

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING / SPECIAL WORK SESSION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 6:00pm

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor asked all present to please silence or mute their electronic devices during the Council Meeting

CALL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Beaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Grissum from the Lilly of the Valley Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Given by all present

Roll call: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett, V. Hartless, R. Hartless, and Shontz
Absent, Council Member Savino

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Police Chief Romo, Public Works Dir. Stewart, Library Manager Davis, Public Works Administrative Secretary Johnson, Sergeant Bailey, Officer Ketcham, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Michelle and Pastor Grissum

OATH OF OFFICE: Officer Scott Ketcham by Mayor Beaver

Mayor Beaver gave Scott Ketcham his Town of Parker Police Department Police Officer Oath of Office; after congratulations by all, Officer Ketcham stated he is a past 25 year California Police officer that was looking for a better area for his family to live in, heard about an opening in Parker, came, like the area, and now has made it their home.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approve the following:

- a. August 1, 2017 Regular Minutes (absent Mayor Beaver)

MOTION: The August 1st minutes are approved as presented
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM R Hartless
VOTE: All in favor, Mayor Beaver abstained not being present, the motion passed

- b. August 15, 2017 Regular Minutes (all present)

MOTION: The August 15th minutes are approved as presented
BY: CM Collett

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny appoint Zafer Genc to the vacant 2-year position on the Town of Parker Parks & Recreation Committee

Public Works Director Stewart explained Doctor Z was excited about becoming a new member of the Parks and Rec Committee; council commented their thanks to all that serve the Town by being board and committee members. Doc Z first meeting would be the following Monday the 11th of September.

MOTION: The appointment of Zafer Genc to the Town of Parker's Parks and Recreation Committee be approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM R Hartless

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

2. Approve/Deny authorize Public Works issue a Call for Bids for services and materials to perform the Eagle Avenue Improvement Project.

Public Works Director Stewart explained the request to go out for bids to perform the Eagle Avenue project which is part of the fiscal year 2017/2018 Capital Budget; the Streets and Traffic Committee the Vice Mayor and Council Member Savino have reviewed and recommended this project move ahead. This pavement project would be in the area of the new O'Rileys Auto Parts Store. CM Shontz and Collett confirmed the paving would be on both sides of the street. The question was asked as to when they would go out to advertisement; Council was told the following week. .

MOTION: The Public Works is authorized to proceed with plans to issue a Call for Bids for the Eagle Avenue Project is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

3. Approve/Deny Public Works purchase a new Ford F-150 Pickup using the Arizona State Contract (approved FY 2017/2018 Capital HURF Projects)

Public Works Director Stewart explained the request for a new pickup for the Public Works which currently the staff is using a dump truck for their normal work to and fro at the job sites. This purchase would use the state contact and is covered in the fiscal year 2017/2018 capital project using HURF funding. No questions came from the council which Mayor Beaver had requested himself from any action upon.

MOTION: The purchase of a new Ford F-150 Pickup using the Arizona State Contract is approved as presented for \$23,975.19 from Parker Motor

BY: CM Collett

SECOND: CM R Hartless

VOTE: The Mayor abstained from either presenting or taking any action on this item; All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny Parker Police Department submittal of a NRA Foundation Grant for the purchase of Gen 4 or Gen 5 Glock handguns, improved sights and training ammunition.

Chief Romo explained the request to submit this grant to obtain 15 new guns for the staff, which included special gun sites, and 6,000 rounds of training ammo. VM Hooper asked if reloaded ammo was available

to and for use, CM Collett replied, being himself the ex-Sherriff reloaded ammo is a no/no due its use liabilities and the insurance factors.

MOTION: The Police Department is authorized to submit the requested grant proposal to the NRA Foundation as presented

BY: CM Shontz

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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

VM Hooper reported attending the recent Parks and Recreation committee’s work session at the Western Park area by the Aaron Hill Ball Field concession stand where they looked at various locations to place the Memorial Bricks. It was thought that above the concession food window would be best as that is where they could be seen by all, that action would be officially be decided at the next P & R regular meeting on the 11th of September.

At the Streets and Traffic committee it was decided to host the upcoming Veteran’s Day Parade in November; they want to try get a member of each branch of the service and hopefully one of each past war to be honored and to ride together in the parade.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: *There was no Call at this meeting*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor announced there would be a grand opening of the new Hampton Inn by Hilton on Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00am

Thurs.	Sept.7 th	Senior Center Committee @ the Center	9:30am
Mon.	Sept. 11 th	Parks & Rec Committee (CM Collett)	4:00pm
Mon.	Sept. 11 th	Library Board @ the Library (CM Shontz)	5:00pm
Wed.	Sept. 13 th	Valve R/R 14 th at Palo Verde/Ocotillo midnight – 4:00am	Water will be off
Tue.	Sept. 19 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and convene into Special Council Work Session

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular at 6:17pm and then called the Special Work Session to order at 6:18pm

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett, V. Hartless, R. Hartless, and Shontz
Absent, Council Member Savino

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Police Chief Romo, Public Works Dir. Stewart, Library Manager Davis, Public Works Administrative Secretary Johnson, Sergeant Bailey, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Purpose:

1. Discussion

a. Town of Parker Signage

Town Manager Wedemeyer stated Council has requested that staff research the Town Code on its ordinances pertaining to signage within the Town limits and within the right of ways.

Mayor Beaver relayed he really does not want another election year like the last one; he had received a multitude of calls which resulted in both he and the Chief constantly spending all their time looking into illegal sign allegations.

Council knew this would not be solved with one work sessions but each wanted to get their thoughts in the open.

First when it came to the state office elections, no one ever comes into the town and asks if they can put up a sign prior, all of sudden their up.

Information for what is State allowed was provided, and the Town Clerk noted it was the same that is currently what the Town has allowable. There is a gray area though, as to how many signs are allowed per lot, of how many running candidates are being supported for. Council didn't like a multitude of signs hanging on the fences but noted if it was a tribal lot nothing could really be done.

Suggestions were limit the number of signs per candidate that could be placed on a piece of private property

As for signs, have only one standard size allowable; Mayor provided a example of a 2"x4" sign. Nothing larger should be needed.

Council also had a concern for when a business puts up a sign and then goes out of business who removes the signs.

A sign permit is needed to be obtained before; a special fee could be added to the business licenses application with a returnable cost that after the business is closed if the signs are removed and the fee is returned. Council didn't want to deter businesses with additional fees but agreed something was needed.

Have in the ordinance clause at election time list all the requirements and require it be signed before any candidate places a sign that way by each candidate signing the permit they are acknowledging they will abide by the rules or receive a fine.

Council asked the Chief what type of fine is allowable; he replied it could be a ticket first

and if not addressed could go up to \$500 dollar fine if the problem is not corrected. Mayor stated this is just the first step in amending the sign ordinance, staff has its direction and Council has their directions to study their paperwork as this topic would be revisited.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Special Work Session at 6:52pm

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting/Work Session of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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