

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Beaver asked everyone present to please turn off or set 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, Shontz, Savino, and Yackley

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

Others Present: Mary Hamilton, Josh Savino, D.L Wilson, Joshua Vale, Libby and Walter Shontz, Roberta Hoffman, Skip Becker, Lillian Miller, Marcos O'Campo, and John Croteau

INVOCATION: Given by John Gutekunst in Deacon Roger Yoder's absence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PRESENTATION: Parker Area Chamber of Commerce – Parker Area Tourism
LaPaz Economic Development – LaPaz County Career Center

Lillian Miller from the LaPaz County Career Center introduced Joshua Vale to mayor and council as she explained how having the youth of Parker be part of the Coyote summer employment is beneficial for both the youth and for the employers; Joshua added his experience with the program has lead him into the world of LaPaz Hospital where he has chosen a medical career as a Ex-ray Tech.

Mary Hamilton Executive Director from the Chamber provided council with a power point presentation with highlights how the last fiscal went and what is expected for the next. Various education classes have been offered and attended by many, she herself plans to attend a chamber management training session. Big thing on the horizon is the June Tube Float everyone is invited to participate.

Josh Savino was introduced to the council as the new Tourism Director at the Chamber; Josh too provided the group with a computer look at how email, Face book, tweeter, etc marketing is affected by and used in the tourism department.

Skip Becker from LaPaz Economic Development told the council things are changing for

the better with industry here in Parker; though he cannot tell who or what the new business is coming to the area that will allow 30-40 people new jobs. He asked everyone to support the leaders we have and if asked how's things in Parker reply;"Things in Parker are great, and we are Parker Strong"!

Roberta Hoffman the chairman of LaPaz Economic Dev. added the town is strong and there are exciting things to come and that is directly due to this great council and with their decisions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

a. Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of April 15, 2014

MOTION: Agenda item a is approved as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: CM Yackley

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1 Approve/Deny the appointment of Tammy Minor to the Parks and Recreation Committee filling the vacancy from resigning Chairman Joe Duran

Public Works Director Edwards explained this is housekeeping, Mr. Duran resigned due to his work, the committee has recommended Ms Minor to sit on the committee. No comments

MOTION: Appointing Tammy Minor to the Parks and Recreation Committee is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Savino

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

2 Approve/Deny Ordinance 01-2014 (Second & Final reading) 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 Putz-Artrup explained this would be the second visit of ordinance 01-2014 amending the town code to allow for a pro-tem should there be a need. Once approved the ordinance would be recorded, and then it becomes law and the code would reflect the change. No comments

MOTION: Ordinance 01-2014 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 is approved

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

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

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained the town has annually supported the summer youth programs; the Coyote Program is just one of the many staff recommends that council fund for 3 youths at \$2,000 each annually again this season.

MOTION: Sponsorship for 3 youths to participate in the coyote summer youth program is approved as presented
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Yackley
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny accept the Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation the Town fund the 2014 Summer Recreation Program starting June 2nd thru July 19th.
Public Works Director Edwards explained P & R on April 14th were presented various summer programs, it was the committee's recommendation this program be council's selection for funding for the 2014 summer recreation program for the allotted and budgeted \$5,600.00.

MOTION: The town accepts the summer recreation program from Henneman and Lotts in the amount of \$5,600.00
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny Resolution 07-2014 authorize submission of an application for the Town of Parker Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds and authorize the Mayor to sign all grant related documents for the Desert Avenue Waterline Improvements
Public Works Director Edwards explained last meeting council selected a project for the CDBG funding, housekeeping requires council authorizes the resolution 07-2014 for the grants submittal.

MOTION: Resolution 07-2014 is approved for the 2014/15 CDBG application and authorizes the mayor to sign the application and all related documents
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Collett
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

6. Approve/Deny funding the annual Pop Harvey Aquatic Association Learn to Swim and Swim Program
Public Works Director Edwards explained the PHAA has annually provided a swim program to teach the Parker youth how to be safe and learn how to swim; this is a budgeted item. CM Collett added he someday would like to see the youth have a larger swimming pool to swim in. Mayor added the comment that the association deserves big kudos for teaching so many of our youth how to swim.

MOTION: Funding the annual Pop Harvey Aquatic Association Learn to Swim and Swim Program in the amount of \$3,000.00 is approved as presented
BY: CM Collett
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: VM Hooper abstained from any action; the remaining voted all in favor, and passed the motion

4. Approve/Deny funding the annual Pop Harvey Aquatics Association' Swim Better Camp
Public Works Director Edwards explained annually CRIT allows the use of the Kofa Motel swimming pool for swim lessons; the previous item was to allow tots to swim; this second camp is for the older youth to also learn too

MOTION: Funding the annual Pop Harvey Aquatics Association' Swim Better Camp in the amount of \$1,200.00 is approved as presented
BY: CM Hartless
SECOND: CM Savino

VOTE: VM Hooper abstained from any action; the remaining voted all in favor, and passed the motion

4. Approve/Deny appointing Jim Merritt to a second four-year term of the Town of Parker Streets and Traffic Committee ending in June 2018.

Public Works Director Edwards explained this is housekeeping to allow S & T committee member Merritt to sit for an additional 4-year term; CM Savino commented he would like to see some of the younger adults to sit on the town boards.

MOTION: Appointing Jim Merritt to a second four-year term of the Town of Parker Streets and Traffic Committee ending in June 2018 is approved as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny to extend the employment agreement of Town Magistrate Jim Putz-Artrup for an additional two-year term through November 6, 2016.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained that it is time to renew Judge JP Agreement for an additional two year period. CM Collett commented he thought having JP as the judge has brought the department to a higher level in professionalism; CM Yackley inquired who evaluates the Judge. Judge JP replied the State Supreme Court does and added his department has also passed its annual financial audit.

MOTION: Extend the employment agreement of Town Magistrate Jim Putz-Artrup for an additional two-year term is approved as presented

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

- 10 Approve/Deny accept a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission to change the zoning from R2 Residential Medium High Density to R3 High Density Residential Zoning that property located at 1412 14th Street by adopting Ordinance 02-2012 (first reading title only)

Public Works Director Edwards explained all the steps that have been taken to change the zoning on this property, which currently is non-conforming and really not legal with the three separate residences on the one lot. He explained residential 2, and residential 3 zoning, what is allowable and what is not. VM Hooper asked about OT and was told the lot is not zoned for that. CM Yackley stated he has a big problem with spot zoning and with R3 zoning. There is no other R3 zoning within the town limits though at Parker South there is, was discussed. CM Collett asked about the public concerns were there any; he was told yes; three families came to the neighbor meeting, to the Planning and Zoning hearings, and have voiced big concerns. Libby Shontz one of the concerned neighbors was asked to tell council about her concerns. The concern is not for today but for the tomorrows, after this council is gone what happens to the property then; sometime change is not for the better; would this change open the door to other problems in the neighborhood, traffic speeding, drugs, concerns have been raised. Mayor stated he has spoken with the applicant who told him he could remove the existing mobile home and build a nice 2 bedroom house; or just leave the mobile unit alone, clean it up and just rent it out as is with the other two units on the lot if the zoning isn't changed. CM Hartless commented it's like the applicant is saying it's my way or else. VM asked about grandfather rights and mobile homes; this too was discussed, but again the lot it is not zoned for that. CM Savino stated he would like to see the applicant provide a master and site plan of what he plans to do. The percentage of lot use was also discussed; resident Walter Shontz commented the neighbors are just very concerned what type of headaches changing this lots zoning might cause years from now.

MOTION: Table for more information and bring the request back at the next meeting

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: Voting no to table are CM Hartless and CM Yackley; the remaining passed the motion to table, taking no action on this item, and return it

3rd Quarter Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2013/2014
Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained the 3rd quarter fiscal year 2013 and 2014 revenues verses expenditures for the council. Funding would be better had there not been the recent lawsuits the town had recently paid the attorney fees for; however, in one of the suits the town would be recouping some of those funds. She explained to council member Collett the stasis of bed tax earnings, where they come from and where they are earmarked for. Information on the HURF funds was positive, we are getting more money but we could be spending more if Tim could get contractors to bid the road projects. VM asked should we ask to make the projects bigger, this is unknown, but staff would keep working on it. Budget sessions would be scheduled for this month council was informed.

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 attending the Senior Center committee’s meeting; it was their last going dark until next September.

CM Hartless reported attending the WACOG meetings at which annual awards were presented.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Marco O’Campo acknowledged the Career Center’s work with the youth; as a youth he was selected to work at the golf course for LaPaz County, it turned out to be a 20-year career for him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed.	May 7 th	Coupon Class @ Library	5:30pm
Thurs.	May 8 th	Quality Inn ribbon cutting	10:00am
Thurs.	May 8 th	Budget Work Session Capital Projects	5:30pm
Mon.	May 12 th	Parks & Recreation Committee meeting	4:00pm
Mon.	May 12 th	Friends & Library Board @ the Library	4:00-5:00pm
Tue.	May 13 th	Budget Work Session Genera Funds	5:30pm
Thurs.	May 15 th	Budget Work Session Other Funds	5:30pm
Tue.	May 20 th	VOTE!! VOTE!! VOTE!!	
Tue.	May 20 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

Thursday, May 8th Capital Projects,
Thursday, May 15th All Other Funds
Tuesday, June 3rd Tentative Budget Adoption

Tuesday, May 13th the General Fund
Thursday, May 22nd wrap up of everything
Tuesday, July 1st Final Budget Adoption

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: No motion taken, Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10pm

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 May 6, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, CMC Town Clerk

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