

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025
AT 5:30 P.M.
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting 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 Member Robert Manriquez

Town Staff: Attorney Stephen Cooper, Finance Director Teresa Williams, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Interim Chief Nehrmeier

Audience: Reserve Officer Jose Tavena

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Special Council Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2025

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.**

Jared Fredrick from Wesco Services introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their time. He told the Mayor and Council that their company has been working with the local mine and they are hoping to be able to open a closer location in Hayden.

Mayor Hetrick welcome them to the community and thanked them for coming in to introduce themselves. Mayor Hetrick informed Mr. Fredrick that if they are within the mining property line their main contact would be Asarco in regards to permits or any other resources.

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. **Oath of Office to be administered to Council Member Robert Manriquez by Attorney Stephen Cooper**
No action.

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of February 2025**
a) **APS - Street Lights in the amount of \$3,495.90**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of February 2025 to APS Street Lights in the amount of \$3,495.90.

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

9. **Discussion and possible action to ratify the following item for payment: Dub's Plumbing Services – Sewer Service Work in the amount of \$600**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve to ratify the following items for payment Dub's Plumbing Services for sewer service work in the amount of \$600.

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

10. **Robert Snyder - Representative from Snyder & Brown CPAs, PLLC to present the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit**

Mr. Snyder thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Mr. Snyder informed the Mayor and Town Council that an audit is performed to ensure that the finances recorded by the town are correct. The scope of this audit also looks at the internal controls and identifies any weaknesses.

Mr. Snyder told the Mayor and Council that there two reports in their packets, and he gave a briefed explanation of both reports to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Snyder informed the Mayor and Council that the audit performed for FY2023-2024 didn't identify any weakness with the town's internal controls. He stated that the audit didn't show any over budget and that the Town of Hayden didn't overspend for FY2023- 2024. Mr. Snyder asked the Mayor and Council if they wanted him to go through the audit in more detail or if not if they had any questions.

Mayor Hetrick thanked Mr. Snyder and asked the Council if they had any question.

Council said no.

11. **Discussion and possible action to approve accepting the audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve to accept the audit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

12. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Fire Works not to exceed \$7,000**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the purchase of Fire Works not to exceed \$7,000 for the 4th of July Town Event.

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

13. **Discussion and possible action to approve to send firefighters to shooter school in April there is no cost to attend**

Mayor Hetrick moved to approve to send firefighters to shooter school in April at no cost.

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

14. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a computer for the Finance Department**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve the purchase of a computer for the Finance Department not to exceed \$3,000.

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

15. **Discussion and possible action to approve Police Supervisor Training for Interim Chief Nehrmeier in the amount of \$750.00 from State Funds**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve Police Supervisor Training for Interim Chief Nehrmeier in the amount of \$750.00 from State Funds.

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

16. **Discussion and possible action to approve Police Supervisor Training Hotel Accommodations for three nights in the amount of \$628.51 from State Funds**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve Police Supervisor Training Hotel Accommodations for three nights in the amount of \$628.51 from State Funds.

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

17. **Discussion and possible action to approve Civil Traffic Hearing Officer Training for Magistrate Clerk Analisa Canisales in the amount of \$150.00**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Civil Traffic Hearing Officer Training for Magistrate Clerk Analisa Canisales in the amount of \$150.00.

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

18. **Discussion and possible action to approve Training Hotel Accommodations for three nights for Magistrate Clerk Analisa Canisales in the amount of \$550.29 not including taxes**

Council Member Lagunas move to approve Training Hotel Accommodations for three nights for Magistrate Clerk Analisa Canisales in the amount of \$550.29 not including taxes.

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

19. **Discussion on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget**

Finance Director Teresa Williams informed the Mayor and Council that Central AZ Aging has informed her that the Town would be receiving \$50,000 less for this next fiscal year for the Hayden Senior Center due to funding. Finance Director Williams stated that last year the town had to subsidize \$142,000 into the Senior Program. She told the Mayor and Council that they would need to decide to continue or end their partnership with Central AZ Aging by April 2025. Mayor Hetrick said that they would have to look at the budget closely and decide if the town would be able to continue the partnership.

Finance Director Williams told the Mayor and Council that she might have to increase the Health Insurance to a 20% to 30% but she is still waiting for the final numbers.

Finance Director Williams asked the Mayor and Council if they would like to add anything else to the budget for the next meeting.

Mayor Hetrick asked Finance Director Williams to add a 10% increase to utilities for the next Budget Discussion.

20. **DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS**

- a) Police & Animal Control - Written Report – Interim Chief Nordmeyer went over the written report with the Mayor and Council.
- b) Fire- No Written Report
- c) Magistrate -Written Report
- d) Finance -Written Report- Finance Director Williams informed the Mayor and Council that the Town will see a loss of \$150,000 to \$160,000 from Property Tax due to a no rate increase for this coming fiscal year.
- e) Public Works - Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz told the Mayor and Council that his department has been working in getting the Little League Field ready for the season.
- f) Golf- Written Report – General Superintendent Cruz stated that the employee's at the golf course has been busy with tree trimming and clearing the road way to assist with with the Golf Course Pathway Road Improvement Project.
- g) Senior Center – No Written Report
- h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor

21. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –**

February 2025 / March 2025

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

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

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

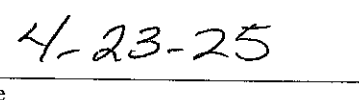
22. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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 17th day of March 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Nancy Hinojos, Town Clerk


Date