

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL REGULAR/EXECUTIVE MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Beaver asked all to please silence or mute their electronic devices during the Council Meeting

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett, R. Hartless, V. Hartless, Savino, and Shontz

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Director Stewart, Library Manager Davis, Library Assistant McConnell, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Roger Yoder, John Gutkunest, Carol and Skip Becker, Chief Ralph Beard, Chief Karl Hartmentz, Ron Simms, Tammy Thorn, Roberta Hoffman, and Duce Minor

INVOCATION: Given by Deacon Roger Yoder from Messiah Lutheran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Given by all present

PRESENTATION: 2015-2016 Town of Parker Audit * Chad Atkinson * Hinton Burdick

Chad gave the evening presentation via the telephone and through various provided documents which had previously been emailed to the council. As always the firm gave its thanks for all the assistance the town staff provided to them which made the process much easier. He walked the council through his power point printed presentation which explained the 5 year General Fund, the Fund balances by each category which overall were at a positive. HURF funds were up and are evident by the projected street projects to come; the utility fund is coming up since council decided to raise the water rates recently. He added this was needed to offset any needs to the system. CM Vivian inquired if the increase was really required, this was confirmed due to the needs for maintenance of the older town units to make sure the towns water provided was safe, clean, and ran properly. The financial highlights given were the Capital Assets additions of the new vehicles leased and the new Pop Harvey Park Ramada and shades that were added. Overall the town had a positive and true audit. Council asked if there was anything bad they should be aware of; Chad replied all of the state legal compliance had been met and all the financial statements had been kept with the required compliance. Overall the audit provided that the town was in total compliance for fiscal year 2015 and 2016. He added if anyone had any questions or a concern his office was available either via the phone or email however, the Town of Parker has been given a clean and competent audit.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Beaver requested the consent items be enacted by two separate motions

Approve the following:

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2017 (absent CM Randy Hartless)

MOTION: The February 7th regular minutes are approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor except for CM R Hartless who was not present approved and the passed motion

- b. Blake School annual "Career Day" street closures of 6th and 7th Streets along Mohave Avenue starting at 7:30am and ending at 11:00am on Wednesday, February 22nd

MOTION: The street closures as requested are approved for the 2017 Blake School Career Day

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny the 2015 - 2016 Town of Parker Fiscal Year Audit

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained earlier council had heard the 2015/2016 fiscal year audit presentation by the Towns Certified Public Accountant Chad Atkinson and various documents had been previously sent to their email accounts. Council had been given ample time to ask questions or voice any concern via their email or while on the phone with Mr. Atkinson. CM Collett stated he was pleased and confident in the reports given, CM V Hartless commented this was a lot of information to digest and would rather postpone taking any action right now; CM Shontz asked, if anything major was amiss the Mayor would have been notified correct. This was confirmed by both the Mayor and the Manager. It was noted this was a clean and true audit.

MOTION: The 2015-2016 Town of Parker Fiscal Year Audit be approved as presented

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All accepted and approved except CM V Hartless that voted nay, passed the motion

2. Approve/Deny a Street Closure of Agency Road between Mohave and Navajo Avenues on Wednesday, March 15th, for Parker Public Library to host their "Spring Fling" fundraiser. Closure setup, teardown, and the detours for the event will be through Public Works; closure begins at 1:00pm to allow for the bands to setup and begin playing at 3:00pm in areas of Pop Harvey Park along with various vendors' booths set in the length of the closed Agency Road. The Library's grass area will have a fenced off area for a "beer garden" open 5:00pm to 7:00pm sponsored/licensed by Mudshark Brewing Co; the Library's 1st "Spring Fling" special event will end at 8:00pm

Library Manager Davis explained the library's request to host their 1st Spring Fling; she added information on the various organizations that are planning to setup booths on the grass and on the closed off Agency Road along with various bands that are scheduled to play music during their allotted times in the Pop Harvey Park area. CM Collett commented his concern having the Library selling liquor could send the wrong message. Ruthie explained the library isn't doing the selling and the beer wagon area would be roped off, with the business owner Mud Shark as the licensed owner acting as the responsible party, in control of all the carding, etc.; it was added, this is the same type of setup as at the beer wagon at the fair, and at the downtown experience. All proceeds from the food booths and the alcohol sales are being donated to the Library; various police departments would be on site. Ruthie asked if council would like to include 9th street with the closure request, this was confirmed and recommended.

MOTION: The park usages and street closures as requested be approved as noted

BY: CM R Hartless

SECOND: CM V Hartless

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed to include closure of 9th Street along with the original requested streets; the motion passed

3. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker enter into a Retail Development Tax Incentive Agreement with Greens River Lodging, LLC.

Town Manager Wedemeyer turned over the explanations of this item to Economic Development President Skip Becker who reminded those present and the council of the past period of many months it has taken to bring this project to its almost end. This has been one of many great opportunities's this town council has taken to bring new business ventures to our town. This 10-year development agreement would be highly beneficial for both the Town and for the owners of the Hampton Inns & Suites. Council commented the hotel would bring increased bed tax revenue but would increase the sales taxes from those that stay at the hotel shop and eat at our town establishments. Thanks were given to the town staff and the council members that have enabled this project to come full circle. Skip added he would like council to approve this agreement even though the agreement itself has some legal verbiage to get resolved it is time to proceed.

MOTION: To bring this item back after certain sections of the agreement are settled upon if needed by the Manager

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny the purchase of a new Custom Super Micro Server from Desert Works Computers, LLC (contingency item).

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained she previously had updated the council about the financial server's crash; our IT department could build and provide support in house; staff recommends the emergency purchase. No comments were received from the council

MOTION: The purchase of a new custom micro server from Desert Works Computers be approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Parker Fire Department for fire protection and limited emergency medical services for Parker South.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained she had discussed entering into an agreement with Parker Fire regarding fire and limited emergency protection out at Parker South. Fire Chief Beard just provided a email from their attorney with a few considerations they wanted addressed. Lori requested this item be tabled to allow the attorney's to discuss and if needed bring back for action.

MOTION: This item would be tabled for action
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: M Beaver
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

6. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker enter into an Agreement for the sale of three (3) Town owned lots, and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate said agreement for the real properties sale.

Town Manager Wedemeyer provided the council with a map of the property discussed in the agreement; it was announced the purchase of the four lots has closed providing one frontage lot and the three lots directly next to under new ownership. The town recently held a bid opening on the 3rd of February which the one buyer submitted said bid for the lots. The manager explained all legal posting had been met with the bid process. Rather than tabling this item council recommends the manager negotiate the agreement and advise them of the outcome.

MOTION: Authorize the Town Manager to proceed with steps required to complete the agreement for the real properties sale
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Hartless
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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

CM V. Hartless reported attending the recent WACOG meeting she request everyone email their legislators requesting the State does not cut funding of the elderly programs and for the veterans. She asked Fire Chief Beard if he or Chief Hartmentz knew why the “knock boxes” hadn’t been placed at the elders homes in the area. they replied they only knew of a few and some of those elderly had passed away.

VM Hooper reported attending the recent parks and rec meeting which tonight’s items pertained to their outcome.

Mayor Beaver reported attending the recent memorial for Casey Folks in Las Vegas; it had been very well attending by a multitude of guest. Casey would be missed by many was added by all. CM Collett reported the joint venture meeting had been cancelled for tomorrow.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Roberta Hoffman spoke in admiration of the steps this council has taken by being very professional in their business dealings. She added you have been open to new ideas which have brought new businesses to our area. She gave her hats off to the group for being a very active and productive group. Many kudos were given and a big Home Run to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed.	Feb. 22 nd	Colorado River Joint Venture @ BW Casino (VM JH + CM HC)	10:00am
Mon.	Feb. 27 th	Streets and Traffic Committee meeting (VM JH + CM FS)	5:15pm
Thurs.	Mar. 2 nd	Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center	9:30am
Thurs.	Mar.2 nd	Soroptimist Taste of Parker @ the Joshua Mall	2:00pm – 9:00pm
Thurs.	Mar.2 nd	Doctor Seuss B-Day @ the Library n Pop Harvey Park	3:00pm—5:00pm
Tue.	March 7 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

Unless so noted, all meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 1314 11th Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 7:16pm

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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