

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

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

Others Present: John Gutkunest, and Nicky Wynkoop

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Louie Marsh from the Church on the River
In Pastor Louie's absence John Gutkunest gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PRESENTATIONS: Public Works Director, Tim Edwards

Mr. Edwards explained to Council his appreciation for his team for all they have done through all the recent parades, street closures; going way above with the Best in the Desert 250 and 425 off road race set-up and tear downs. Requests from the Chamber of Commerce for the Downtown Experience, Casey Folks and ADOT with the entire street and race in general closure work Blue Water Casino extra setup and help with the closures during the contingency. There is a lot of work that the general public is not aware of that they do to make everything work smoothly. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to public works employees John Maye, Jesse Maldonado, Joel Torres, and Dan Hiate; their Supervisor Steve Ziegler accepted the certificates for the crew. Comments and thanks were given by Council for their acknowledgment for all the work done.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

Vice Mayor Hooper request there be one motion on the two consent items

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015 (Absent Council Members Shontz)
- b. Special Executive Session Meeting minutes February 24, 2015

MOTION: Both items a and b are approved as presented
BY: CM Collett
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

- 1 Approve/Deny authorize the purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 pickup truck using the State Purchasing Contract No. 16773F to be used primarily in the public works department.

Public Works Director Edwards explained this is a budgeted request to replace one of the older vehicles that needs repairs that might cost more than getting the proposed new long bed F150. CM Savino inquired would HURF funds be used for this purchase, yes was that answer.

MOTION: Purchase of one (1) Ford F-150 pickup truck using the State Purchasing Contract No. 16773F from Parker Motor is approved as presented
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Yackley
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

- 2 Approve/Deny authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Open Listing Agreement with local real estate agents for the purpose of selling the property known as the Riverside Redevelopment Area.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained it is in the best interest for the town to take steps to enter into a working association with local realtors for the purpose of selling the property known as the Riverside Redevelopment area. If approved she would list the property with them and also contact the previously interested groups. No comments were given by the council.

MOTION: Authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Open Listing Agreement with local real estate agents for the purpose of selling the property known as the Riverside Redevelopment Area is approved as presented
BY: CM Collett
SECOND: CM Hartless
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

- 3 Approve/Deny Parker Police Department to seek and accept additional overtime funding available through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (GOHS) previously awarded FY 2014/2015 funds for "Operation DUI Impairment and Education "overtime expenditures.

Chief of Police Romo explained the department previously was awarded a portion of the 2014/15 available grant funds; knowledge that additionally funds were available prompted this request. CM Collett inquired if any special requirements were required on the grant, Chief responded no.

MOTION: Parker Police Department is authorized to seek and accept additional overtime funding available through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant

BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Collett
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny adopt Resolution 02-2015 the Parker Police Department submission of FY 2015/2016 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (GOHS) reimbursable grant funds and authorize all actions necessary to implement and complete said application.

Chief of Police Romo explained Officer Bailey had recently attended a grant writing class; staff is requesting approval to submit a proposal for a reimbursable funded grant for a DUI enforcement vehicle and overtime to be used towards if approved and awarded. Total if awarded funding is \$56,221.26. Council inquired about the radios previously granted, Chief replied that both Quartzsite and Parker were only granted a minimum; the County however, was recipient of the majority of the radios. It is hoped having a grant writer in-house now the department will be able to locate, apply for, and receive more of the lion's share in the future.

MOTION: Resolution 02-2015 is approved and adopted to grant the submission of fiscal year 2015/2016 GOHS grant that if awarded would be used to purchase a new vehicle and pay for DUI detail overtime hours

BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Yackley
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 the WACOG Advisory Board meeting; there is information available for low-income residents she would like the community to know that certain funding is available through WACOG; but she added, it is funding if not used one year to the next it could become not available. This is funding for electrical payments, utility bills, and mortgage payments for individuals that are at risk, she would like to get the word out. John Gutkunest from the Pioneer newspaper was in attendance and would get this information out to the public.

CM Savino reported that both he and the Mayor attended the recent Streets and Traffic committee where the mayor gave thanks from the Best in the Desert Association for all the communities' assistance; additionally the committee was given a list of the new street projects planned by the public works.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

THERE WAS NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs. March 5 th	Senior Center Committee meeting @ the Center	9:30am
Thurs. March 5 th	Soroptimist Annual Taste of Parker @ the Joshua Mall	10:00am – 10:00pm
Thurs. March 5 th	Blood Drive @ the Senior Center	8:30am – 1:00pm

