

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor asked everyone to please turn off or set to mute your 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 Hartless, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley  
Absent, Council Member Collett

Staff Present: Police Chief Romo, Public Works Director Edwards, Library Manager Davis, Administrative Secretary Johnson, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Pastor, Michele, and Princess Grissum, Jenna Thorn, DL Wilson, Eliza Estrada & Family, Whitney James, Diana Robles, Fawn James, Lola Leivas, Tony Nightpipe, and Debbie Pettigrew

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

PROCLAMATION: National 4-H Week October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Read aloud by various present 4-H members

PRESENTATION: County Prosperity Summit – DL Wilson

Mr. Wilson explained what the purpose of LaPaz County hosting a prosperity summit here in Parker partnering with LaPaz County Economic Development, and the Town of Quartzsite; working together to identify ways to improve our community and the area economic development. The selected counties would be notified by October 24<sup>th</sup> if selected to host a summit which would then follow sometime close to next June 2015. Council discussed the positive attractions that could be gained by hosting a summit here in Parker. They were reminded of the Focus Future Strategic Plan which was held and completed on 2012. This could be a win/win for all the communities.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Approve the following:***

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2014 (absent CM Hartless)
- b. Sacred Heart Catholic Church annual "Fall Festival + Block Party" on Saturday, November 15, 2014, starting at 7:00 am to disbanding around 7:00 pm, request closure of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at the parish alleyway to Joshua Avenue.

*Mayor requested the items be separated for their action:*

**MOTION: Consent item a be approved as presented**  
**BY: CM Shontz**  
**SECOND: VM Hooper**  
**VOTE: CM Hartless abstained not being present; the remaining approved, and passed the motion**

**MOTION: Consent item b is approved as requested**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Shontz**  
**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

- 1 Approve/Deny acceptance of JoAnne Ehasz resignation from and appoint Andrew Wheatley to fill the remainder of that 4-year term on the Town of Parker Planning and Zoning Commission.

Town Manager, Lori Wedemeyer

*In the absence of the Town Manager Public Works Director Edwards explained the previous member had submitted her resignation due to moving, and Mr. Wheatley recently moved into the town and is willing to become a commissioner – no comments were given by the council*

**MOTION: The request to accept and appoint is approved as presented**  
**BY: CM Savino**  
**SECOND: VM Hooper**  
**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

- 2 Approve/Deny Parker Police Department to accept the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (GOHS) awarded funds for "Operation DUI Impairment and Education" overtime expenditures.

*Chief Romo explained the grant staff previously applied for in February was awarded in the amount of \$2,000 which would be used for overtime hours during major holidays and/or special events, primary used for DUI details. CM Hartless asked if any matching funds were required, VM Hooper inquired if the grant is annually applied for; the Chief answered there were no matching funds required, and yes, it is a yearly grant, although it was not applied for last year. CM Savino commented that he was appreciative of the department's efforts in applying for the Governor's Highway Safety Grant.*

**MOTION: Acceptance of the GOHS grant funding is approved as presented**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Yackley**  
**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

- 3 Approve/Deny Parker Police Department use of Aaron Hill Field on Saturday, November 1, 2014 beginning at 6:00pm ending at 11:00pm to host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home Run Derby; request the Road Closures of 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Desert and Chemehuevi Avenues and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets on Chemehuevi Avenue

*Chief Rome explained the department's request to host their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual home run derby, which all proceeds would go towards the Christmas for Children benefit. The one-day event is geared towards family participants. Mayor Beaver commented to the audience it is hopeful that the ball field's namesake Aaron Hill is expected to be attending the derby, additionally, he added the Diamond Backs have been very generous to the town in past.*

**MOTION: The Park usage of Aaron Hill ball field and the Street closures for the police department 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home-Run Derby is approved as requested**

**BY: CM Shontz**

**SECOND: VM Hooper**

**VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed**

4. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker becomes a co-applicant with LaPaz Economic Development Corporation in an effort to have LaPaz County selected to host a County Prosperity Summit in collaboration with the National Association of Counties.

Town Manager, Lori Wedemeyer

*Public Works Director Edwards stated council earlier had heard a presentation from Mr. Wilson regarding the benefits the Town could realize by joining with both Quartzite and LaPaz County Economic development in efforts to bring a summit to the county. The summit would be in collaboration with NACo the National Association of Counties. CM Hartless asked when he would know if the application was accepted, he answered October 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**MOTION: Participation by the Town of Parker to join with the Town of Quartzsite, LaPaz County Economic Development to bring a prosperity summit to the County is approved as presented**

**BY: CM Savino**

**SECOND: VM Hooper**

**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\*

Vice Mayor Hooper reported the Library held its reading programs, grant funding was received to keep Davis Lucas on staff; CM Savino commented how great it is the Library is still receiving donations from the Parade newspaper article about the "Little Library that Could".

Mayor Beaver reported this would be race weekend and that the Best in the Desert crews are already in Parker; there are 176 entries in this "For Points only Race" the individual races would be short and fast, he recommends everyone get out and watch.

Vice Mayor Hooper reported attending the recent CRIT Expo this past weekend which was attended by many.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>		CRIT Indian Days Fair and Expo Parade on Saturday	
Thurs.	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Center Committee meeting @ the Center	9:30am
Mon.	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of the Library @ the Library	4:00pm
Wed.	Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lyle Browning U of A Gear up for Gardening @ the Library	10:30am
Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>		Best in the Desert Blue Water Desert Challenge	
All town offices are <b>closed</b> on Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day			
Sat.	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Cancer Walk @ the Center	7:30am
Mon.	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parks & Recreation Committee meeting	4:00pm
Mon.	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Library Board @ the Library	5:00pm
Tue.	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the regular meeting at 6:30pm

Approve,

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Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held October 7, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

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Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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