

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL THE REGULAR 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, Town Clerk Cockrell, Public Works Director Edwards, Magistrate Judge Putz-Artrup, and Administrative Secretary Johnson

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Elizabeth Shontz, Tami Merritt, Michele Grissum, and Haden Edwards

PRESENTATION: CDBG 2014-2015 Projects

***Adjourn the Special Meeting and convene into a Public Hearing***

**MOTION:** Adjourn and convene into a public hearing  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** Mayor convened into the 2014-2015 CDBG public hearing

Call to order the Public Hearing to discussing CDBG 2014-2015 Project.

Roll call: Present: All remained present

***“Present, discuss, consider potential projects for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CDBG funding and set a public hearing for discussion of the CDBG Projects”***

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

TM Wedemeyer turned this topic over to Public Works Director Edwards who provided all with a Power Point presentation giving the objective of fiscal year 2014-2015 CDBG funded possible selected projects. The first hearing had been held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with nine in attendance. An amount of \$179,655 would be available if awarded to the town from the Arizona Department of Housing for the fiscal year 2014-2015. Suggestions from attendees at that time were requested for projects that if applied for would provide an advantage for all low to moderate income persons living within the designated areas and that would also alleviate slum and blight urgent needs for the general public; 11 suggestions came from the first public hearing.

Tonight would serve as the second required public hearing for review of four of the eleven selected projects which council would later decide which one would be the best fit for the Town of Parker.

The first project would provide needed handicapped restrooms at the Western Park which is in the designated slum and blight area close to the newly acquired Aaron Hill Diamond Back baseball field; however, as council member Yackley happily reported funding to build new restroom with attached concession stand have been raised through the Little League donation sources.

Kitchen improvements at the Senior Center while needed, was acknowledged that both the Library and the Center had recently received new handicapped doors this last go around, and both received the same handicapped lighting and accessibility updates that all town buildings had.

Addition to the Library for a new public meeting room and new restrooms along with the addition of moving the Museum to a designated location was discussed. Council member Savino commented the town needs a designated theme and something to draw visitors to. He suggested by moving the museum, the old jail, and obtaining the town's old water tower from Lake Havasu to one location might accomplish that need.

Desert Avenue waterline improvement project would provide better water access availability to 36 town family homes, improve the water loss currently felt due to needing older lines being replaced; this alone could cause costly ramifications from ADEQ water department requirements stated Council member Shontz. Council inquired if the town had other water funds for this type of project; Mr. Edwards replied yes but not enough. Additionally it was asked how much time would this type of project require, and how long would the residents be affected. This type of project would go out to bid, after design process; the construction should be 30-60 days to completion.

1. Restrooms at Western Park \$53,890
2. Desert Avenue Waterline Improvements \$179,655
3. Kitchen Improvements at Senior Center \$179,655
4. Addition to Library/Museum \$179,655

1. Citizens Comments  
Re: CDBG 2014-2015 Projects

*Elizabeth Shontz local resident commented after hearing all the suggestions doing the water line project would provide the best fit for more of the needs of the whole.*

2. Discussion  
Re: CDBG 2014-2015 Projects

*See comments and discussions above*

***Adjourn the Public Hearing and convene back into the Regular Council Meeting***

**MOTION: The public hearing adjourn and convene back into the regular meeting**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Shontz**  
**VOTE: All in favor, Mayor adjourned and reconvened at 6:25pm**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:** All Council Members remained present

**INVOCATION:** in Jerry Kinman's absence John Gutekunst gave the invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Given by all

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 Special Executive Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2014 (-CM Hartless - CM Shontz)

B Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2014

C. Special Executive Special Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2014 (-CM Collett, - CM Hartless, - CM Shontz)

**Separate action was requested**

**MOTION:** Consent item a be accepted as presented

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Collett

**VOTE:** All in favor except for Council Members Hartless and Council Member Shontz not being present for approved and passed the motion

**MOTION:** Consent item b is approved as present

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Collett

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

**MOTION:** Consent item c be approved as presented

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Savino

**VOTE:** All in favor excepting Council Members Collett, Hartless, and Shontz not being present for approved and passed the motion

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

- 1 Approve/Deny accept and approve a quote to install a new Mini Split A/C unit at Town Hall within the computer server room; authorize staff to issue the Notice to Proceed

*Public Works Director Edwards explained the IT department requested something be done to reduce the heat generated from the town computers and servers that are housed in the computer room. Staff requested bids from local vendors to install and service a new mini split air condition unit in the computer area. Funding for the purchase and install would come from the building maintenance capital improvement line item.*

**MOTION:** Authorize staff to issue a notice to proceed to install a new Mini Split A/C unit at Town Hall within the computer server room to Chuck's Air Conditioning, with the assurance the unit's warranty is for ten-years

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Yackley

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

- 1 Approve/Deny Ordinance 01-2014 (first reading by title only) amending the Town Code of the Town of Parker, Title1, Administration, Chapter 8, Magistrate's

Court, Section 1-8-2, Town Magistrate, and 1-8-3, Associate Town Magistrate; and Providing for Severability

*Magistrate Judge Jim Putz-Artrup explained reasoning to amend the town code to delete the need for an associate position but to appoint a pro tem magistrate that is permitted to cover and or perform the duties on a temporary basis in the absence of the town magistrate. Council member Yackley asked if this is also done in the other courts, judge confirmed the question.*

**MOTION: The first reading of Ordinance 01-2014 is approved as presented**  
**BY: CM Hal Collett**  
**SECOND: VM Hooper**  
**VOTE: All in favor, ordinance 01-2014 passed collectively by its first reading**

- 2 Approve/Deny Town of Parker annual sponsorship of three (3) youths during the LaPaz County COYOTE Summer Youth Program.

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

**This item was postponed until the next meeting so the Career Center could come and give a presentation to the council.**

4. Approve/ Deny selection of the Town of Parker Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CDBG Project(s)

*Public Works Director Edwards explained that earlier council heard information via a power point presentation and comments from citizens as to which project would best fit the public. It was noted that no one would be displaced by any of the selections and additionally, a time frame was provided for the suggested selection.*

**MOTION: Desert Avenue Water Line Improvements is the Town of Parker Fiscal Year-2015 CDBG Project selection**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Collett**  
**VOTE: All in favor, comments given were, while other projects are warranted; this is the best selection for the community as a whole**

#### 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 Shontz reported on Tourism, newly hired Josh Savino is doing great; he is posting videos about all of Parker happenings doings. The upcoming June 7<sup>th</sup> Tube Float is getting a lot of air time hoping to make it bigger and better than in the past.

CM yackley reported on Parks and Recreation- the last meeting the committee selected what would be the summer recreation program, accepted Tammy Minor as a new committee member; and the new irrigation lines and the new grass at Aaron Hill are looking good. Funding had come in he added from the industrial Development Authority in the amount of \$20,000. This funding will now allow for the restroom/concessions building beginning construction at the western park.

CM Collett commented the Diamond Backs are not winning any games but Aaron Hill is still looking great.  
 VM Hooper reported the Library Meeting was cancelled.

**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 three comments given:**

Earlier today a Planning and Zoning meeting was held to hear a rezone request to change from current R2 Residential Medium High density to R3 High Density Residential for property located at 1412 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Elizabeth Shontz 1412 Navajo Avenue, Tami Merritt 1402 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and Michele Grissum 1413 14<sup>th</sup> Street all commented on council’s possible approval of this request. The three are extremely against the proposed change; they attended the neighborhood meeting and the P & Z Meeting voicing their displeasures of the request. Ms Shontz asked if the council just accepts the commission’s recommendation; she was told the council could not reply to anything from the call. It is her hope the council will trust these three and not allow the request. The three have lived in this neighborhood for more than 20-years. The property in question houses a very old mobile home in bad shape, the new owner plans to remove the mobile home and replace it with a two-bedroom stick built house if the zoning is approved. If not he will keep the unit on the spot and try to fix it up to rent. The ladies added there are two other small apartments on this one lot which are run down and messy making three units on the one lot. Ms Merritt added other owners have said they too would fix up and bring the units up to the building code, no one does and the mess is still there, please just leave it alone. Ms. Grissum added we have many youths that play within our block we have concern for the safety of the children. Only two options were offered at the P & Z meeting change the zoning or leave it as is, couldn’t there be other options tear the mobile and the two apartments down and build something better, leave it alone or find some other type of zoning for non compliance. It is their hope when this request comes to council they deny it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Wed.	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Adjustments Committee	4:30pm
Fri.	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Town of Parker Bid Opening	10:00am
Mon.	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day to register to VOTE in the May 20 <sup>th</sup> Special Election	
Thurs.	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Streets and Traffic Committee	5:30pm
Thurs.	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Center Committee @ the Center	9:30am
Thurs.	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Youth Day festivities at the Town	8:00am – 12:00noon
Sat.	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spring Clean Sweep you deliver to dump for free @ 8 <sup>th</sup> & Desert	8:00am –noon
Tue.	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing	6:00pm

TOP Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Work Session dates 5:30pm

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Capital Projects, Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> All other funds besides the General Fund  
 Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> General Fund, Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> wrap up of everything  
 Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Tentative Budget Adoption Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Final Budget Adoption

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

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION:** The meeting be adjourned  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** All in favor, Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 6:55pm

Approve

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Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting / Public Hearing g of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on April 15, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

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Candy Cockrell, CMC Town Clerk

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