

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 5:38 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dean Hetrick, Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Members Thomas Lagunas and Enrique Lopez (Telephonically)

Not Present: Council Members Rosalinda Lopez and Bernardino Cruz

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Police Officer Brandon Gomez, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, and Financial Officer Teresa

Williams

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2022

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the above minutes as recorded. Vice-Mayor 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.**

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:

Jonovich Companies Inc. – Lift station pumped in the amount of \$1,050.00

Foster Electric – Repairs to pump station #1 in the amount of \$1,091.54

JLS Backflow Testing LLC – in the amount of \$4,300.78

Council Member Lagunas moved to ratify the above payments. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

8. Laura Lopez to address the council for the use of the Robert Bracamonte Little League Field for a softball tournament and to waive fees.
Mrs. Pam Gonzales addressed the council on behalf of Mrs. Laura Lopez. Mrs. Gonzales told the council that Laura Lopez is planning an event at the golf course to raise money for Williams Syndrome Foundation and Donate for Life Foundation. The money raised at this event will be divided between the two foundations on behalf of her grandson Jax Ethan Formo. They will have a volleyball tournament, corn hole, entertainment and cake walk. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the use of the Robert Bracamonte Little League Field and to waive the fees. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
9. Anna Lopez to address the council for the use of the Robert Bracamonte Little League Field for the Little League Season and to waive fees.
Ms. Anna Lopez asked permission to start working on the field. There are volunteers that will be helping get the field ready for Little League. Little League will start the end of April or the first of May. Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve the use of the Robert Bracamonte Little League Field, lights and to waive the fees. Council Member Lagunas seconded the Motion and the motion carried. 3-1 Council Member E. Lopez abstained
10. Kari Kane to address the council concerning the Health Literacy Grant and the partnership between AZYP and the Hayden Senior Center
Ms. Kane addressed the council concerning the AZYP program. The program is geared towards the youth but is also working with the grant that is geared towards the senior citizens. She is helping Anita Hinojos bring information to the elderly concerning their insurance questions, covid information and information on making healthy choices. She would like to see the youth interact with the elderly in the senior center. She mentioned that they have items like blood pressure monitors, lock medicine boxes and forms for listing medications that are being distributed to the elderly.
11. Discussion and possible action on golf course rates and tournament fees
Mr. Robert Lorona and Mr. Freddie Cruz addressed the council on the rate increase for the golf course. They stressed the importance of having golf tournaments which help the community and gives money back to the town. They have not held a golf tournament since the rates increased because people do not want to pay the rates. Mayor Hetrick told them that they are welcome to come to the budget meetings and talk for the golf club. He told them the town lost thirteen million dollars for the upcoming fiscal year and decisions are not easy when trying to balance a budget. Council Member Lagunas moved to table this item. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
12. Discussion and possible action on scheduling budget meetings
Finance Director Williams passed out a schedule for budget meetings. Council Members were in agreement with the schedule.
13. Discussion and possible action on opening the swimming pool this summer
Mayor Hetrick moved table this item until further discussion at budget meeting. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

14. Discussion and possible action on paying out the American Rescue Funds. Should essential Workers or Public Health water/sewer improvements be paid out of the first half which the Town has received in the amount of \$105,000
Finance Director Williams provided the council with a State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Summary Analysis listing three choices the first one is \$4,000 per employee and \$2,000 for part-time volunteer firefighters (2) and \$500 per volunteer (8), the second one is \$3,000 per employee and \$2,000 for part-time firefighter (2) and \$500 per volunteer (8), the Third one is \$2,500 per employee and (\$1,000 for part-time firefighter (2) and \$250 per volunteer (8). There were some discussions on the amounts to be paid the essential workers. It was decided that the first half of the will be paid to the essential workers and the second half will be used for water/sewer improvements. Council Member Lagunas asked if the reserve officers were included in these calculations. Finance Director said that they are not included, Council Member Lagunas said that he feels they should be included. There was discussion on the volunteer firefighters that are still listed but not actually participating. It was decided that this will be on next month's agenda for discussing the amounts with the active firefighter and reserve officers. Vice-Mayor Smith asked if the motion was going to include the volunteer firefighters so he would know if he needed to abstain because he is a volunteer firefighter. Mayor Hetrick said that it does include the firefighters in the amount that will be approved but the actual amount paid per firefighter will be discussed next month after there is an accurate count of active firefighters. Mayor Hetrick moved to not exceed paying essential workers the amount of \$116,663 from the American Rescue Funds, paying \$4,000 per employee and discussing the amounts for volunteer firefighters and reserve officers next month. Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-1 Vice-Mayor Smith abstained
15. Discussion and possible action on a tabled item concerning the purchase of a subscription with GOGO for code enforcement case management in the amount of \$3,840.00 annually or \$320 monthly
Mayor Hetrick told the council that Interim Police Chief asked that this item be tabled. Council Member Lagunas moved to table this item. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
16. Discussion and possible action approving an MOU with the Hayden Police Department and State of Arizona Game and Fish to utilize each other's radio frequencies if needed
Police Officer Gomez told the council that this is beneficial for the department and State of Arizona Game and Fish when needing assistance. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the MOU between the Hayden Police Department and the State of Arizona Game and Fish. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

17. Discussion and possible action concerning an IGA between the Town of Hayden and EAC Gila Pueblo College for the use of the senior center for aerobic classes.
Mayor Hetrick told the council that he was asked if the town would consider having an IGA with EAC Gila Pueblo College for aerobic classes in the senior center. This class is opened to the public but there is no cost for anyone 55 and older that takes this class and will be held twice a week. The college is having some issues with the building they are currently utilizing. He told the council that he was not sure if they would be willing to pay the rental fee the town has for the use of the senior center. Mayor Hetrick asked if any of the council members had any suggestions. It was decided that Mayor Hetrick will let them know the rental fee and if it is not reasonable for them maybe something can be negotiated. Council Member Lagunas moved to table this item. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the Motion carried. 4-0

18. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a steel plate for street repair in The amount of \$4,730.00 from ultimate Welding & Fabrication LLC
Council Member Lagunas asked if the upgrades that were agreed to be done in exchange for the use of the old fire station by the owner of Ultimate Welding & Fabrication LLC were completed. It was mentioned that this was years ago, and he occupied the building for a short period of time; therefore, the upgrades were not completed. Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the purchase of a steel plate in the amount of \$4,730.00. Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
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19. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS
 - a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report
 - b) Fire, No Written Report
 - c) Magistrate, Written Report
 - d) Finance, Written Report – Finance Director Williams reported that the town received a financial loss in the amount of \$13,288,229.
 - e) Public Works, Oral Report – General Superintendent mentioned the work being done on the town hall roof, issues with the backhoe and staying on top of things needing to be done.
 - f) Golf, Written Report
 - g) Senior Center, Written Report – Senior Director Hinojos mentioned that representatives from ASU will be coming to the senior center to see what events are being done with the Health Literacy Grant, they are doing a study of this grant.
 - h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Vice-Mayor Smith asked why the senior center vans are being parked in the parking spaces where customers park if you park between the vans it makes it hard to see if vehicles are coming when backing out. He feels they should be parked together at the far end of the parking lot. Senior Citizen Director said she would have the van parked in that area starting the next day.
Mayor Hetrick mentioned that we will be having budget meetings, he is not sure how much more can be done.

20. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

January 2022/February 2022

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

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

21. Adjournment

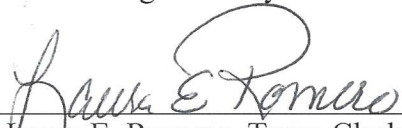
The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 7:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Hayden Town Council held a regular council meeting on the 22nd day of February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

3-28-2022

Date



Laura E. Romero, Town Clerk