

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Beaver asked all present to please turn off or set to mute all electronic devices during the Council Meetings

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Council Members Hartless, Savino, and Yackley
Absent, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett and Shontz

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Director Edwards, Library Manager Davis, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Pastor George, John Gutkunes, Mary Hamilton, Josh Savino, Skip and Carol Becker, and Duce Minor

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor George Rennau from Grace Assembly Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

Mayor Beaver requested a change in the meeting agenda line up; to go first to the regular agenda item number one and to then return to the normal arrangement of items.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

- 1 Approve/Deny Resolution No. 14-2014 adopting new fees and charges for solid waste collection services; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability.

Public Works Director Edwards explained all legal requirements have been complied with for the past sixty days to allow a change for the town's residential trash rates; this was due to a new State requirement, that municipalities can no longer charge for commercial waste removal. Only one contractor had responded to the request for proposal and there have been no inquiries pertaining to the proposed fee increase. If council approves the new fees staff would begin implementing the new fee rate in January, CM Hartless asked would the term of the contract lock the town in for the next seven years, Tim responded yes. CM Yackley inquired if the rates were comparable to other communities, Tim replied yes, in fact ours are a lot less. Mayor inquired when the last time the rates were visited was, not in the last ten years was his reply.

MOTION: Resolution No. 14-2014 adopting new fees and charges for solid waste collection services; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability is approved as presented
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Hartless
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

PRESENTATION: "Community Partners"
Parker Area Chamber of Commerce – Parker Area Tourism
LaPaz Economic Development

Skip Becker from the LaPaz Economic Development held up the latest copy of the Parker Pioneer announcement of the proposed Rose Acer Egg Farm which when constructed would provide a minimum of 100 jobs, Sako the new oil refinery is in the construction phase, this is one of the best economic weeks ever Skip announced.

Mary Hamilton from the Chamber of Commerce updated the council on the new events the chamber has planned for the community starting with the Chili Cook-off, the Lighted Boat Parade, the Downtown Event and the Pit Crew Challenge are all on schedule. The Chamber Board agreed to purchase a program that would improve the entire line up of chamber events, by stream lining all the statics collected along with information on events, etc., in addition, the chambers new brochures have been created in-house by Lisa Whittier.

Josh Savino from the Chambers Tourism side first thanked the council for their support, the social media of the chamber receives daily hits as does the direct link to their Face Book, he provided a video showing all we can offer in Parker, the river, the dirt sports, the off road adventures all are available with a click on their web site, and the recent Home Run Derby which his team placed 3rd in.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Approve the following:

- a. Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 21, 2014
- b. The Soroptimist annual Lighted Christmas Parade beginning at 16th Street and Joshua Avenue at 5:30pm to travel west along Joshua Avenue to then disband between 12th Street by the Senior Center at approximately 6:30pm on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

MOTION: Both consent items a, and b are accepted and approved as one unit
BY: CM Savino
SECOND: CM Hartless
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*

CM Savino reported attending the last Streets and Traffic Committee meeting with information on the finalization of the river bridge plans.

No other council reports were given

Prescription Drop Box Chief of Police Romo Presentation Only no Action Required

Chief Romo reported Parker Pd is pleased to announce the department has been awarded a prescription drug drop box through the State of Arizona Attorney General’s Office. The box will sit in the front entrance area of the police department and be available during normal working hours during normal working days. It comes to the town through assistance from PAACE who recognized the need within our community. No questions or no paperwork would be required by the droppers.

1st Quarterly Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Report Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer

Ms Wedemeyer provided the 1st Quarter reports for the 2014-2015 fiscal in both written and vocally as she explained the overall shared revenues are low but are out of the town’s control. The sales taxes too are lower at this time but as always with the first report these numbers are not surprising to her or unexpected. The one item in the general fund was an expense on the splash pad, a part broke and took longer than expected to get repaired. The bed tax was up a lot due to the town’s events. Over all the Finance Director was pleased with the numbers she provided to the council, the department heads are watching their expenditures and overall all is good finically within the town.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Duce Minor gave the Public Works, the Police Department, and the staff thanks for all that was scheduled, done, and to those that attended the recent PAACE Family Fun day, the town’s partisanship in the annual Red Ribbon Week. The overall numbers for attendees was lower but there were more vendors and more booths this year. Additionally, next year will be the 20th year for the event. Mayor Beaver suggested Duce contact APS contact Steve for information pertaining to their safety presentations on electrical power and safety prevention, which would be great for the kids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs.	Nov. 6 th	Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center	9:30am
Thurs.	Nov. 6 th	Antique Road Show @ the Library	10:00am-2:00pm
Sat.	Nov. 8 th	Veteran’s Day Parade using the Joshua Avenue Route	9:00am – 11:00am
Sat.	Nov. 8 th	Friends of the Library Book Sale @ the Library	8:00am - 2:00pm
Mon.	Nov. 10 th	Special Town of Parker Public Safety Meeting	11:30am
Mon.	Nov. 10 th	Library Advisory Board Meeting @ the Library	5:00pm
Mon.	Nov. 17 th	Special Parks and Rec Committee Meeting	4:00pm
Tue.	Nov. 18 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm
Tue.	Nov. 11 th	All Town offices are closed in observance of Veteran’s Day	

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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 Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held November 4, 2014. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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