

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETS ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025
4:00 P.M.
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135
FOR A
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 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 Ruperto Gonzales

Town Staff: Attorney Stephen Cooper, General Superintendent Gary Cruz, Police Chief Fred Nehrmeier

Audience: Vicki O'Brien

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025

Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 18, 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.**

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 approve hiring Manuel Valenzuela as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date December 16, 2025**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve hiring Manuel Valenzuela as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date December 16, 2025.

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

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve hiring Jacob Wernet as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department pending AZPOST approval**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve hiring Jacob Wernet as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department pending AZPOST approval.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
9. **Discussion and possible action to approve hiring Dante Buerano as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date December 16, 2025**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve hiring Dante Buerano as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date December 16, 2025.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
10. **Oath of Office to be administered to Reserve Officers Manuel Valenzuela, Jacob Wernet, and Dante Buerano by Chief Nehrmeier**
Oath of Office administered to Hayden Reserve Officer Manuel Valenzuela by Chief Fred Nehrmeier.
11. **Discussion and possible action to approve a letter of resignation submitted by Police Officer Brayan Barba-Gutierrez effective December 11, 2025**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve a letter of resignation submitted by Police Officer Brayan Barba-Gutierrez effective December 11, 2025.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
12. **Discussion and possible action to approve to advertise for a full-time Police Officer position and to interview**
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve to advertise for a full-time Police Officer position and to interview.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
13. **Discussion and possible action to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of November 2024**
 - a) **APS - Street Lights in the amount of \$3,531.28**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of November and correction year to 2025 for APS Street Lights in the amount of \$3,531.28.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
14. **Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering Sewer Line Replacement Project Services Agreement between the Town of Hayden and Consor North America, Inc. with a New Agreement Total Amount Not-to-Exceed \$455,003.00**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Amendment 1 to the Engineering Sewer Line Replacement Project Services Agreement between the Town of Hayden and Consor North America, Inc. with a New Agreement Total Amount Not-to-Exceed \$455,003.00.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried.
15. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Verizon service monthly increase fee for an additional equipment line in the amount of \$40.00**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve a Verizon service monthly increase fee for an additional equipment line in the amount of \$40.00.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

16. **Discussion and possible action to approve a quote from Newman Construction in the amount of \$4,000 for Sheet-Rock Repair work for the Town Hall front Entrances**
Council Member Lagunas moved to to approve a quote from Newman Construction in the amount of \$4,000 for Sheet-Rock Repair work for the Town Hall front Entrances.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
17. **Discussion and possible action to approve a computer replacement with a lease increase fee of \$400 more per year for the Magistrate Court**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve a computer replacement with a lease increase fee of \$400 more per year for the Magistrate Court.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried.
18. **Discussion and possible action to ratify an Emergency Water Damage Repair Contract from Newman Construction for the Community Center in the amount of \$31,500**
Council Member Lagunas moved to ratify an Emergency Water Damage Repair Contract from Newman Construction for the Community Center in the amount of \$31,500.
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
19. **Discussion and possible action to approve one of the following quotes for a Paint Job for the exterior Fire Department building**
 - a. **Newman Construction in the amount of \$9,190**
 - b. **Smith Remodeling and Contracting LLC. in the amount of \$12,500**
 - c. **Emerson Construction LLC in the amount of \$14,900**Council Member Lagunas moved to approve a quote from Newman Construction in the amount of \$9,190 for a Paint Job for the exterior Fire Department building.
Mayor Hetrick seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
20. **Discussion and possible action to approve to change the Regular Council Meeting from the third Monday to the third Tuesday for January and February in observance of Martin Luther King Day and President's Day**
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve to change the Regular Council Meeting from the third Monday to the third Tuesday for January and February in observance of Martin Luther King Day and President's Day.
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
21. **DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS**
 - a) **Police & Animal Control - Written Report**
Chief Nehrmeyer reviewed Police Department 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 informed the Council that they will start painting the outside Town hall building fascia.
 - f) **Parks and Recreation - Oral Report**
General Superintendent Cruz stated that the Hayden Golf Club wants to host one last match, and asked the Mayor and Council if the town staff would be responsible to prep the course.
Mayor Hetrick said no.
 - g) **Community Center**
 - h) **Mayor/Vice-Mayor - Vice-Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Mayor Hetrick reminded everyone of Staff Christmas Luncheon.**

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22. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –
November 2025 / December 2025**

Consideration to approve the above claims for payment.

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve November 2025 / December 2025 claims for payment.

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

23. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing meeting minutes are true and correct. The Hayden Town Council held a Special Council Meeting on the 18th day of December 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Nancy Hinojos
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Town Clerk

1-22-26
Date