

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING
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 5:40 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Dean Hetrick, Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith, Council Member Thomas Lagunas

Not Present: Council Member Robert Manriquez, Council Member Bernardino Cruz

Staff: Town Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Police Chief Brian Marquez, Senior Center Director Anita Hinojos, Finance Director Teresa Williams
Town Clerk Laura Romero and Fire Chief Angel Gonzales

Audience: Kevin Ramirez

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve the above minutes as recorded.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

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. Kevin Ramirez resident of the Town of Hayden asked the Mayor and Council if there has been any progress with the property clean-up in town. Mr. Kevin Ramirez offered to help if help was needed to get the town cleaned up and get the Town of Hayden back to what it used to be.

Mayor Dean Hetrick told Mr. Kevin Ramirez that letters are being mailed out, but that it is a process that takes time. Mayor Dean Hetrick asked Town Attorney Cooper if he had any updates.

Town Attorney Cooper stated that the Mayor was correct, it's a process that will take time. Attorney Cooper said that the first step is getting the letters served to the owners of the properties in violation of town code and most of these owners live out of town or state. Letters are being rejected and returned undelivered. Attorney Cooper said that the unserved

letters would now have to be served in person by a process server to these owners and that takes time to coordinate especially out of state.

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)**
None

7. **Discussion and possible action on approving and adopting Resolution No. 23-04 Annual Budget FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$9,319,000**
Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve Resolution No. 23-04.
Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

8. **Discussion and possible action to ratify the following items for payment: Foster Electric - \$1,100.00 for work on lift station #3 – Sewer Department**
Council Member Thomas Lagunas asked if it was the station located by the crusher and was told yes.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve to ratify item for payment Foster Electric - 1,100.00 for work on lift station #3.
Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

9. **Discussion and possible action to continue or discontinue with the current discounted rates for golf fees and passes for another six months**
Council Member Thomas Lagunas asked General Superintendent Gary Cruz if the Golf Club Members were still volunteering and if any Golf Tournaments have been scheduled? Council Member Thomas Lagunas said that the Golf Club Members said that these two actions would help the town offset the discounted rates.

General Superintend Gary Cruz stated that the Golf Club Members are still volunteering and doing a good job and that there has been some Golf Club Matches that bring in some revenue to the town but not as much as a golf tournament would.

Mayor Dean Hetrick stated that in meetings with the Golf Club it has been mentioned that the members have purchased items out their own pockets to help.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve to continue with the current discount golf rates for another six months.
Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the carried. **3-0**

10. **Discussion and possible action on approving to appoint Attorney Cody Weagant as court appointed defense attorney at the rate of \$250.00 per case**
Town Attorney Stephen Cooper informed the Mayor and Council that by Arizona State Statue a defendant has the right to be appointed a defense attorney if the charge carries jail time. Town Attorney Cooper also told the Mayor and Council that there are not too many attorneys willing to travel to Hayden.

Council Thomas Lagunas moved to approve to appoint Attorney Cody Weagant as the court appointed defense attorney at the rate of \$250.00 per case.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

11. Discussion and possible action on increasing the pool manager wage from \$13.85 per hour to \$14.85 per hour

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve increasing the pool manager wage from \$13.85 per hour to \$14.85 per hour.

Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

12. Discussion and possible action on approving an increase in rates for swimming parties from \$76.72 for two hours to \$125.00 for two hours or to be determined by council. This rate covers 4 lifeguards at \$13.85 per hour and payroll taxes. Sales tax will be added to amount approved by council; ramada rental is separate from this rate

Mayor Dean Hetrick told the Council that the rate had not been increased for a few years.

Mayor Hetrick also questioned Town Attorney if the increase had to be publicized.

Attorney Cooper told the Mayor and Council that the increase would not have to be publicized because the increase doesn't affect businesses.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve the increase in rates for swimming parties for \$7.72 for two hours to \$125.00 for two hours plus the sales tax.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

13. Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement between the Town of Hayden and Gila County Library

Mayor Dean Hetrick told the Council there were no major changes from last year's agreement.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve an agreement between the Town of Hayden and Gila County Library.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

14. Discussion and possible action on purchasing approving the purchase of 5 tires from Big O Tires in the amount of \$1,196.26 for police department, which is the lowest price amount that was received

Mayor Dean Hetrick asked Chief of Police Brian Marquez if he still wanted this item to be table. Police Chief Brian Marquez said yes.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to table this item by request of Chief Brian Marquez.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

15. Discussion and possible action on Foster Electric Motor Service Inc removing existing 4" swing check valves, installing 2 Flomatic 408 ball check valves, and test for proper operation in the amount of \$5,981.00

Mayor Dean Hetrick asked General Superintendent Gary Cruz if this had to do with the waste water and if the engineers from the Block Grant were aware of this.

General Superintendent Gary Cruz told the Mayor and Council that this is a fix that the town can manage, the engineers are dealing with the locations that have major issues that would require financial aid.

Financial Director Teresa Williams told the Mayor and Council that there is still money available from the State and Local Rescue Funds for this.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve Foster Electric Motor Service Inc removing existing 4" swing check valves, installing 2 Flomatic 408 ball check valves, and test for proper operation in the amount of \$5,981.00.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

16. Discussion and possible action on renewing insurances with the current grandfathered plans or to elect to go with different plans

Mayor Dean Hetrick asked the Head of Departments if their staff were happy with the current plans. The response was yes.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve current grandfathered plans.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

17. Discussion and possible action on free swimming for Memorial Day

Council Member Thomas Lagunas moved to approve free swimming for Memorial Day.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

18. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

a) Police & Animal Control, Written Report *

Chief Brian Marquez went over Police Report with Mayor and Council.

b) Fire, No Written Report

Chief Angel Cruz asked if the number to the Asarco water department was still the same.

He was told the number was the same.

c) Magistrate, Written Report

d) Finance, Written Report

e) Public Works, Oral Report

Gary Cruz told the Mayor and Council things were moving along and that swimming pool is ready.

f) Golf, Written Report

g) Senior Center, Written Report

Director Annie Hinojos said that the Mother's and Father's Day luncheon was a great successes and she thanked everyone for their donations.

h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor –

Council Member Thomas Lagunas wanted to recognize and congratulate the Hayden High Baseball team for their championship.

19. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

April 2023/May 2023

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

Vice-Mayor Bobby Smith moved to approve claims for payment.

Council Member Thomas Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. **3-0**

20. Adjournment

The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:35 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

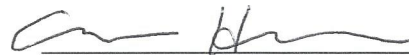
I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a regular council meeting on the 15th day of May 2023. I further certify that

the

meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

6-19-23

Date



Deputy Town Clerk, Nancy Hinojos