

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

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, Hartless, Savino, and Yackley
Absent, Council Member Shontz

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Dir. Edwards, Library Manager Davis, Senior Center Dir. Tilley, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Roger Yoder, and Grayson Edwards

INVOCATION: Given by Deacon Roger Yoder from Messiah Lutheran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PROCLAMATION 2015 Older Americans Month – Office of the Governor
Senior Center Director Darla Tilley read the proclamation aloud

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

a. Regular Council Meeting/ Special Executive Session Minutes April 21, 2015
MOTION: The April 21, 2015 regular and executive minutes are accepted as presented
BY: CM Collett
SECOND: VM Hooper
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

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 Savino reported he did not attend the last Senior Center meeting however, the Clerk did and gave the new Board their Oath of Office

3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Report * Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer

Town Manager Wedemeyer provided the Council with a printed copy of the 3rd Quarter FY 2014-2015 Budget. She explained while the General Fund balances revenues are up the percentages are down due to the state not getting their reports into the town in a timely manner, they are always at least one month or more behind. She added she is confident the fourth quarter would make up any differences.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed.	May 6 th	Food City Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting	10:00am
Thurs.	May 7 th	Youth Day events @ the Town	8:00am – 12:00noon
Sat.	May 9 th	AWC Glow Party @ the Parker Learning Center 1109 Geronimo	7:00-11:00pm
Tue.	May 12th	Special Meeting/Executive Session	5:30pm
Mon.	April 13 th	Friends of the Library @ the Library	1:00pm
Mon.	April 13 th	Library Board @ the Library	4:00pm
Mon.	May 18 th	Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	4:00pm
Tue.	May 19 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

Council member Hartless reported May 7th Blake School is hosting the AWC graduates at 6:00pm; and on the 16th the County Attorney is hosting a Childs Safety Fair at Pop Harvey in the afternoon hours.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:23pm

Adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene into a Special Budget Work Session

Mayor Beaver announced there would be a small break before the work session began

CALL THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver called the Special Budget Work Session to order at 6:40pm

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

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion
 - a. 2015-2016 Town of Parker Budget

Town Manager Wedemeyer gave the FY 2015-2016 budget highlights; sales tax currently is the same as last year, the auto lieu tax is also the same, the state shared sales tax is up 3.5%, and the state withholding stays the same. HURF is up ½% and the state retirement is down by 3.5%, public safety retirement is up 25%, insurance is also up 5% and the state is charging all municipalities ½% for them to collect the sales tax revenues.

VM asked could we get the state to provide their reports earlier and asked if the raise in the state was due to the property sale. Lori told him no to both questions, the property sale would be seen until 2016.

Capital Projects was reported on next; each town owned building has a \$10,000 set aside amount for emergencies; the library needs a new roof ASAP. Council discussed keeping the dog park match in the budget and if artificial turf is really needed at Aaron Hill ballpark. Some like the turf idea over redoing the grounds; CM Yackley stated he could get Little League to come up with the turf funding. Council was reminded they must keep the fields up due to their agreement with the Diamond Backs. Next was the addition of a volleyball court at Western Park; it is recommended this project be done in stages. Drinking fountains for all the parks; even though water is needed especially during the summer months vandalism of the units is very high, council recommended a wait until the new restrooms are completed at Aaron Hill and see if and how they stand up to the vandals. Batting cages for Aaron Hill was discussed and it is recommended that Little League and the general fund covers that with the material be steel rather than being a material netting which can be cut and receives major wind damages. Manager reminded council that both the impact fee study is ongoing as is updating the Town's General Plan. Both are budgeted items as are the street improvements, the funds must be budgeted for so does any applied for grants must be planned for. CM Hartless inquired about the Cemetery plans, what are the plans for its improvements; Mr. Edwards explained that staff already is working on getting the dirt section cleaned up and has the tree service already scheduled to do trimming. She asked if graveling the roads was something that could be done, Mr. Edwards added that could be done with some of the leftover gravel.

Lastly manager discussed a pay hike for the employees, last year a bonus was given to all the employees at Christmas time. Council discussed a percentage vs. a cola; some wanted the cola which the employee would see the benefits for a longer period than just a bonus. Council suggested the Manager provide them with various percentage differences for their next session, the town needs to do more for their employees and keep competitive with other employers' in the area.

Adjourn:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Special Budget Work Session Meeting at 7:32pm

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting/Special Budget Session of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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