

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Library Manager Davis, Chief of Police Romo, Payroll Supervisor Alcaida, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Dale McQueen, Skip Becker, Mary Hamilton, Lisa Whittier, Roberta Hoffman, and DL Wilson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PRESENTATION: **"Community Partners"**
LaPaz Economic Development
Parker Area Chamber of Commerce + Parker Area Tourism

Skip Becker Economic Development President first thanked the town for their support throughout the year as he provided his quarter report of what is currently taking place in the town and the area. The four projects are proceeding ahead on schedule; the Hampton Inn would provide for local employment, Spanky's and Beach Combers when completed would complement each other and have a private contest going amongst themselves to complete their buildings beautification process. He added as always, there are happenings that he just can't discuss but many things are on the horizons. Rose Acres has started to pour concrete for their facility. He spoke of attending a recent economic development gathering with the Vice Mayor who provided the attendees with information about Parker and the area.

Mary Hamilton the Executive Director for the Chamber provided the council with the newest Membership Directory and Visitors Guide, a copy of the Chamber Perspective, and the Marketing Plan for 2016. The current plan is to "re-brand" the chamber and all that it offers; a new logo is being designed to incorporate tourism with the chamber rather than being two separate entities. The chamber building would soon be remodeled to add handicap accessibility and safety to the building which currently is not. The perspective included numbers of the visitors that came in for service, their calls, a list of the upcoming events, etc.; the plan is to be

user friendly via the internet or in person. Lisa Whittier is the new Tourism and Marketing person, a new front counter person, Brooke Chamber was hired. Mary explained with all the happenings, classes, etc she needs to be out in the public eye. She thanked the council for their support; Council Member Savino is the new chamber liaison and has helped with all the latest events. In ended she reported that over 5,000 were in attendance at the downtown experience and each year the events "volunteer BBQ" has grown in attendance numbers. Much that happens at all these events are done behind the public eyes but are very instrumental to their many successes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2016 (CM Savino & Shontz absent)

MOTION: The February 16th minutes are approved as presented

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: CM Hartless abstained not being present; the remaining approved and passed the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny approve and adopt Resolution 02-2016, authorizing the 5-year renewal of the Town of Parker's membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust (RAGHT) for health insurance.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained the town has been in the trust for the past fourteen years with many other cities and towns; she was pleased to announce the trust is stable and has had very few major claims and there would not be an increase to the towns fee this year. CM Collett inquired if the employees too were happy; she replied yes with all except with the upfront required paid hospital fees, that after if there is any unused charges are paid back to the employee.

MOTION: Resolution 02-2016, authorizing the 5-year renewal of the Town of Parker's membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust for health insurance is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor, passed the motion

2. Approve/Deny Parker Public Library submission of a grant proposal to update the Library's computers through Cenpatico Integrated Care.

Library Manager Davis explained how she became aware of the Cenpatico Integrated Grant that if awarded could replace the 27 older library customer computers. Notice received would not be until June if awarded; however, the grant did not require any matching funds other than in-kind man hours. Four bids were submitted per the requested grant requirements, Dell is the staff's recommended. CM Hartless commented she had not known about the time line requirements when she told Ruthie about the application. CM Shontz explained she was on the Cenpatico board and would be abstaining from any action.

MOTION: The Parker Public Library submission of a grant proposal to update the Library's computers through Cenpatico Integrated Care is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Hartless
VOTE: CM Shontz requested herself; the remaining approved and passed the motion

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 Yackley + CM Collett*
- Library Board – CM Shontz * La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver
- * WACOG - CM Hartless *
- *WAEDD - CM Savino + Mayor Beaver*

CM Collett reported that he and VM Hooper attended the Joint Venture Board where he accepted the position of Vice Chairman and that they received the past 3-years of the board's minutes for review.

VM Hooper reported attending the Streets and Traffic committee meeting where the cost of the Veteran's Day parade and assembly on California Avenue vs. the Joshua Avenue route; if the applicant definitely requests the California route they would need to pay for the maintenance fees.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Roberta Hoffman resident of 509 11th Street, Parker commented on how please she was to see all the new improvements that are currently taking place around Parker and the area. Driving in through the Bouse area she noticed six cement trucks working at the Rose Acers location. She gave the council thanks for their generous support with the three downtown improvements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed.	March 2 nd	Antique Road Show @ Library	10am-2:00pm
Wed.	March 2 nd	Public Works Street Bid Opening	10:00am
Wed.	March 2 nd	Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center (CM Savino)	9:30am
Thurs.	March 3 rd	Taste of the Town @ the Joshua Mall	2pm--9:00pm
Wed.	March 9 th	General Plan Community Meeting @ the Senior Center	6pm-8:00pm
		Thursday, March 10 th through Sunday, March 13 th LaPaz County Fair	
Mon.	March 14 th	Library Board @ the Library (CM Shontz)	5:00pm
Mon.	March 14 th	Parks & Rec monthly meeting (CM Collett)	4:00pm
		No regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 15 th	
Tue.	March 22 nd	Next Special Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm
Fri.	March 4 th	Special Budget Work Session – Accomplishments & Goals	11:00am
Fri.	March 25 th	Special Budget Work Session – Capital Projects	11:00am

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:45pm

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, March 1, 2016. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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