

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
5:30 P.M.
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was started at 5:35 p.m.

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

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

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

Audience: Mr. Kevin Ramirez

Consideration of the proposed Town of Hayden Property Tax Levy, Budget and Truth in Taxation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Finance Director Williams told the Mayor and Council that the final budget being considered for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is \$9,319,000 and also a Property Tax Levy that is being considered in the amount of \$1,659,021. Finance Director Williams also explained that because of the increase of assessed valuation the town will be collecting more property tax than last year and the town now has to comply with the Truth in Taxation by notifying all register voters of the increase. Finance Director told the Mayor and Council that Town Clerk Laura Romero had already mailed out the notices of the increase assessed valuation to all the registered voters in Hayden.

Mayor Dean Hetrick asked if there were any question?

Mr. Kevin Ramirez a resident of the Town of Hayden introduced himself and asked for clarification of the letter of notice of increase he had received by mail. He asked if his property taxes were increasing?

Finance Director Williams clarified to Mr. Kevin Ramirez that the town didn't increase the property tax rate, therefore, his property taxes will not be increasing. Finance Director Williams

explained to Mr. Kevin Ramirez that the increase is due to an assessed valuation change town wide not a property rate change, and because of the increase assessed valuation evaluation the town would be collecting more property taxes this year and in order to be in compliance with the Truth in Taxation the town had to mail out a notice of assessed valuation increase to all the Town of Hayden registered voters.

Mr. Kevin Ramirez thanked Finance Director Williams for answering his question and clarification.

Mayor Dean Hetrick asked if there were any more question, if not the public hearing will adjourn.

The Public Hearing was adjourned 5:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a public hearing 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


Nancy E. Hinojos, Deputy Town Clerk