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MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, June 2, 2020 5:45 P.M.

**CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER:** Mayor Beaver calls the public hearing to order at 5:45 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Marion Shontz, Council Member Randy Hartless, and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Chief of Police Michael Bailey.

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Lori Muriel, Allen May, Melissa Newton, Sarah Bailey, Rey Deleon, and Pastor Jose Garcia

1. Discussion

a. 2020 Alternative Expenditure Limitation-Home Rule Option

Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager

*Town Manager Wedemeyer provides council with the summary analysis worksheet for the Home Rule option. She provides a brief overview of the worksheet and what we are asking of the voters. She notes the state imposed limits and what will happen if voters do not approve the home rule option. It is noted if it is not passed our budget will be reduced to ¼ of what it is now. VM Hooper asks if we would have to cut services if this is not approved. Yes, many services will have to be cut. It was noted what happened in Tucsyen when their voters did not approve to increase. They had to let go of many of their employees. She opens up the hearing to any questions or comments. CM Bonds asks if historically this has ever been denied by the voters, no it has never been denied. Mayor Beaver notes that many of the services in town would not be available, jobs would have to be cut, and we need to control our own destiny. It is noted that the town does not spend money that it does not have on hand. It is asked what happens to moneys that are collected if the voters do not approve the limit increase? The monies collected would be kept in their funds as we would be unable to spend anything above the state imposed limits. It is noted that this would affect everything for 4 years; it would affect the police department and many other things. CM Savino notes this will also affect many grants and projects.*

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

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please silence or mute your electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver calls the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Marion Shontz, Council Member Randy Hartless, and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Interim Chief of Police Michael Bailey.

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Lori Muriel, Allen May, Melissa Newton, Sarah Bailey, Rey Deleon, and Pastor Jose Garcia

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Garcia of Parker Apostolic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PROCLAMATION: "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" June 15, 2020

*The proclamation is read by Town Clerk Amy Putnam of behalf of WACOG. Mayor Beaver signs the proclamation.*

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. Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2020  
(Absent Council Member Randy Hartless and Council Member David Lucas)

**MOTION:** To approve the Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2020  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** CM Bonds  
**VOTE:** With Council Member Randy Hartless and Council Member David Lucas abstaining and all others in favor, the motion passed;

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

- 1. USDA Rural Development Grant

Michael Bailey, Interim Chief of Police

*Interim Chief of Police Michael Bailey thanks council for their time and requests that they approve the USDA Grant for necessary equipment needed for building and safety upgrades. He notes the various items that are planned to be purchased with the grant funds, including the new security items, office supplies and safes. Discussion continues regarding the funding of the grant and what must be provided by the town in order to satisfy the terms.*

**MOTION:** To approve the USDA Rural Development Grant  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Lucas  
**VOTE:** With all others in favor, the motion passed;

*Please fill out a "Request to Speak" form if you wish to address the Council at "Call to the Public" on any agenda item*

There was one call to public submitted to the clerk:

*Melissa Newton, Parker Area Chamber of Commerce Director, shares the calendar for upcoming events is beginning to fill up. She notes the meet the candidates on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.*

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- \*Chamber of Commerce-CM Savino + Manager Wedemeyer\*
- \* Tourism-Mayor Beaver + Manager Wedemeyer \*
- Joint Venture-VM Hooper + CM Savino\* PAACE-CM Lucas
- Tribal Committee -Mayor Beaver + CM Savino \*
- Parks & Recreation-Lucas + Hooper Senior Center-CM Savino \*
- Streets & Traffic -VM Hooper + CM Savino\*
- Library Board\*CM Shontz\*La Paz County Fair Board-CM Bonds
- \* WACOG-CM Savino + CM Hartless
- \*WAEDD- CM Savino + Mayor Beaver

*CM Savino notes that he attended the WACOG meeting and they have been discussing Covid Cares Act Funding. He notes what is being provided to the head starts throughout the state. He notes the committee that has been working on the tube float, they are working on transportation services, insurance etc. He also notes that the joint venture board has not had a meeting as of yet. No other reports are given, however CM Bonds wanted to thank Town Clerk Amy Putnam for the assistance in the graduation parade and the time spent making the gift bags. Town Clerk, Amy Putnam, notes that she had help from several employees and thanks Lupita Balderrama, Megan Poe, Ashla Jimenez, and Tracy McConnell for everything that they helped with, this was a team effort by many Town Employees.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday	June 6, 2020	Celebration of Life Leroy Shontz	5:00 PM @ 509 W. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Parker, AZ
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Tuesday	June 16, 2020	Public Meeting Home Rule-Expenditure Limit Option	5:45 PM
Tuesday	June 16, 2020	Public Hearing Water/Trash Rate Increase	6:00 PM
Tuesday	June 16, 2020	Next Regular Council Meeting	Immediately following the above Public Hearings
Thursday	June 24, 2020	Meet the Candidates	6:00 PM @ Parker Senior Center

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

***Adjourn the regular meeting and convene into a special executive session***

CALL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver called the executive meeting to order at 6:22 PM

ROLE CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Marion Shontz, Council Member Randy Hartless, and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Interim Chief of Police Michael Bailey

PURPOSE:

1. Discussion and possible action to convene into an Executive Session pursuant to **A. R. S. § 38-431.03A (1)** for the purpose of:
  - a. Discussion pertaining to the employment and compensation of the Chief of Police

**Adjourn the Executive Session and Re-Call the Regular Meeting to Order**

RE-CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver called the regular meeting back to order at 7:27 PM

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Marion Shontz, Council Member Randy Hartless, and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Interim Chief of Police Michael Bailey.

Others Present: John Gutekunst, Lori Muriel, Allen May, Melissa Newton, Sarah Bailey, Rey Deleon, and Pastor Jose Garcia

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of any motions pertaining to the employment and compensation of the Chief of Police

*VM Hooper asks about the possible review schedule. It is noted that every 2 months for the first six months of Chief Bailey's employment as the Chief of police there shall be an updated report of how things are moving along in his new role.*

**MOTION:** To approve the hiring of Michael Bailey for the Chief of Police position  
**BY:** CM Hartless  
**SECOND:** CM Bonds  
**VOTE:** With all others in favor, the motion passed

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beaver adjourns the meeting at 7:33 PM

Approve

  
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Dan Beaver, Mayor