

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION / REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013  
5:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor requested that everyone please turn off or set to mute all electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER Mayor Beaver called the budget work session to order at 5:30P.M.

Roll Call of Council: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Boatwright, Council Members Duran, Hooper, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Chief of Police Mendoza, Public Works Dir. Edwards, Library Manager Davis

Others Present: John Gutekunst

Purpose:  
Discussion: 2013-2014 Town of Parker Budget Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Council first was told revenues are not as good as the TM would like to report however the department heads have done very well in keeping their expenditures down. Capital Projects are approximately at \$1.6 million but much of those would be paid by outside funding. CM Hooper asked about the summer recreation program, and where are we at with the swimming pool, and the community development position. TM Wedemeyer replied the P& R Committee are interviewing the candidates for the summer position and the CD/Grants person has not had many applicants; she would like to change it a bit and continue with the advertising. CM Shontz asked were any of the town fees going to be raised; this was confirmed but at a later time. The town would also begin researching going out for proposals on trash pickup services. TM explained the laws have changed especially pertaining to commercial trash. The town's contract with River Cities/Allied Waste would end soon. Council discussed what the County is doing vs. what CRIT does for trash. You can't tax labor it's a service stated the mayor. We are happy with what we have but we must do something our attorney tells us stated the TM. Salary increases vs. cost of living vs. the cost of benefits - three examples were given of increases;. 3%, 4%, and 5% were then discussed. Council commented, they would like to do something for the employees; the cost of town insurance has risen as has the state mandated increases plus they had not received an increase in the past three years. Mayor asked which would the TM recommend; she said 4%, which would cover

the mandated insurance and benefit increases. CM Savino stated he would like them to have it be higher; CM Shontz asked what was the average salary for a employee – \$30,000 for regular employees and \$40,000 for a police officer. Also asked was what is the average turnover for staff; shortest is 3-5 years most are 10 to 15 years; not a big turnover.

***Adjourn the Work Session***

**MOTION:** Adjourn the work session to reconvene later  
**BY:** VM Boatwright  
**SECOND:** CM Hooper  
**VOTE:** All in favor, Mayor adjourned the work session at 5:59pm

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor reminded all to turn off or set to mute all electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER Mayor Beaver called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Boatwright, Council Members Duran, Hooper, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Chief of Police Mendoza, Public Works Dir. Edwards, Library Manager Davis

Others Present: Deacon Yoder, John Gutkunist, Mark Rafael, Rob Brecht, and Landen Edwards

INVOCATION: Deacon Roger Yoder from Messiah Lutheran Church gave the meetings invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve the April 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** The April 16, 2013 regular council meeting minutes are approved as presented  
**BY:** CM Duran  
**SECOND:** CM Hooper  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

1. Approve/Deny the appointment of Brandy Honomichl to a new 4-year term; accept the resignation of Vivian Hartless; and approve George Rennau to sit

for an additional 4-year term on the Town of Parker Board of Adjustment Board.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained Ms Hartless was elected to a town council position and cannot hold a seat on any town board or committee; her leaving left an opening which will be filled by the appointment of Ms Honomichl. Mr. Rennau requested sitting for an additional four year term; approval for that would allow his sitting for a second a final term.*

**MOTION:** Appoint Brandy Honomichl to a new 4-year term, and approve an additional 4-year term for George Rennau on the town's board of adjustment board is approved as requested

**BY:** CM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Yackley

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

2. Approve/Deny the re-appointments of both Chonna Marshall and JoAnne Ehasz for a second 4-year term as Commissioners on the Town of Parker Planning and Zoning Board.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained both Ms Marshall and Ms Ehasz request sitting for another 4-year term on the P & Z board; this too would be the ladies second and final term on that board.*

**MOTION:** The reappointments for both Ms Marshall and Ms Ehasz for the two 4-year terms are approved as presented on the town's planning and zoning board

**BY:** VM Boatwright

**SECOND:** CM Savino

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

3. Approve/Deny authorize the Town of Parker annual expenditure and participation with the 2013 LaPaz Career Center COYOTE Youth Program (a budgeted item).

*Town Manager Wedemeyer explained at last meeting council had a presentation from the career center about the youth program; council discussed the pros and cons and realized that supporting the towns youth was a win-win for all parties.*

**MOTION:** The annual expenditure and participation with the 2013 LaPaz Career Center COYOTE Youth Program is approved as presented

**BY:** CM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Savino

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

4. Approve/Deny recommendation from the Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Committee to implement the Aaron Hill reservation requirement process.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained the P & R Committee met and recommends council implements a new set of reservation requirements for the entire town owned ball field and park areas*

**MOTION:** Implementations of a ball field reservation policy for all the ball fields is approved as presented

**BY:** CM Savino

**SECOND:** VM Boatwright

**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 - CM Duran \* Joint Venture - CM Savino & CM Yackley\*  
Tribal Committee - CM Savino & Vice-Mayor Boatwright \*  
Parks & Recreation - CM Yackley \* Senior Center - CM Savino \*  
Streets & Traffic - Mayor Beaver & CM Savino \*  
Library Board - CM Duran \* La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver  
\* WACOG/WAEDD - Vice-Mayor Boatwright \*  
\*PAACE-Vice Mayor Boatwright\*

CM Savino reported on the joint venture board, their upcoming audit, and that he and CM Yackley would be attending the EPA Wetland conference later in the month.

VM Boatwright reported attending the PAACE meeting, and that there was not a WACOG meeting held this month.

Mayor Beaver reported the Chamber of Commerce is busy getting ready for June's Tube Float; last year there was 7,000 attendees but only 700 paid and registered to be in the float; the chamber and the coast guard have issues with this and are trying to make changes to the sign up policy, being able to go one line to register and moving the startup location from Patria Flats to La Paz County Park.

CM Duran reported the Library board has not had a quorum for the past two meetings so they have not held a meeting; a special meeting is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup>, and then the board would be dark until September.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Update for Fiscal 2012- 2013

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

Print out of the general fund for the current fiscal and what is projected and the question was asked of council was there any major concerns the TM would like this to be the last general meeting for the budget and by having this update most all information is being brought to the table for any discussion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report was in detail, one item the LTAF funding the senior center received in the past had ended, the committee would have to hold more benefits to help offset that loss she added.

### 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**.

Mark Rafael from the 216 Riverside Drive, USA Gas & Snack Station along with Rob Brecht from AmeriGas explained to Council; previously they were given permission to set a propane tank at the business and encroach into the Town's right-of way for one-year; when given the encroachment they were told, if a safety or liability issue came to light the business would need to move the propane tank. Mr. Rafael said that is easily done by just removing the tanks four leg bolts and move the tank to another location on the premises. Mr. Rafael added due to the propane sales the Sales tax revenues have increased for the town; however they would comply and move the tank.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs. May 9<sup>th</sup> WACOG Executive Board @ Blue Water Casino 1:00pm  
Thurs, May 9<sup>th</sup> Adult Education certificates and awards @ Blake School multi-purpose room 6:00pm

Mon.	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Rec Committee	4:00pm
Mon.	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of & the Library Board Meetings @ the Library	4:00+5:00pm
Tue.	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Special Council Executive Meeting	5:30pm
Wed.	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Special Council Executive Meeting	5:30pm
Tue.	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: Adjourn the regular meeting**  
**BY: CM Duran**  
**SECOND: CM Shontz**  
**VOTE: All in favor, Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 6:55pm and reconvened back into a work session**

Roll Call of Council: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Boatwright, Council Members Duran, Hooper, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Chief of Police Mendoza, Public Works Dir. Edwards, Library Manager Davis

One of the Items needed are a new lawn mower for the new ball field; council asked wasn't the Diamond Backs going to provide a special mower for the field so the special grass, etc., remains green and pretty; PW Edwards replied the contractor did suggest that but has not got back with yet. A flag pole and fencing was also suggested. CM Savino stated he would like to see the flag done currently not wait until the next fiscal.

TM added she would like the fencing to be put on and hold and use that funds for the employees; CM Duran stated she would like to have shade a priority; her grandson was staring pitcher and sitting out in the sun at his game it was hot and it's just going to get hotter. Funding for the youth programs was discussed; CM Hooper said he would like to have the town hire themselves and use the money to hire five youths. This would tell the youth of the town we care about them. Why would the town want to duplicate what the career center already does for the youths asked CM Duran? The center already takes the responsibility and liability for the 3.5 student the town normal gets. Mayor agreed with Hooper in wanting to do more for our youth but was then surprised to realize the town normal does not get just 3.5 it gets 5 to 6 youths for all the departments.

Upcoming Street and Community projects are crack and fog sealing, street signage and street painting which are covered by HURF revenues. The water department needs to paint the two big tanks this year; colors are always debated and there would always be new meters to replace and water lines that need to be budgeted for. Matching funds must be set aside for any grants the town applies for. Things are in good shape it was agreed by all.

**MOTION:** Adjourn the work session  
**BY:** VM Boatwright  
**SECOND:** CM Hooper  
**VOTE:** All in favor, Mayor then adjourned the work session at 7:35pm

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 of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on April 7, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

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Candy Cockrell, CMC Town Clerk.

Some members of the Council or the Town Attorney may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference call. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation by contacting, the Town Clerk, (928) 669-9265, at least (72) hours before the scheduled meeting. Facilities are handicapped accessible.