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## MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 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: Mayor Dan Beaver, Vice Mayor Jerry Hooper, Council Member Karen Bonds, Council Member Frank Savino, Council Member Randy Hartless, Council Member Marion Shontz and Council Member David Lucas.

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Library Manager Ruthie Davis, Senior Center Director Darla's Tilley, Director of Public Works Steve Ziegler, Chief of Police Clay Romo, PHEPP Director Lee Ann Anderson, and Lieutenant Michael Bailey.

Others Present: Julian Barbara, Tammy Thorn, Jennifer Aspa, John Gutekunst, Michael Kelly, Lori Muriel, Dawn McGuire, Ryan McGuire, Pastor Jose Garcia, Duce Minor, Kelly McGuire, David Plunkett, John Nelson, and Kirsten Nelson

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Jose Garcia from Parker Apostolic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PRESENTATION: Skip Becker

The presentation set was cancelled and will be rescheduled to a later date,

## 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 were three calls to public.***

- 1. Kelly McGuire requests a call to public regarding the discussion of Livestock Town Code. She read 2 letters. The first one is from Dr. Raeann Solano, local vet and past 4-h participant. The letter addresses concerns with the livestock ordinance. She feels that there should be standards; however, many of the standards addressed in the code are unattainable by many participants. She notes the lack of public area and limited space that the FFA has. There are no other options available to families to utilize. She feels it is the Town's responsibility to provide a public space just as they do for other county programs, such as baseball fields, soccer fields and skate park. She urges the Council to put their youth first when making their decision, and understand that this program teaches hard work, responsibility and lifelong skills to be successful. Ms. McGuire agrees with Dr. Solano. She feels the youth deserve better. She encourages Council to find ways to help the youth through positive activities, cleaning up Town, find ways to keep in school and focused, give them a reason to get up every day and become responsible adults.*
- 2. Dawn McGuire requests a call to public regarding the discussion of the Livestock ordinance. She notes that she is currently a high school teacher and the FFA Advisor she notes the number of member the program currently has. She notes the monies earned from the sale of livestock and how those funds are used by students. She notes that if the opportunity to show livestock is taken away the kids will miss out on other opportunities. Many of the programs participants use their funds for college; she notes that last year she had 6 graduating participants. Participants have gone on to college with one attending Penn state, 2 at the University of Arizona 3 at AWC and 1 at GCU, all are currently studying Agriculture. She notes the showing of pigs and the amount of money generated by the sales of livestock. She agrees the Town code needs to be updated and is will to help in any way she can. She feels we need to benefit our youth by working to keep the program.*
- 3. Ryan McGuire requests a call to public regarding eh issue of livestock ordinance. He wants to reiterate what the first two speakers spoke about. He notes that the program has a breeder that comes down to inspect the pens once a week and urges kids to keep the pens clean. He notes that kids must have heat lamps for their animals. They make the kids clean animal pens twice per day. He notes that he has spoken to a friend in Blythe and their high school is building a \$3 million facility including horse pens and an indoor facility for the FFA 4-h participants. He notes that the city will not allow them to keep animals in Town and that numbers of participation have dropped. He notes that this is a good learning experience for kids. He notes the assistance with college for many kids who need it.*

## 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.
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**Approve the following:**

- a. Town of Parker Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2019 (Absent VM Hooper and CM Shontz )

**MOTION:** To Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2019  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** CM Lucas  
**VOTE:** With VM Hooper and CM Shontz abstaining and the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

- b. Town of Parker Special Work Session Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019

**MOTION:** To Approve Special Work Session Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2019  
**BY:** CM Shontz  
**SECOND:** CM Bonds  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

- c. Parade Request from the Soroptimist of Parker for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighted Christmas Parade beginning at 5:30 pm at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Joshua Avenue to travel west along Joshua Avenue to then disband at 12<sup>th</sup> Street by the Senior Center at approximately 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

**MOTION:** To Approve Parade Request from the Soroptimist of Parker for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighted Christmas Parade to be held December 14, 2019  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** VM Hooper  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

1. Approve/Deny purchase “Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.” Esri ArcGIS software (standard 10.9 version).

Nora Yackley, Community Development Director

*Nora Yackley, Community development director requests the Council to approve the purchase of new software. She notes that the current software is just the basic program which does not provide all of the needed mapping functionalities. The new software will provide the department users the ability to map new parcel among many other things. She notes that the new software also collects additional data that can be used in other ways. Vice Mayor Hooper asks about the total cost. The cost difference is \$6500.00 the total cost is almost \$8000.00 CM Savino notes he*

has used this system over the years. Vice Mayor Hooper asks about the budget. Town Manager Wedemeyer notes that there will be no impact to the community development as there are other costs that will not be incurred this fiscal year as planned.

**MOTION:** To Approve purchase “Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.”  
Esri ArcGIS software (standard 10.9 version).  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Savino  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

2. Approve/Deny Ordinance No. 08-2019 Amending The Parker Town Code  
4-1-7

Nora Yackley, Community Development Director

*This item was tabled due to lack of supporting documentation. A future work session will be planned to discuss further.*

**MOTION:** To table the Approval/Denial of Ordinance No. 08-2019 Amending  
the Town of Parker Code 4-1-7  
**BY:** CM Shontz  
**SECOND:** Mayor Beaver  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed and the item is  
tabled

3. Approve/Deny hiring of Konke Architectural Group Inc. to update the  
construction plans for the CDBG Pop Harvey Park Restroom Project  
Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

*Steve Ziegler requests the Council to approve the hiring of Konke Architectural Group Inc., to update the plans for the Pop Harvey Park restroom renovation. He notes that the lead and asbestos inspection showed no remediation was necessary and that the project may now move forward. He advises the Council of the time frame of the project and notes the architecture company will make sure there are no additional ADA compliance requirements. He outlines the bids that have been provided. Mayor Beaver asks about building code. Steve advises Mayor and Council that this is the reason for the new bids; they want to make sure that the plans include all new ADA compliance requirements for public buildings. The funds will be coming from the already awarded grant. CM Hartless asks where Konke is located. They are based out of Lake Havasu City. CM Savino asks for some clarification on the bid price. Steve anticipates no additional costs above the \$7,000.00 bid. No change order will be required. Steve notes it should take about 4-6 weeks before plans are completed.*

**MOTION:** To approve hiring of Konke Architectural Group Inc. to update the  
construction plans for the CDBG Pop Harvey Park Restroom Project  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Bonds  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny Sublease Agreement with the University of Arizona  
Cooperative Extension

Lee Ann Anderson, PHEPP Manager

Lee Ann Anderson, PHEPP Manager requests the Council to approve the sublease with the U of A Cooperative Extension. Lee Ann advises the Council that the rent from the sublease will serve to offset the increase of the new space, she notes that the new lease and increase in rent bears no impact to the Town as the program is entirely grant funded. She notes the sublease amounts, the space provided to the U of A and what the lease includes (utilities, shared space etc.)

**MOTION:** To approve Sublease Agreement with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension  
**BY:** CM Savino  
**SECOND:** CM Hartless  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny a Special Event Liquor License from applicant, Lynnda Sweeney representing the Soroptimist of Parker for the “Annual Downtown Experience” This event will be held at the closed off 1317 Joshua Street Mall between Arizona Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am then end at 10:00 pm. Streets will be closed off for the event, arm bands will be provided for all the carded drinkers, and local law enforcement will be present throughout the event.

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk, requests on behalf of Lynnda Sweeney that the Council approve the liquor license for the annual down Town experience. She notes that this is an annual event held in the Town of Parker. She notes security measures, times and location of the event.

**MOTION:** To approve Special event liquor License for the Soroptimist of Parker Downtown Experience  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Hartless  
**VOTE:** With the remaining in Favor, the motion passed

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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-Lucas + 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

*Council Member Frank Savino notes his recent attendance at the WACOG meeting. He notes that they discussed the issue of no assisted living facilities in La Paz County. He notes the far distances families have to travel in order to visit loved ones in facilities outside of La Paz County, and that it is a luxury that some folks cannot afford. CM Savino noted that the board is currently in need of a veteran in the community to serve on the board. He advises the Council that he attended the Senior Center Committee meeting and they discussed future fundraising events. He notes the retirement of a board member and thanks everyone who was able to assist with serving at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. He noted that attendance for the event was a bit down from other years.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thursday & Friday	November 28 & 29, 2019	Thanksgiving	Town Offices Closed
Saturday	December 7, 2019	Town of Parker Personnel Christmas Party	Senior Center
Monday	December 9, 2019	Library Advisory Board	Library @ 5 PM
Saturday	December 14, 2019	Annual Lighted Christmas Parade	Joshua Street @ 5:30 PM
Tuesday	December 17, 2019	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Beaver adjourns the meeting at 6:36 PM

Approve

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Dan Beaver, Mayor