

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025
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 5:32 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Not Present:

Town Staff: Attorney Stephen Cooper, Finance Director Teresa Williams, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Sergeant Jose Tavena, Officer Brandon Gomez

Audience:

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2025

Special Council Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2025

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to table this item.

Council Member 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.**

Vice-Mayor Smith informed the Mayor and Council that the Hayden Baseball Team had won the Championship for the fourth year in a row. The Mayor and Council congratulated the Hayden Baseball Team.

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. **Veronica Gossett- Community Outreach Coordinator from First Things First with a presentation on First Things First Programs and Child Care Crisis**
Veronica Gossett and Carolyn Haro representatives from First Things First both thanked the Mayor and Council for their time. Both representatives took turns and explained the organization's mission and purpose to the Mayor and Council they both also mentioned how this program has benefitted the rural areas in our communities. Both representatives informed the Mayor and Council that their services are available to anyone who needs assistance.

Mayor Hetrick thanked both representatives for taking the time to present.
8. **Discussion and possible action to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of April 2025**
APS - Street Lights in the amount of \$3,5143.94
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approved Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of April 2025 with the amount amended of \$3,543.94.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
9. **Discussion and possible action to ratify the following items for payment:**
Cecil Ramsey – Administration AC Compressor and Capacitor replacement in the amount of \$2,500
Jonovich Companies Inc.- Service repair in the amount of \$16,001.63 for the Sewer Department
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve to ratify the following items for payment Cecil Ramsey amount of \$2,500, Jonovich Companies Inc. in the amount of \$16,001.63.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
10. **Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of interest to fill a Town of Hayden Council Member Vacancy Position from Ruperto Gonzales**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve a letter of interest to fill a Town of Hayden Council Member Vacancy Position from Ruperto Gonzales.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
11. **Oath of Office to be administered to Ruperto Gonzales by Attorney Stephen Cooper**
Attorney Stephen Cooper administered the Oath of Office to Ruperto Gonzales.
12. **Discussion and possible action to approve an Agreement for Range Usage between the Town of Hayden/Hayden Police Department and the Copper Basin Sportsmen's Club with an annual fee of \$250**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve an Agreement for Range Usage between the Town of Hayden/Hayden Police Department and the Copper Basin Sportsmen's Club with an annual fee of \$250.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
13. **Discussion and possible action to approve IGA NO. 311251 by and between the Town of Hayden and Gila County for Criminal Misdemeanor and Traffic Case Management**
Item table.

14. **Discussion and possible action to approve an Agreement between the Town of Hayden and Gila County Library District for FY 2025-2026**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve an Agreement between the Town of Hayden and Gila County Library District for FY 2025-2026.
Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
15. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Commuter Coverage Policy for full-time Town employees**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve a Commuter Coverage Policy for full-time Town employees.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
16. **Discussion and possible action to approve a one-year wage increase for Police Officer Brayan Barba-Gutierrez from \$22.48 to \$22.98 per hour effective date June 3, 2025**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve a one-year wage increase for Police Officer Brayan Barba-Gutierrez from \$22.48 to \$22.98 per hour effective date June 3, 2025.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
17. **Discussion and possible action to approve Quote #103 in the amount of \$7,079.44 from JLS Backflow Testing L.L.C to replacement and install a new 4" Backflow located on HWY 177**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Quote #103 in the amount of \$7,079.44 from JLS Backflow Testing L.L.C to replacement and install a new 4" Backflow located on HWY 177.
Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
18. **Discussion and possible action to approve Quote #Q020021 in the amount of \$21,520.43 from Foster Electric Motor Service Inc to furnish and install a new mixer for the Sewer Treatment Plant**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Quote #Q020021 in the amount of \$21,520.43 from Foster Electric Motor Service Inc to furnish and install a new mixer for the Sewer Treatment Plant.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
19. **Discussion and possible action to approve a purchase of a Camping Trailer from Nancy Hinojos in the amount of \$5,000 for the Police Department from State Funds**
Vice-Mayor moved to table this agenda item.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
20. **Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt the Tentative Budget FY 2026 in the amount of \$14,600,000**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve and adopt the Tentative Budget FY 2026 in the amount of \$14,600,000.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0
21. **Discussion and possible action to approve sponsoring a 4th of July Town Event, amount to be determined**
Mayor Hetrick moved to approve sponsoring a 4th of July Town Event, and amount not to exceed \$500

22. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS

- a) Police & Animal Control - Written Report – Sergeant Tavena went over the written report with the Mayor and Council.
- b) Fire – No Written Report
- c) Magistrate - Written Report
- d) Finance - Written Report
- e) Public Works - Oral Report – General Superintendent Cruz told the Mayor and Council That it has been a busy month for his department.
- f) Golf - Written Report – General Superintendent Cruz stated that they are still having a lot cattle issues at the golf course.
- g) Senior Center - No Written Report
- h) Mayor/Vice-Mayor – Mayor Hetrick stated that he will try to set up a meeting with the land manager to discuss the cattle situation.

23. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –

April 2025 / May 2025

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve the above claims for payment.

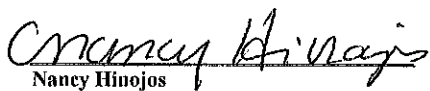
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 4-0

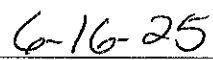
24. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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 21st day of May 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


Nancy Hinojos
Town Clerk


Date