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MINUTES
TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY February 18, 2020 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Please silence or mute your electronic devices during The Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, and Council Member Randy Hartless, Council Member Marion Shontz AND Council Member David Lucas

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Director of Public Works Steve Ziegler and Chief of Police Clay Romo and Library Manager Ruthie Davis.

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Tammy Thorn, Jennifer Aspa, Lori Muriel, Michael Kelly, Amber Parker, Chonna Marshall, Kyleen Baldwin, Buni Hooper, Berto Alaniz, Rick Ainsworth and Kimmy Olsen

INVOCATION: Pastor Louie Marsh Christ Church on the River

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PRESENTATION: Local business 5 year awards

Mayor Beaver congratulates all the businesses that have received 5 year awards. The names a read and awards presented.

PRESENTATION: Parker Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President Amber Parker provides the council with an overview of the happening at the chamber. She advises how many visitors they

have had to date, the status of the hiring of a new director to replace Mary Hamilton and current events.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

If you wish to address the Council during this meeting, please read and fill in the information on the "Call to the Public" form and hand it to the Town Clerk. Please limit your comments to a maximum of **3-minutes.**

There were no call to public at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the Council, and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. If requested, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

Approve the following:

a. Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020
(Absent CM Hartless, CM Lucas)

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020**
BY:	**VM Hooper**
SECOND:	**CM Savino**
VOTE:	**With CM Hartless and CM Lucas abstaining and all others in favor, the motion passed;**

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny Purchase of Groundmaster 3300 Toro Mower and Blower

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Steve Ziegler requests council to approve the purchase of the Ground master 3000 mower via the Mohave Cooperative Contract. Steve advises council that the ineffective 17 year old mower that was previously being used was sold at auction, leaving just 2 mowers to take care of 23 acres of grass, which is very time consuming for staff. Steve motes that this purchase will come from the general fund and that he had budgeted $60,000 in FY 19/20 for the purchase of this mower.

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Purchase of Groundmaster 3300 Toro Mower and Blower**
BY:	**CM Savino**
SECOND:	**CM Bonds**
VOTE:	**With all others in favor, the motion passed;**

2. Approve/Deny Resolution 01-2020 Call to Elections Resolutions English and Spanish Versions

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Amy Putnam advises council of the proposed resolutions for the call to elections both English and Spanish versions. She notes that this is a regular housekeeping item for the upcoming elections. There are no questions.

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Resolution 01-2020 Call to Elections Resolutions English and Spanish Versions**
BY:	**VM Hooper**
SECOND:	**CM Savino**
VOTE:	**With all others in favor, the motion passed;**

3. Approve/Deny Resolution 02-2020 Elections IGA between Town of Parker and La Paz County

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk

Town Clerk, Amy Putnam, advises council of the proposed IGA with the La Paz County Elections department for the administration of the upcoming primary and general elections. She notes that this is a regular housekeeping item for the elections and the county has previously administered our elections. VM Hooper asks the cost to do this. Clerk Putnam, notes that the previous elections have cost the Town approximately $6,000. TM Manager Wedemeyer confirms this is a budgeted line item.

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Resolution 02-2020 Elections IGA**
BY:	**CM Bonds**
SECOND:	**CM Hartless**
VOTE:	**With all others in favor, the motion passed;**

4. Approve/Deny Early Retirement Agreement and Release

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Town Manager Wedemeyer advises council that Town Attorney, Justin Pierce, will be handling this agenda item. Mr. Pierce advises council that he is here to answer any legal type questions that council may have. He notes that this agreement does not contain any sort of private or

confidential information that would require an executive session. He notes that he was asked to prepare the proposed agreement. He advises council that there are several positions with in the town which are at will employees, including the chief of Police And that there needs to be no cause for separation. He notes the buying out of time for service years, which would take Chief Romo to his 20 years of service, effective April 30, 2020. He would like to propose a minor modification, due to the effective date of retirement. Mr. Pierce asks council if there are any questions. VM Hooper asks about the distribution of the check for the purchase of service credits. It is discussed that the distribution of funds will be made directly to PSPRS for the purchase of service credits. CM Shontz asks about the no reemployment clause. She finds this clause unnecessary. Mr. Pierce notes this is a standard provision in this type of agreement. It protects the town from the possibility of a wrongful, failure to hire claim, he does not anticipate that, this is just a standard clause. CM Lucas asks about taxes and the effect it may have on Chief Romo. Mr. Pierce notes that he does not want to make an affirmative statement on the taxes as he is not a tax lawyer. He does note that Chief Romo is not receiving income from the purchase of these service credits at this time; the taxes should be collected when the pension is disbursed. CM Hartless notes that he was going to suggest tabling this item for an executive session, his concern at this time is requiring Chief Romo to use accrued vacation time until the date of retirement. He notes that the time prior to the effective retirement date could be used to finish projects or wrap things up. His questions are what if Chief Romo does not want to use that time? Mr., Pierce notes that the agreement provides a rather large pay out for retirement and is very generous, in nearly 20 years of employment law he has not seen this level of a payout. He notes the use of vacation or accrued time prior to retirement is not unusual at all, and in this case it is not unfair in any way. CM Hartless again notes that the original request from Chief Romo was for a retirement date of April 30, 2020 and the Town came back with a compromise of April 3, 2020. CM Hartless also agrees with CM Shontz on the removal of the no re-hire clause. He also suggests clarification of the wording on the use of accrued time. CM Bonds notes that item number 4 of the agreement may cover what CM Hartless is concerned about as far as use of accrued time. CM Hartless notes the he is ok with that item. VM Hooper notes that Chief Romo is not the only at will employee, the Town Manager and Town Clerk are as well. Discussion continues regarding the retirement effective date and separation date. Again CM Hartless notes that he does not think the use of time is exactly fair for Chief Romo. CM Savino notes the level of respect and compromise this agreement provides. There are no further questions.

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Early Retirement Agreement and Release with the updates to the separation date and clarification on the use of accrued time**
BY:	**VM Hooper**
SECOND:	**CM Savino**
VOTE:	**With all others in favor, the motion passed;**

5. Approve/Deny Arizona Auditor General's Request for Designation of Chief Fiscal Officer

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Town Manager Wedemeyer requests the Council to approve the request for designation of CFO, this is a general request from the Arizona Auditor General's office which is required annually. She notes that the Council will see this item again shortly as we are moving into a new fiscal year soon. There are no questions regarding this item.

MOTION:	**Move to Approve Arizona Auditor General's Request for Designation of Chief Fiscal Officer**
BY:	**CM Bonds**
SECOND:	**CM Savino**

VOTE: **With all others in favor, the motion passed;**

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COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Chamber of Commerce-CM Savino + Manager Wedemeyer
* Tourism-Mayor Beaver + Manager Wedemeyer *
Joint Venture-VM Hooper + CM Savino* PAACE-CM Lucas
Tribal Committee -Mayor Beaver + CM Savino *
Parks & Recreation-Lucas + Hooper Senior Center-CM Savino *
Streets & Traffic -VM Hooper + CM Savino*
Library Board*CM Shontz*La Paz County Fair Board-CM Bonds
* WACOG-CM Savino + CM Hartless
*WAEDD- CM Savino + Mayor Beaver

CM Shontz attended the Library advisory board and announces that Ruthie Davis the Library Manager is retiring. She notes that there is a going away party with dates and time TBD. She also notes that the Board is applying for a 501c3 designation and announces the next Friends of the Library book sale. VM Hooper adds that the party for Ruthie should include her famous peach cobbler.

CM Savino attended the WACOG meeting and advises that the board spoke about the lack of a senior care facility in Parker and notes the need for one. Our area has a very large aging population and they are missing out due to lack of services. He is very concerned about that. He will be reaching out to local churches to see what kind of support they may be able to offer our senior population, including respite care.

VM Hooper notes that he was a "judge" at a trial for the teen solutions group. They held a mock trial and he was very impressed with the kids. He also advised of the last Parks and Recreation meeting. Items discussed included possible new items for the parks, drinking fountains etc. Discussion also included the upcoming Easter festivities; he asks Ms. Aspa if there were any other topics. It was noted the committee is working on updating some of the cemetery policies.

Mayor Beaver also noted the Volunteer Dinner that was held. He noted it was a wonderful time with a large crowd, and that council; would have a very hard time operating without the support of all of the volunteers on the various committees, he notes their hard work helps them make informed decisions. He invites all in attendance to apply for volunteer positions and notes the ongoing need to fill committee positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday	February 21, 2020	Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser	4:00 PM- 9:00 PM @ Senior Center
Sunday	February 23, 2020	Rocky Cramer Memorial Service	1:00-4:00 PM @ Parker Elks Lodge
Monday	February 24. 2020	Streets & Traffic Committee	5:00 PM @ Council Chambers
Tuesday	March 3, 2020	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beaver adjourns the meeting at 6:45 PM

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Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor