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MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

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

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Police Chief Clay Romo, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Detective Joseph Venegas, Payroll Specialist Jennifer Alcaida, Officer Jason Pernel, Lieutenant Michael Bailey, Megan Poe Community Development Administrative Assistant, Briana Golding

Others Present: Buni Hooper, Pastor Darrell Grissum, Michele Grissum, John Gutekunst, Jennifer Aspa, Mary Hamilton, Ray Albright, Cassie Venegas, Mark Baldenegro, Jeff Spahn, Lorrie Muriel, Ellen Solper, Regina Twomey, Daniel Ortega, Deanna Beaver, Michael Kelly, Michela Kelly, Mona Duran.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Darrell Grissum from Lily of The Valley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by everyone in attendance

PRESENTATION: Introduction of New Employees:

Jason Pennell
Briana Golding

Megan Poe
Amy Putnam

Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer welcomes all of the new employees to the front. She introduces everyone to Council and audience.

PRESENTATION: APS

Jeff Spahn, Region Director APS, introduces new employees and informs the Council of several personnel changes. He thanks the Council for their time.

PROCLAMATION: *Deanna Beaver from The Daughters of the American Revolution reads the proclamation to the Council regarding Constitution Week. Mayor Beaver orders that the week of September 17, 2019 through September 23, 2019 be recognized as Constitution Week.*

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**.

There was no Call to the Public

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 Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2019 (Absent CM R. Hartless)

MOTION: To Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019
BY: CM Bonds
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: With CM Hartless abstaining, and the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

- b. Town of Parker Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019

MOTION: To Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

- c. Town of Parker Work Session Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

MOTION: To Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Bonds
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

- d. Town of Parker Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

MOTION: To Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

- e. Town of Parker Special Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

MOTION: To Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2019
BY: CM Bonds
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny Parker Police Department to Enter Into MOU With La Paz County to Acquire Trailer.

Clay Romo, Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Clay Romo, came forward to request approval from the Council to enter into a MOU with La Paz County for the transfer of an enclosed trailer. Chief Romo explains that La Paz County is no longer using the trailer for its intended purpose, emergency preparedness, and they are required to dispose of it by transferring to another agency. He notes that the trailer will be "wrapped" in the same style as the new police vehicle and will be used in community awareness events. VM Hooper asks if this is a box trailer, yes it is. Chief Romo does note that the trailer is in need of some routine maintenance, tires, lights etc. CM Lucas asks if the trailer is required to be used for emergencies, as that was its original purpose, no the trailer can be use however the police department likes.

MOTION: To Approve the MOU between Parker Police Department and La Paz County for the acquisition of the enclosed trailer.
BY: CM Bonds
SECOND: VM Hooper
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

2. Approve/Deny Parker Police Department Request to Approve The Purchase and Uplifting of Three (3) Patrol Vehicles.

Clay Romo, Chief of Police

Mayor Beaver recuses himself from this item. Chief of Police, Clay Romo, came forward to request approval for the purchase and uplifting of three (3) new police vehicle's He notes that every few years this item comes before the Council for approval, the new vehicles and outfitting have already been budgeted for. Chief Romo notes that the vehicles will be

purchased through a 3 year "lease" type program from Parker Ford, at the end of the three years the vehicles will be paid for. CM Hartless asks if the town will own these after the three years, yes the town will own the vehicles. CM Hartless feels the wording is a little strange. Each vehicle will be \$39,000.00. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that at the end of the lease program the town will purchase the vehicles for the sum of \$1.00. CM Savino asks if the Police Department will be retiring any vehicles, yes they will be retiring 2 vehicles.

MOTION: To Approve the purchase of three new police vehicles, budgeted items
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Bonds
VOTE: With Mayor Beaver recusing, Remaining six in favor, the motion passed

3. Approve/Deny Adoption of new Town Ordinance 03-2019 NCJAS Background Checks.

Clay Romo, Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Clay Romo, came forward to ask for approval on a new Town ordinance. He notes that the implementation of this ordinance will allow the Police Department to run background checks on employees, volunteers, panhandlers, etc. He notes that there is no Town ordinance like this in effect. He notes this type of check is done in many other counties. The new Town of Parker ordinance will mirror Lake Havasu City's. Chief Romo notes this will allow the Police Department to know who is going door to door. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that the ordinance has been looked over by the former town attorney and that Ashla Jimenez has also been working with the FBI to make changes to the ordinance to make sure the town is covered. CM Hartless and Chief Romo clarify this is for door to door salesmen not pan handlers. It is noted that there is not an ordinance needed to do background checks on new employees. Chief Romo explains that there is no ordinance needed, however the information that can be collected is not as in depth as this background check would allow. CM Hartless and CM Bonds both ask if there is a fee to be charged to the pan handlers. Chief Romo says that portion is still being worked on and that he will come back with that information at a later date, he expects that there will be costs incurred to run the fingerprints through the state. CM Shontz asks how long it takes to process the fingerprints, Chief Romo notes through the state up to 1 month. VM Hooper asks if we can do fingerprints now; yes traditional ink and roll, chief Romo notes we already do fingerprints for the schools, AWC programs etc. CM Shontz asks if this will impact kids selling broncs cards, girl scouts etc. Chief Romo notes this has not been addressed, all agree that there should be a non-profit clause. CM Savino wants to know if this agreement will go to the new town attorney, Town Manager Wedemeyer states it will after there is a little more clean up done to the ordinance. CM Lucas asks if we have asked the County about using their live scan system so we don't have to wait a month to get fingerprints back. Chief Romo notes that the County is very limited on time and you need to make an appointment. Council discusses the possibility of getting our own machine. Chief Romo notes the high cost and the need for additional space, at this time there would be no place to put a machine like that.

MOTION: To Approve Adoption of Town Ordinance 03-2019 with the addition of a non-profit clause
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Hartless
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny Public Works Crack Seal Materials Purchase.

Steve Ziegler, Interim Public Works Director

Town Manager Wedemeyer speaks on behalf of Steve Ziegler in his absence. TM Wedemeyer notes that this item was brought at budget time, and is a budgeted annual item for the Public Works Department. She notes that the equipment will be rented from a state contracted company, for the bid. It will be approximately \$4,000 a month and it will be a monthly contract of approximately 3-4 months. She notes that there is money in the budget to cover this item. CM Lucas asks about the quantity noted on the quote for the rental equipment, TM Wedemeyer states it is a quantity of 1 month, again she notes about 3-4 months will be needed to complete the sealing project. Mayor Beaver asks if Town employees will be doing the work, yes they will. VM Hooper asks if the compressor to blow out the cracks is included in this quote as well, yes it is included. TM notes that this is a time sensitive item as the equipment has to be reserved as there is limited supply, and there is a short window that the sealing can be done in.

MOTION: To Approve purchase of Crack Sealing Materials for the Public Works Department
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Bonds
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny Public Works Asphalt Re-striping Agency Rd.

Steve Ziegler, Interim Public Works Director

Town Manager Wedemeyer speaks on behalf of Steve Ziegler in his absence. TM Wedemeyer notes that Public works Supervisor believes this is in the budget. This item is strictly for Agency Rd. This will allow the road to have the white and yellow lines, The new stripping is more adherent and will last longer than what has been used in the past. This item is on a state contract so it is with in the budget and public works believes there is room in their budget for this project, this is not a capital budget request but an additional one.

MOTION: To Approve Public Works Asphalt Re-striping of Agency Rd.
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Lucas
VOTE: All in Favor, the motion passed

6. Approve/Deny Pulling of Agreement with EDC

Before beginning any discussion Mayor Beaver notes there are 3 documents supporting this item. Supporting document one is from VM Hooper in which he recommends pulling the agreement off the table, as the EDC has indicated that, at this time they are not willing to sign it. Supporting document two was from EDC President D.L. Wilson letting the Council know that he had medical appointments this week that would keep him from attending this week’s meeting; he would like this to be postponed until the next Council meeting. Last supporting document was another email from EDC President Wilson again requesting the Council move this item to another meeting. Mayor Beaver wants to make some comments: He understands the sense of urgency that we are working on. He notes the wonderful conversation that was had between the Council and Chamber of Commerce, and that there was a little give and take on both sides. He notes that the same discussion has not been had between the Council and the EDC, he notes that the EDC is not willing to sign the agreement as it is, but the agreement is a good starting point to begin discussions. He thinks that all sides need to be heard, and see if we can all find common ground like we did with the Chamber. He thinks that by pulling the agreement it will forever more end all discussion regarding the agreement. He would like to see this item tabled in order to schedule another work session, so that all ideas can be heard and some common ground can be found. He thinks that as a courtesy to the EDC the Council should hold another work session. CM Hartless notes as long as they are willing to do that. VM Hooper and CM Lucas agree that the EDC did not indicate they wanted any discussion they just said they weren’t going to sign the agreement. VM Hooper notes he is not trying to get rid of the EDC but he would like to make a motion and have it be heard. Council asks the audience if anyone is there representing the EDC, no one in the audience indicated they were representing the EDC. VM Hooper motions to pull the agreement, adding he hopes to work with the EDC in the future.

MOTION: To Approve Pulling the Agreement with EDC
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Lucas
VOTE: With Mayor Beaver and CM Shontz voting Nay, the remaining 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 *
- Joint Venture-VM Hooper + CM Savino* PAACE-CM Lucas
- Tribal Committee -Mayor Beaver + CM Savino *
- Parks & Recreation- CM Lucas + VM 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 Lucas and VM Hooper invite Jennifer Aspa forward to provide an update to the Council for the Parks and Rec Committee. Ms. Aspa shares about an ongoing project regarding policy manual for park use and comparing rates. She notes that they have been researching other communities up and down the river.

She also advises the Council of the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat event that is held annually on Halloween, the successful Back to School Bash, and the committee will be handing out treats for red ribbon week. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that she spoke with Regina, from APS and she expressed an interest in assisting with a couple of the Items that Jennifer is working on. TM Wedemeyer will be setting up a meeting with her to hopefully see how she can assist. CM Lucas notes that the Bash to School bash was fantastic.

CM Savino notes he attended the WACOG advisory board meeting. He says that the Senior Center Nutrition Program is on track and they have secured another 3 years of funding for that. The nutrition program includes the "Meals on Wheels" program. CM Savino wanted to recognize Darla Tilley, Senior Center Director. She arranged a trip for her staff to the Annual Shamrock Foods Convention. He notes that this is a great way for the staff to learn about new food items and an excellent team building time. He says there is a phenomenal group of people who work and volunteer at the senior center. CM Savino noted the Senior Nutrition program provided approximately 14,000 meals at the center and another 21,000 meals through the Meals-on-Wheels program.

CM Savino reports the Joint Venture meeting was cancelled, they are still working on outfitting the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, September 25, 2019	Parents Against Bullying @ Parker Public Library	5:30 PM
Tuesday, October 1, 2019	Next Regular Council Meeting	5:30 PM

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

Adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene into a Special Executive Session:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular meeting at 6:43 PM

CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

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 of the job performance of the Chief of Police

Convene into Executive Session

"Note, Executive Sessions are not open to the public, Matters discussed while in Executive Session must be kept Confidential by those attending"

Adjourn the Executive Session and Re-Call the Special Meeting to Order

CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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.