

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor asked all present to please set to mute or turn off 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, Shontz, and Yackley

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

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Deacon Yoder, John Gutkunest, Mary Hamilton, Josh Savino, Roberta Hoffman, DL Wilson, and David Cordilla

INVOCATION: Given by Deacon Roger Yoder from Messiah Lutheran

PRESENTATION: Tim Edwards, Public Works Director
Tim Edwards introduced Mayor and Council to Steven Cordilla one of the town public works employee who he explained works for the town via the Career Center program. He presented Steven with two awards from Parker High School that were presented at the school awards program but Steven was unable to either attend or accept because he was working. The first was for Automotive Technologies and the second for Welding Technologies; both awards would provide Steven with the technical education and skills to help with his future. Congratulations were given by all.

PRESENTATIONS: *"Community Partners"*

Parker Area Chamber of Commerce – Parker Area Tourism
LaPaz Economic Development

Mary Hamilton Chamber Director provided the Council with a printed summary of the 2014/2015 Chamber accomplishments; highlighting they had applied and received a unsecured business line of credit that allowed the chamber building loan to be paid off. Special events highlighted were the acceptance of the Governor's Award; all targeted revenues for the chambers' events had exceeded their targets. She wrote and received a grant for the Billboard and the end of town to be completed and set by the end of June. "Chamber Master" is the program purchased as an investment for the chamber, staff, members, businesses and anyone that visit the

chamber on line. Social media goals were part of the chambers current and future goals and all are right on track. A thank you was given to the town for its partnership throughout the year as a short video was then presented.

Josh Savino the Chamber Tourism Director also provided council with a printed copy of the Tourism Social Media Marketing Strategy overview. Parker received a gigantic boost via the social media recent "Skeletons" discovery, granted it was only a hoax but what a gift as Parker has been visited via the internet by thousands and most with positive feedback just before the upcoming June 6th Tube Float. Tourism is a \$144 million dollar industry in La Paz County which Parker is its heart. He explained some of the objectives that are planned for the summer of 2015; Memorial Day is the kickoff to summer, the 38th Annual June Tube Float, 4th of July and the Labor Day weekend; the river is anticipated to be packed which is great for the Town of Parker. Again a huge thank you was given to the Town for their partnership throughout the years. "Parker Arizona come for the weekend and returns for a lifetime" theme was stated.

Roberta Hoffman Chairperson for the LaPaz Economic Development Corporation provided the third quarter reports for Skip Becker who was unable to be present for. She noted the accomplishments over the past month with new businesses in the town like Sacko Oil Company recent completion and hoped ribbon cutting due very soon. The 80 million dollar Rose Acers Egg Farm staff members are in town almost daily. When that facility is completed it will provide for 80 to 100 jobs with benefits. Much of what Skip does has to be kept quiet as the investors are very secretive with their plans for bringing new business to our area. In the two years Skip has been with the corporation he has brought much to the area and was recently named Economic Developer of the Year for small communities by the Arizona Association of Developers. Ship thanked his wife Carol for her partnership in their development efforts for the Town and for the area was relayed by Ms Hoffman.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

- a. Regular/Special Budget Council Meeting Minutes held on May 5, 2015
- b. Special Executive Council Meeting Minutes held on May 12, 2015

MOTION: The consent agenda items a and b are accepted as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

- 1 Approve/Deny a Special Event Liquor License from applicant David Lucas for the Parker Volunteer Fire annual Saturday, September 19, 2015 BBQ and Auction during the hours of 3:00pm until 11:00pm; to additionally request the Street Closures of Arizona Avenue at Kofa Avenue to 14th Street.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this is a annual event attended and enjoyed by many towns folk; comments given it is very early this year which is a good thing. All permits are in place and all postings have staffs approval she stated.

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

2. Approve/Deny Resolution 05-2015 approving the annual extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Yuma/LaPaz Counties Community College District (AWC) and the Town of Parker Public Library from July 1, 2015 through fiscal year June 30, 2016.

Library Manager Davis explained this too was a housekeeping item; the college district annual provides funding for the evening hours and supplies for the library. Staff recommends the council adopts the resolution and yearly extension of the intergovernmental agreement.

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BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Collett
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*

VM Hoper reported he missed the Library meeting again and asked Ruthie if there was anything missed, she replied no

CM Hartless reported WACOG was losing a long time member of their work force, Elisa is retiring – she would be greatly missed

CM Yackley announced the rest rooms are done at the western park; the shades would happen later in the year. Mayor inquired if the P & R board was in communication with anyone from the Poston Rotary; the reply is Tim and Lane talk daily about the receipt of the items.

CM Savino reported there would be a Joint Venture meeting held on the 27th to discuss with EPA building a wetlands area down at the preserve site.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs.	May 21 st	Chamber Mixer @ DNA Power Sports up river	5:30- 7:30pm
	Monday, May 25th all Town offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day		
Wed.	May 27 th	Pre-Construction Meeting	10:30am
Thurs.	May 28 th	Streets and Traffic Committee Meeting	5:15pm
Fri.	May 29th	Parker High School Graduation	8:00pm
Tue.	June 2nd	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:53pm and announced there would be a 10 minute break before calling the work session to order.

ADJOURN:

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

CALL THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver called the Budget Work Session to order at 7:15pm

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

PURPOSE:

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

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained tonight was the third budget meeting for the proposed \$16.8 million dollar town budget for the council. Highlights were a revised list of Capital Projects from the departments which included removal of the drinking fountains for all parks; funding for Astro-Turf at Aaron Hill if matching money is also raised, 2 new trucks for public works using HURF funds. Salaries were discussed which she was comfortable with the budget of a 3% COLA and a 3% Merit for all employees on their anniversary date. For Community Partners funded as Pop Harvey Aquatics \$6,700 swim programs, PAACE \$1,600 summer programs, Crisis Shelter \$500 Taste of Parker, CRIT \$1,499 4th of July fireworks, Coyote Program \$6,000 summer employment, Chamber of Commerce \$23,000, Tourism \$25,000, and LaPaz EDC \$15,000. VM Hooper suggested ECD gets \$5,000 more and CM Collett suggested taking the \$5,000 from the dog park which has been pre budgeted for \$11,000 the past two years and has not been any attempted match from the requesters. CM Yackley inquired about the merit for the employees, would that be for everyone across the board or how is the process done. Manager explained each department head would evaluate their employee for which percent of a merit could be earned for a 1, 2, or the 3% and then be awarded on their anniversary date. He asked did she think they all would get the 3% she replied that would be up to the individual and the department head. Mayor commented he like the merit process it gave the employee an incentive to do better. Previously council discussed the Utility Enterprises Fund of which is the water billing and the water department. Additionally, there was Parker South, grant funding,

HURF, and shared revenues funds all those require budgeted amounts are on the books as a just in case. All the funds lines are currently balanced stated the manager.

ADJOURN THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION::

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Special Budget Work Session at 8:08pm

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 19, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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