

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013
6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Beaver asked everyone to please turn off or set to mute all their 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, Hartless, Hooper, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Interim Chief of Police Rome, Officers Torres & Shrewsbury, Police Assistant Kassie Hunter, Public Works Director Edwards, Library Manager Davis , Senior Director Tilley, Helen Warning, Marty Stewart, and Dian Able

Others Present: George Rennau, John Gutkunest, Duce Mino. Randy Hartless, Mellissa and John Wright, Dolores Ferris, Cathy Aiello, Dave Boatwright, Tiffany and Scott Dunlap, Lorrie Thompson, Launa and Darrell Wilson, Penny and Ken Yannayon, Leeann and Rod Mendoza, Bobbie Hendrix, Don Puckett, and Wyatt Wilson

INVOCATION: Pastor Rennau from Grace Assembly Church gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PRESENTATION: Dian Abel Darla Tilley, Parker Senior Center Director

Center Director Tilley presented Dian Abel with a plaque of appreciation as she has retired after being with the Center for 11 years. Ms Abel was praised for her dedication and compassion to the recipients of the homebound meals she has delivered to on a weekly basis. It is the Center's and managers hope that Dian will return back as a volunteer at the Center.

PRESENTATION: PAACE Melissa Wright, Randy Hartless and Duce Minor

Melissa Wright the director of community relations for PAACE explained as she presented through a PowerPoint presentation all that PAACE provides for the community primarily directed towards the youth By promoting a drug free, violence free lifestyle. She listed the numbers that show PAACE has been effective for quite a few years in its efforts for the local youths. Randy Hartless is the director of programs for the center who also updated council on the centers efforts in getting grants to help financially provide the local youths with different avenues to have fun with instead of turning toward drugs or alcohol.

Council individually thanked the directors for all they provide for the community's youths.

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 request. If requested, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

1. Tue. August 6th Special Executive Council Meeting Minutes (-CM VH+MS)
2. Tue. August 6th Regular Council Meeting Minutes (all present)

MOTION: Agenda item a be accepted and approved as presented
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Hooper
VOTE: All in favor except for Council Members Shontz and Hartless that abstained not being present passed the motion

MOTION: Agenda item b is accepted and approved as presented
BY: VM Boatwright
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny the Parker Police Department to accept the 100 Club of Arizona's Safety Enhancement Stipend Award for the 1st quarter of 2013 funding.

Rodney Mendoza, Chief of Police

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this money is funded to help the department purchase six new Taser X2 and fifty replacement cartridges; Council member Hooper inquired how many times in a year is a Taser implemented; Sergeant Romo replied approximately 5-6 times.

MOTION: Funding from the 100 Club of Arizona's Safety Enhancement is approved to accept
BY: CM Hooper
SECOND: VM Boatwright
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

2. Approve/Deny the Parker Public Library to accept and apply the Bi-lingual Grant funding awarded by the State Library.

Library Manager Davis explained she came before council back in February and requested approval to apply for a grant to help with the community bi-lingual clients, this is the request to accept the awarded funding and start the after school program.

MOTION: Acceptance of the Bi-lingual grant funding is approved as presented
BY: CM Hooper
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

3. Approve/Deny (first reading) Ordinance 01-2013, the rezone from Community Commercial (C2) to Residential Medium High Density (R2) as set forth in file number PZ 02-2013, as recommended by the Town of Parker Planning and Zoning Commission.

Acting Community Development Director Edwards explained the request to rezone the suggested property from C2 to R2 for the purpose of selling the home site; banks do not like to loan on commercial zoned home sites he added. The request had completed all the required legal postings, neighborhood meetings, and is recommended by the planning and zoning commission for council's action. Vice Mayor Boatwright asked if the surrounding properties were concurrent in the same zoning, Mr. Edwards replied in the affirmative, as most were changed back in 2005.

MOTION: The first reading of Ordinance 01-2013 is approved as presented
BY: VM Boatwright
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny award the Town of Parker Barrier Removal Project Phase II a Community Development Block Grant project to local contractor Durham Construction.

Public Works Director Edwards explained Phase II of the CDBG project would provide for a new automatic library door and would provide handicap accessible restrooms at the senior center. The project is estimated to be completed by December of this year. All legal postings were complied with, final bid submitted was \$99,366.00, which fell below the engineer's estimate of \$114,700.00, and is staff's recommendation for approval

MOTION: Award of the Town of Parker Barrier Removal Project Phase II to local contractor Durham Construction is approved as presented
BY: CM Hooper
SECOND: VM Boatwright
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny authorize Public Works to proceed with the Town of Parker Well 8 Rehabilitation Project.

Public Works Director Edwards explained previously he asked to do a video of the town well 8, this proved there was a further need to replace the sand separator and make various repairs to the bowl, tubes and some shafts internally. None of this work can be done by town staff and it is staff's recommendation we invite qualified contractors submit a bid for those services and materials to complete this project. Vice mayor inquired if this well was close to the river the reply was approximately ¾ of a mile away.

MOTION: Public Works is authorized to proceed going to bid for the Town of Parker Well 8 Rehabilitation Project
BY: CM Hooper
SECOND: CM Savino
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 - --- * 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 --- * La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver

* WACOG/WAEDD - Vice-Mayor Boatwright *
PAACE-Vice Mayor Boatwright

Council Member Savino reported attending the Joint Venture meeting with Council Member Yackley; they have approved proceeding ahead with their wet-lands project. Council Member Yackley reported attending the Parks and Recreation meeting at which they talked about the Gazebo reconstruction and the Aaron Hill ball field damage. Vice-Mayor Boatwright reported attending the PAACE meeting about Red Ribbon Week plans Mayor Beaver reported not attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting but he would get a copy of the minutes for the others.

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**.*

Launa Wilson commented on the status of the Chief Mendoza vs. Lorrie Thompson case, are the Town of Parker tax payers paying for the case, for his alleged relationships, and for the off duty officer subpoenaed to the injunction hearing? Saying there was no evidence and causing the case to be dropped was to only portray Lorrie Thompson as a liar. Ms Wilson said there is proof of the harassment if anyone wants to see it, there is proof. She declared the Chief had a relationship with the Town Manager who is his direct supervisor; the town manager should not have anything to do with any of his investigation. There is the possibility of lawsuits if the town does not get a handle on this issue, "Lorrie Thompson has the proof".

Council Member Hooper responded as to the "tax payers" of the Town, the town has no property tax the only monies the town gets is Sales Tax; town property tax goes to LaPaz County, to the Fire Department, and to the LaPaz County Hospital – nothing to the Town.

Darrel G. Wilson announced if nothing is done about the chief of police it would go public, billboards are going up they will be placed in noticeable areas, the media is being contacted across the state and in California. For those that do not know this is a pattern of Mendoza, its happened prior in Ventura California, past firings of employees for doing what he is being accused of is a pattern. Arizona POST has investigated Mendoza in the past, please do the right thing, put him on administrative leave bring in an outside investigation agency do the right thing for the citizens of the town. As his wife said there is proof. Why has the public never heard anything from Mendoza in a response, why nothing in response from Lori Wedemeyer, no denial, no responses from anyone as to the allegations?

Mayor Beaver responded there is an ongoing investigation going on; not only by DPS but by a private firm hired through the town's human resources department. Additionally, Chief Mendoza was placed on administrative leave earlier prior to this meeting.

Penny Yannayon commented on the plight of the homelessness within the area, both she and her husband Ken want to be involved. Council gave various suggestions Vice Mayor Boatwright and Council Member Hairless both offered them any help they can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wed.	Aug. 21 st	PAACE (VM Boatwright Liaison) @ Players 9 th Street	12: noon
Thurs.	Aug. 29 th	Streets and Traffic regular Committee meeting	5:30pm
Tue.	Sept. 3 rd	next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm
Thurs.	Sept. 5 th	Senior Center regular Committee meeting @ the Center	9:30am
Mon.	Sept. 9 th	Parks and Recreation regular Committee meeting	4:30pm
Mon.	Sept. 9 th	Friends and Library Board regular meetings @ the Library	4:00-5:00pm

Monday August 26th until Thursday, August 29th members of the Council will attend the Annual 2013 League of Cities and Towns Municipal Conference in Oro Valley, AZ

Monday, September 2nd all Town offices will be **closed** in observance of the Labor Day

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: **The meeting be adjourned**
BY: **VM Boatwright**
SECOND: **CM Hooper**
VOTE: **All in favor, Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 6:50pm**

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 August 20, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

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.