lopez as a temporary, part-time for the Records Clerk Position, wage will be \$14.12 per hour, 8-12 hours per week.
Interim Chief Marquez told the council that hiring Ms. Lopez would be a benefit to the department. She will be updating programs and working on the record system. It was asked if she will be training the new records clerk. Interim Chief Marquez said that he is sure she will be willing to help the clerk when she is hired. Council Member Lagunas moved to hire Joyce Lopez as a temporary, part-time records clerks, \$14.12 per hour, 8-12 hours per week. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

14. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS
 - a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report – Interim Chief Marquez presented the Police Department’s Report. He mentioned that the National Guard Officers are doing a great job and has already volunteered 1,560 hours.
 - b) Fire, No Written Report – Vice-Mayor Smith asked if an ad can be placed in the Copper Basin News hiring volunteer firefighters
 - c) Magistrate, Written Report
 - d) Finance, Written Report – Finance Director Williams reported that the town received property tax money.
 - e) Public Works, Oral Report -Mayor Hetrick reported that General Superintendent Cruz is working on repairs to the stop sign by the park.
 - f) Golf, Written Report

- g) Senior Center, Written Report – Senior Center Director reported that there will be a drug drop box on January 29th at the senior center. The elderly still does not feel comfortable coming into the center to eat because of Covid but meals are still being picked up and delivered to the homebound.
- h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – It was reported that the caution tape around the old drug store building has come down. Interim Chief was asked if one of the officers can place the tape back around the drug store. He said that he would see that it was put back up. It was mentioned that Attorney Cooper will be asked to send a letter to the owner.

15. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

December 2021/January 2022

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

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

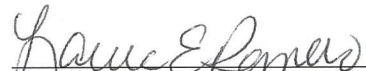
16. Adjournment

The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 7:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Hayden Town Council held a regular council meeting on the 18th day of January 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

2.22.22
Date



Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk