

THE HAYDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETS ON  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026  
5:30 P.M.  
520 N. VELASCO AVENUE  
HAYDEN, ARIZONA 85135  
FOR A  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 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: Brandon Pelke, Dave Crandall, Reserve Officer, Jacob Wernett

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2025**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve the above minutes as recorded.

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.**

No one to address the Mayor and 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 Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of December 2025**

a. **APS - Street Lights in the amount of \$3,529.16**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve Gila County Excise Taxes expenditures for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$3529.16.

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

8. **Discussion and possible action to ratify the following items for payment:**
  - JLS Backflow Testing LLC – Services for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,965.00**

Vice-Mayor Smith move to ratify a payment for JLS Backflow Testing LLC in the amount of \$1,965.00.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
  - Paviex Corp - Two-way yellow Median Stripe for Golf Course Rd in the amount of \$862.50**

**Dietz & Dietz- Repairs Services and Replacement Parts for the Waste Water Department in the amount of \$6,300**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve to ratify payments for Paviex Corp in the amount of \$862.50 and for Dietz & Dietz in the amount of \$6,300  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
  - FX-Tactical- Uniforms and Supplies purchases for the Police Department in the amount of \$10,537.01 from State Funds**

**FX-Tactical- Uniforms and Supplies purchases for the Police Department in the amount of \$4,783.07 from State Funds**

Vice-Mayor smith moved to approved to ratify two payments for FX-Tactical- Uniforms and Supplies in the amount of \$10,537.01 and \$4,783.07 from state funds.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
  - Hill Brothers – Sewer Department/Swimming Pool Chlorine in the amount of \$3,639.76**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve to ratify a payment for Hill Brothers in the amount of \$3,639.76.  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
9. **Discussion and possible action to select and approve a Termite Service quote from the following:**
  - a. **Freedom Fighter Pest Control quote #3103**
  - b. **Terminix Western Service Agreement #1**
  - c. **Terminix Western Service Agreement #2**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve a Termite Service quote #3103 from Freedom Fighter Pest for a 5-year warranty in the amount of \$2,016.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
10. **Discussion and possible action to approve hiring Brandon Pelke as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date of January 21, 2026**

Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve hiring Brandon Pelke as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date of January 21, 2026.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
11. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Uniform and Equipment Allowance for Reserve Officer Brandon Pelke in the amount of \$1,500 from State Funds**

Council Member Lagunas moved to approve a Uniform and Equipment Allowance for Reserve Officer Brandon Pelke in the amount of \$1,500 from State Funds.  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0

12. **Discussion and possible action to approve hiring Dave Crandall as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date of January 21, 2026**  
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve hiring Dave Crandall as a Reserve Officer for the Hayden Police Department effective date of January 21, 2026.  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
13. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Uniform and Equipment Allowance for Reserve Officer Dave Crandall in the amount of \$1,500 from State Funds**  
Vice-Mayor Smith moved to approve a Uniform and Equipment Allowance for Reserve Officer Dave Crandall in the amount of \$1,500 from State Funds.  
Council Member Lagunas seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
14. **Oath of Office to be administered to Reserve Officers Brandon Pelk, Dave Crandall by Chief Nehrmeier**  
Oath of Office administered to Reserve Officers Brandon Pelk, Dave Crandall by Chief Nehrmeier.
15. **Discussion and possible action to approve hiring Jacob Wernett as a Full-Time Officer for the Hayden Police Department with the starting wage of \$21.43 effective date of January 22, 2026**  
Council Member Lagunas moved to approve hiring Jacob Wernett as a Full-Time Officer for the Hayden Police Department with the starting wage of \$21.43 effective date of January 22, 2026.  
Vice-Mayor Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. 3-0
16. **DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/REPORTS**
  - a) **Police & Animal Control - Written Report**  
The Chief went over the written Report with the Mayor and Council. Mayor Hetrick asked the Chief to included the Town of Winkelman monthly stats starting next month.
  - b) **Fire -Written Report**  
Fire Department cameras have been installed and are ready to be tested.
  - c) **Magistrate - Written Report**
  - d) **Finance - Written Report**
  - e) **Public Works - Oral Report**  
General Superintendent Cruz informed the Mayor and Council that the Club House paint job is still on going.
  - f) **Parks and Recreation - Oral Report**  
General Superintendent Cruz updated the Mayor and Council on the Little League Concession stand work order as complete.
  - g) **Community Center - Oral Report**  
General Superintendent Cruz stated the paint job at the Community Center is completed.
  - h) **Mayor/Vice-Mayor**  
Mayor Hetrick asked the Council to consider a date and time to schedule a Special Meeting for next week and call the Town Clerk to coordinate special meeting.

17. **CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES –  
December 2025 / January 2026**

**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

18. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Nancy Hinojos  
Nancy Hinojos, Town Clerk

2-17-26  
Date