

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024  
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 5:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Not Present:** Council Members Robert Manriquez, 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

**Audience:** Kevin Ramirez, Lori Mills from Congressman Eli Crane's Office, Christopher Bribriescas

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the above minutes as recorded.

Vice-Mayor Smith 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.**

No One addressed the Council

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 to ratify the following items for payment:**  
**Hills Brothers – Chlorine for Swimming Pool and Waste Water Plant in the amount of \$4,521.52**  
**Ace Pipe Cleaning- Emergency Manhole Service on March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$952.00**  
**Ace Pipe Cleaning- Emergency Service Work on March 3rd and 4th of 2023 in the amount of \$2,585.00**  
Council Member Lagunas moved to ratify the following items for payment Hills Brothers – Chlorine for Swimming Pool and Waste Water Plant in the amount of \$4,521.52  
Ace Pipe Cleaning- Emergency Manhole Service on March 3, 2023 in the amount of \$952.00  
Ace Pipe Cleaning- Emergency Service Work on March 3rd and 4th of 2023 in the amount of \$2,585.00.

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

8. **Christopher Bribiescas- Town of Hayden resident to address the council concerning the Town of Hayden Ordinance No. 22-03 and retaliation**  
Mr. Bribiescas stated that he had been cited on November 5<sup>th</sup> with a town code violation of Abandon and Junk Vehicle. He told the Mayor and Council he felt this was done in retaliation due to an incident that happened with another town employee day's before. Mr. Bribiescas said he had a disagreement and was questioning the officer at the scene about his investigation process. Mr. Bribiescas said he was subpoenaed as a witness on this same incident and the officer lost the case. Mr. Bribiescas said another reason he feels this was done in retaliation is because no one else in the area had been cited for not being in compliance with Ordinance No. 22-03 on that day or months prior or after.

Mr. Bribiescas asked the Mayor and Council if they would revisit the code for Abandon and Junk Vehicle under this Ordinance to make it more clear and not open to interpretation.

Attorney Cooper stated that this matter is pending in the court and he is willing to work with Mr. Bribiescas to get this matter resolved. Attorney Cooper informed the Mayor and Council that in reference to the retaliation complaint, it would need to be handle under the HR department.

Mayor Hetrick told Mr. Bribiescas that they will be looking at this code and see how it can be more refined to better serve its purpose. Mayor Hetrick thanked Mr. Bribiescas for bringing his concern to the Mayor and Council.

Vice-Mayor Smith explained that this Ordinance was adopted to help clean-up the town, and it should be enforced across the border.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve minimum wage increase for part-time employees that are paid minimum wage from \$13.85 to \$14.35**

Mayor Hetrick told the council the Arizona Minimum Wage increase is already in effect.

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve minimum wage increase for part-time employees that are paid minimum wage from \$13.85 to \$14.35.

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

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve wage increase for David Cargill from \$18.04 to \$19.49**  
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve wage increase for David Cargill from \$18.04 to \$19.49.  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
  
11. **Discussion and possible action to approve Rick Engineering contract increase in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to cover grant application and environmental firm consulting fee for Senator Kelley \$2,000,000 Sewer Improvement grant.**  
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Rick Engineering contract increase in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to cover grant application and environmental firm consulting fee for Senator Kelley \$2,000,000 Sewer Improvement grant.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
  
12. **Discussion on having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event and the purchasing of Fire Works, Fire Work Racks and Tubes**  
Fire Captain Bobby Smith told the Mayor and Council that this event was rotated annually by the Town of Hayden and the Town of Kearny to help each other with the cost. Fire Captain Smith said that unfortunately the Town of Kearny ended the partnership and are now hosting their own 4<sup>th</sup> of July event every year. Fire Captain told the Mayor and Council that if the town wants to host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event this year, they would need to start planning soon because the equipment needed would need to be purchased no later than the end of April.  
  
Mayor Hetrick asked Fire Captain Smith if he would be able to provide a purchasing list indicating the number of items needed with the price for the next regular council meeting.
  
13. **DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS**
  - a) **Police & Animal Control, Written Report-**  
Written Report- Chief Marquez went over the written report with the Mayor and Council and asked if they had any questions.  
There were no questions from the council.
  - b) **Fire, Written Report-**  
No Report- Fire Captain Bobby Smith told the Mayor and Council that a Dog and Vaccination Clinic has been schedule for February 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hayden Fire Station and flyers will be posted. Fire Captain Smith also told the Mayor and Council that the fire trucks were in the process of getting maintenance.
  - c) **Magistrate, Written Report-**  
Written Report
  - d) **Finance, Written Report-**  
Written Report- Finance Director Williams told the Mayor and Council that the account balance with Internal Revenue has been taken care of.
  - e) **Public Works, Oral Report**  
Oral Report- General Superintendent Cruz informed the Mayor and Council that the Christmas lights were taken down and stored away. He thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the wage increase for Mr. Cargill; He is an excellent worker and has many skills and knowledge which has helped in many areas in the department.
  - f) **Golf, Written Report-**  
Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz said all is well at the golf course.

**g) Senior Center, Written Report**

Oral Report - Senior Center Director Hinojos stated that the department is managing the day to day operation with one employee short, but she said they need to hire someone to fill the position as soon as possible. Mayor Hetrick told Senior Center Director Hinojos that if she has applicants, she needs to set up the interviews.

**h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor**

Mayor Hetrick told Fire Captain Smith that when the new police vehicles are in full operation a police truck will be added to the fire department vehicle fleet and as requested by the fire department the emergency lights will not be removed, the only thing that will need to be removed is the police decals. Mayor Hetrick said Chief Marquez gave him a contact number to set up that removal service.

**14. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –**

**December 2023 / January 2024**

**Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.**

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

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

**15. Adjournment**

The regular council meeting was adjourned by the mayor at 6:20 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 16th day of January 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

2-20-24  
Date

Nancy Hinojos  
Nancy Hinojos Deputy Town Clerk