

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING / SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018 6:00 P.M.

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

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 V. Hartless, Lucas, Savino, and Shontz  
Absent, Council Member R. Hartless

Staff Present: Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Director Ziegler, Magistrate Judge Shrewsbury, Library Manager Davis, Senior Center Director Tilley, Payroll Specialist Alcaida, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: John Gutkunest, Lisa Whittier, G.D. Tucker, Lynda Goldberg, Skip and Carol Becker, Jennifer Aspa, Jim Shaffer, and Tiffany Bourque

INVOCATION: Given Pastor George Rennau from Grace Assembly of God  
In the absence of Pastor George, John Gutkunest gave the meetings invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

*Community Partners Reports*

*Parker Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism \* LaPaz Economic Development\*  
\*Passport to Adventure\**

**Lisa Whittier** from the **Tourism** side of the Chamber reported a recap from 2017 with various stats given within the Arizona side of the West Coast and within LaPaz County; Tourism brings major dollars into our state and our community through sales tax, fuel tax, lodging and eating funds are some of the major earning avenues. Currently 75% of all the resorts establishments are full. The Chamber has hired a professional video photographer and many of the pictures and films will be placed on the chamber website. She announced the Chamber is hosting a Christmas Lighting contest for both Residential and Businesses; just call and let the Chamber know the address. Judging will be December 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, and they will announce the winner on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks were given for all the Town has done for the Chamber and for the Tourism side.

**Skip Becker** from **LaPaz Economic Development** thanked the Council for their continued financial support for the past three years. He reported he's working to bring new business into Parker South; he is working to purchase BLM properties for the town and working with the Arizona California Rail Road. More rail-ways jobs will bring in more hires, which also will bring in more dollars for the area. He recently went to a conference in Apple Valley as a guest speaker; and he is working with the Town Manger on getting the USDA Impact Fees for the Parker South area. One of the current two businesses on the site has completed bringing into the town their plans for a plan check. The second still needs to comply with all the towns' requirements. He has found that one of the major necessities is to do all projects correctly; all requirements must be complied with. By doing this he was able to bring on Sake Oil and the O' Reilly's Auto services into the town. 90% of the staff at Rose Acres lives within Parker and the surrounding area. They do all their shopping in Parker and he thanked the town for allowing some of the workers to park at the Main Street Park and carpool out to the farm. He added is working to bring housing into the area of Parker South. Construction would be completed with the use of "Visa Mexicans" who are legal and documented and would be a great work source; thus benefiting both the area and the families of the workers. He is looking forward to the 2020 Census figures for the town and area. He thanked the Council for their support.

**Lynda Goldberg** provided the Council with the **2018 Annual Report of LaPaz Regional Tourism, the Passport to Adventure 2018/2019** and the upcoming **Tourism Expo** to be held at the Blue Water Casino on December 12<sup>th</sup>, free to the public and she invited all to try to attend. There would be vendor booths with information about our great area. The Passport brochures have been placed around the area and at all the local resorts. Delivered to the Lower California malls, and up throughout the northern Arizona Chamber of Commerce's getting the word out about our surrounding communities. She told the council about the new "Show me Rides" project to get out and explore the off road trails; last year there were 51 vehicles on the ride, and even more are expected this year. She specified there is a piece of the 911 Memorial Center located in Salome. She thanked the Council for their support in taking ads out in the Passport, and for their continued annual partnership and support towards tourism in general.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the following:**

A Town of Parker Council Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2018 (Absent Vice Mayor Hooper)

**MOTION: The November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes are accepted as presented**

**BY: CM Shontz**

**SECOND: CM Savino**

**VOTE: VM Hooper abstained not being present; the remaining five approved and passed the motion**

B Parade Request from the Soroptimist of Parker for their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighted Christmas Parade beginning at 5:30pm 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 7:00pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

**MOTION: The parade request as presented be approved as presented**

**BY: VM Hooper**

**SECOND: CM Shontz**

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

1. Approve/Deny authorizing staff to accept the awarded #2019-PTS-033 grant in the amount of \$19,222.00 for a new RADAR/Varying Message Board trailer from Arizona Office of Highway Safety

*Chief of Police Romo explained the department had been awarded the requested grant funding to purchase a new radar/varying message board trailer from GOHS; he is requesting that Council allows the department accept the funds.*

**MOTION: Acceptance of the awarded grant funding be approved as presented**

**BY: CM Lucas**

**SECOND: VM Hooper**

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

2. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker entering into a Contract with The Wesley Peachtree Group for auditing and review of Town's financial documents.

*Town Manager Wedemeyer explained she is requesting the town enter a contract to handle the towns annual auditing services and the basic financial auditing monthly servicing. This contract would be for a three year term, which all the information was provided to the council within the contract with the Wesley Peachtree group. Mayor gave thanks to the town staff for working to get this contract assembled for them. CM V Hartless inquired what the term was of the previous auditing firm; 5 years was the reply.*

**MOTION: Town of Parker enter into a Contract with The Wesley Peachtree Group for auditing and review of Town's financial documents is approved as presented**

**BY: CM Shontz**

**SECOND: VM Hooper**

**VOTE: All six 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 + open\*
- Tribal Committee - Mayor Beaver + CM Savino \*
- Parks & Recreation- open \* Senior Center-CM Savino \*
- Streets & Traffic - VM Hooper + CM Savino\*
- Library Board - CM Shontz \* La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver
- \* WACOG - CM Hartless \* PAACE - open
- \*WAEDD - CM Savino + Mayor Beaver

*CM Savino reported attending the Chamber Board meeting and added Lisa from the Chamber's Tourism explained all within her presentation.*

***Financial Report~ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2018/2019 Lori Wedemeyer, Town Manager***

*The first fiscal year report started with basically good news, the revenue was up and the expenditures were down. The Bed Tax too was up with the expenditures also down. She added a lot of this is due to the state getting the reports to the down a lot faster. HURF is stable; council discussed the current street projects which were going great PW Steve announced he*

might be adding more roads to the project. Manager reminded the council a few years back the town did go out for bonds to work on many streets projected within the town. The School Recourses officer funding is right on even though the report shows different as the school would be making its quarterly payment. The Police grants are coming in as council just approves one's acceptance tonight. Library grants too are still funding as is the funding from the Parade Magazine article from years past. Council asked if another article could be done and was the magazine thanked, that was a confirmatory reply from Library Manager Davis. The Seniors WACOG funding was also right on track. Last was the Water Fund Balance which was up some and after this month's new payments should even show a better return. Being the billing cycle is always one month behind at the next financial report council would see a positive increase in the funding due to the water fee increase.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was one call; Jim Schaefer who discussed the drug problem within the Town of Parker; he resides at Anderson's Trailer Park. He has requested police assistance on various times due to the drug issue within the trailer park; his life and that of others have been threatened by the elements that also reside in the trailer park.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday & Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> All Town offices will be **Closed** in observance of Thanksgiving

Mon.	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Streets & Traffic Committee (VM Hooper + CM Savino)	5:15pm
Thurs.	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Special Planning and Zoning Meeting	4:00pm
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Dec. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Next Regular Council Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

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

### **ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AND CONVEVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular Meeting at **6:54pm** as he announced the Council would be taking a brief intersession and then they would go into the Executive Session

Mayor Beaver called the Executive Session to order at 7:03pm

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members V. Hartless, Lucas, Savino, and Shontz  
Absent, Council Member R. Hartless  
Others Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer and Magistrate Judge Dennis Shrewsbury

### 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 Discuss of the job performance of the Town of Parker Magistrate

**MOTION: Convene into the Executive Session**

**BY: VM Hooper**

**SECOND:** CM Lucas  
**VOTE:** All six in favor, the motion passed with the general warning from the Mayor; Matters discussed in an Executive Session must be kept Confidential by those attending

**“Note, Executive Session are not open to the public, Matters discussed in an Executive Session must be kept Confidential by those attending”**

***Adjourn the Executive Session and Reconvene the Regular Meeting***

The Executive Session was adjourned and the Special Meeting was reconvened

**Approve/Deny possible action on the following item(s)**

1. Discussion and consideration of any motions pertaining to the employment and compensation of the Town of Parker Magistrate, including modifications to the employee agreement.

**MOTION:** Terminate the current contract; keep Judge Shrewsbury on as the pro-tem until the position is filled

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Savino

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 7:38pm

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 Council Meeting/Special Executive Session of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018; I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

*Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk*

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