

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Vice Mayor Hopper in Mayor Beavers absence asked all present to please turn off or set to mute all their electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Vice Mayor Hooper called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett, Hartless, and Savino  
Absent, Mayor Beaver, Council Members Shontz and Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Director Edwards, Library Manager Davis, Sergeant Thompson, Officers Shrewsbury, Torres, Lucas, PD Administrative Secretary Hunter, Magistrate Judge Putz-Artrup, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Father Dale McQueen, John Gutkunest, Dakota Ray, Jaycee Shrewsbury, Chad Atkinson, and Grayson Edwards

INVOCATION: Given by Father Dale McQueen from Church of the Resurrection

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all

PRESENTATION: Chief of Police Clay Romo

Officers Dennis Shrewsbury, Fernando Baldengro, Maria Torres, and William Lucas

Chief Romo offered the town's appreciation to the Town of Parker officers that were recognized earlier on January 9<sup>th</sup> by the Colorado River Indian Tribal Police Chief Will Ponce; they had been instrumental in the joint efforts in area crime fighting. Chief Romo stated the first incident was the armed robbery at the Casino; the second incident concerned three escaped CRIT inmates, third was the recaptured a homicide suspect in Blythe California, and last was an armed robbery at Woody's. The Town along with CRIT and LaPaz officers had been assisted by the US Border Patrol, and the Lake Havasu City Police. Thanks and appreciation was voiced by all of council for the officer's joint efforts in protecting our community and its residents.

PRESENTATION: 2013/2014 FY Audit presentation by Hinton Burdick

Chad Atkinson from the Hinton Burdick Auditing firm presented council and the audience with a his firms summary from the previous emailed to the council 2013/2014 fiscal year audit. He first thanked the town manager and town staff for working with his firm to bring this audit to the council. He noted the Joint Venture is in the process of completing their 2013 audit so their information would only pertain to the 2012 summary. His presentation provided various graphs with revenues in and expenditures out, he noted the HURF Fund was consistent with the past 5-year plan. The General Fund balance took some hits due to the lawsuits legal fees but overall the balance is good. The utility fund is down but Town Manager Wedemeyer noted the night's agenda has an item for council action to help with that balance. Noted was, the town has received a clean report with no major complaints again this year. Council Member Hartless commented concerns with the past serration of duties, was this year better than in the past; the answer to that was yes, management has plans to split up some of the duties. Mr. Atkinson added this happens quite often with many smaller cities and towns.

CONSENT AGENDA:

***Approve the following:***

- a. Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 6, 2015

**MOTION:** The regular meeting minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> are approved as presented  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** CM Hartless  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

***Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)***

- 1 Approve/Deny Ordinance No. 01-2015, the rezone of property generally known as 904 Kofa Avenue from a Community Commercial District (C-2) to a Residential Medium High Density District (R-2).

*Public Works Director Edwards explained this would be the second and final reading to approve the property change from commercial to residential to allow the applicant to sell the lot. Comments from council were the surrounding properties had similar circumstances and the General Plan does need updating.*

**MOTION:** Ordinance No. 01-2015, the rezone of property generally known as 904 Kofa Avenue from a Community Commercial District to a Residential Medium High Density District is approved as presented  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion passed

- 2 Accept Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Town of Parker Audit.

*Town Manager Wedemeyer explained the audit was presented to the council earlier by our auditing firm who was still present should any further clarifications be required. Once approved the town banking firms along with the Attorney General will receive copies of the audit.*

**MOTION:** Fiscal Year 2013- 2014 Town of Parker Audit is accepted as presented  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** CM Hartless

**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

3. Approve/Deny authorize staff to solicit proposals from qualified firms to perform a Water Rate Analysis for the Town of Parker.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained it was time to authorize going out for a water utility rate increase proposals. He explained the town owns, operates, and maintains their own water system which from time to time needs periodic maintenance, repair, and eventual replacement to continue to work properly. If approved a request for proposals would be sent to plan rooms and the local newspaper. Council inquired how the process was completed; Mr. Edwards's replied it is a two part process, the firms submit their fee to conduct the survey which would then provide the proposed increase in the rate proposal. They will be reviewed in-house, scored, and presented to council for their approval of the selected firm; some of council would like this to be set on a yearly schedule rather than the 5-year plan and overall be run like a business. Council asked what type of increase in billing is anticipated, that figure would not be known until the proposals are returned with their findings.*

**MOTION: Public Works is authorized to perform and water rate analysis through the RFP process**

**BY: CM Savino**

**SECOND: CM Collett**

**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

**COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Chamber of Commerce-Mayor Beaver \* Tourism-CM Shontz \*  
Enterprise Zone-Open \* Joint Venture - CM Savino & CM Yackley\*  
Tribal Committee - CM Savino \*  
Parks & Recreation-CM Yackley \* Senior Center-CM Savino \*  
Streets & Traffic-Mayor Beaver & CM Savino \*  
Library Board –VM Hooper \* La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver  
\* WACOG/WAEDD-CM Hartless \* PAACE –CM Yackley\*

CM Hartless reported attending some of the areas local events.

VM Hooper reported he attended the Library Board meeting, the Library is very busy; the next book sale would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

CM Savino reported attending the Senior Committee meeting and announced the committee's first of two dinner events would be held on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There was none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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| Thurs. | Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> | Streets and Traffic Committee Meeting                   | 5:30pm           |
| Fri.   | Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> | Senior Center Country Western Dinner/Dance @ the Center | 4:00pm – 9:00pm  |
| Tue.   | Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>Next</b> Regular Council Meeting                     | 6:00pm           |
| Thurs. | Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Regular Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center    | 9:30am           |
| Thurs. | Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Downtown Experience @ the Joshua Street Mall            | 8:00am – 8:00pm  |
| Sat.   | Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 425 "Best in the Desert "Off-Road Race Downtown start@  | 5:00am – 10:00am |

***Unless so noted, all meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1314 11<sup>th</sup> Street***

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Hooper adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:44pm

Approve

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Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

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Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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