

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor asked everyone 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 6:00 pm meeting to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL:

Present: Mayor Beaver, Vice Mayor Boatwright, Council Members Hooper, Savino, Shontz, and Yackley
Absent, Council Member Duran

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Town Clerk Cockrell, Public Works Director Edwards, Library Manager Davis, and Sergeant Thompson

Others Present: Pastor Jerry Kinmon, John Gutekunst, Mary Hamilton, DL Wilson, Roberta Hoffman, Lane Desper, Dave Boatwright, Landen Edwards, Ray Cornelius, and Marco Silva

INVOCATION:

Pastor Jerry Kinmon from the First Baptist Church gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Given by all present

PRESENTATIONS:

Mary Hamilton - Parker Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Department

Ms Hamilton the Executive Director of the Chamber provided a written report for both the chamber and for the tourism department. Tourism has a new person on board, her name is Jamie Lee and she would be available for the council's next presentation. Town just finished the annual 425 race which the numbers for lodging and local businesses were included within her written report. All the area felt the impact from the racers and their attending families in a positive result. The Chamber hired Lisa Whittier as the new Visitor Services representative; she is homegrown and well known to and by the area. The Downtown Experience was held receiving nothing but fantastic and positive comments and everyone wanting to know when is

the next one and how much bigger will everything be. Mayor Beaver added the downtown event has received so much positive feedback from the race world with the pit challenge; there are already plans in place for a showcase type of series starting at the Mint in Vegas with the possibility of an addition of big cash moneys being awarded to the winner. A big thank you was given to the town and the staff for all they do to make everything work so smooth. The Chamberettes have a new president, the town's own Jackie Johnson. One of their scheduled events is bring back the "beautification awards" for both residential and commercial properties, the "adopt a highway program" is another. The June 8th tube float already has a 2013 name, the "Wild Wild Wet Tube Float"; the coast guard has announced the river will be closed from Patria Flats down to the Casino for safety. Thanks were given to the Chief of Police and his crime prevention classes. The town and the county are committed to bringing the beauty back to the area through the BLM Trails being opened up in LaPaz County. Vice Mayor Boatwright and Council Member Shontz gave kudos to Mary as the Chambers Director and for all she has accomplished for our community. Mary added that within the Council packet was the Chambers visitor log, it was requested and recently was brought back and would provide Council with all the stasis of whom, when, why, etc the visitors came to our community.

DL Wilson - LaPaz Economic Development Corporation

DL explained being now on the County Board he would be helping out some at the Corporation, but as they knew, the job came first. The corporation is right on track and the internet is still getting daily hits along with the Arizona Prospector website with about 16 hits per day on commercial properties alone. The vacant Budweiser building has had some leasing interest as had other vacant areas around the town. New clients have met with TJ Laffoon at CRIT Realty and have returned back with interest. Economic development in parker south is still on the front burner he added as is an interest in the Salome and Wenden areas. Council Member Savino asked did Mr. Wilson think the Towns purchase of the Alwine properties was a good thing. DL replied it was a good and bold move by the town to do this. He then introduced Roberta Hoffman as the corporation's new president; they have interviewed 11 applicants for his CEO position and have offered the position to Skip Becker who would come onboard and will be attending the council's meeting on the 19th. Ms Hoffman thanked Council for the towns support being the first entity in the area to provide the corporation with support and financial assistance. She also thanks Mr. Wilson for his service to the community; always being professional and a pleasure to work with. He in essence began this corporation with nothing but his wits, and has made it a force for economic development in this county.

Lane Desper - Poston Rotary - Pop Harvey Park Landscape Project

Lane provided a design of his and the Poston Rotary's vision for major improvements to the Pop Harvey Park and explained how in speaking with various individuals about his dreams and wishes he has found a many allies that they too would like to make improvements to the park. Various rotary, organizations, and club members have suggested new materials for the grounds, the playground equipment, and requested adding new trees replacing the older diseased, dead, and in general worn out landscaping. Some have even offered the financial assistance to get it completed. Lane added that he has spoken with the mayor and with public works and understands the town has financial restraints and that obtaining grants could be the way to obtain some of what the landscaping design and the development his drawings plan has. This same presentation was previously heard at the Towns Parks and Recreation Committee. Council thanked Mr. Desper and asked that he continue to discuss their visions with public works so their ideas could be researched and budgeted for; as it was noted these are long term

projects and could cost up to \$200,000 and could take up to three or four years to complete. However, It was noted by council that this type of project would be a good thing for the Town and for the whole community as the Pop Harvey Park is used by the residents of LaPaz County, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and the Town of Parker and all of our children.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve January 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes (-RD)
- b. Approve the *Street Closure* request of Joshua Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets on Saturday, February 16th starting at 8am terminating at approximately noon from applicant Rick Parker to host his annual customer appreciation “Block Party”

MOTION: Both items a and b are approved as presented with no discussion

BY: CM Hooper

SECOND: CM Yackley

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

- 1. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker Public Works expenditure for Pump Station No. 7 pressure pump motor (a budgeted item).

Public Works Director Edwards explained the pump motor at Well number 7 failed recently and needed internal repairs that could not be done in-house. Well number 7 is used primary for the towns drinking water supply. Though Precision Electric is a higher quote for the repairs it is staffs recommended choice. Council inquired if the Town had a backup motor; the answer was, this is the backup motor. If approved funding would be paid from the water operations fund stated PW Edwards

MOTION: Authorization for the needed repairs to well sevens pump motor for in the quoted amount of \$2,775.00, plus taxes to Precision Electric is approved

BY: VM Boatwright

SECOND: CM Savino

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed.

- 2. Approve/Deny the Town of Parker Public Works expenditure for Pump Station No. 7 MAG meter for the water distribution system (a water capital project budgeted item).

Public Works Director Edwards request a new MAG meter for the towns main water distribution system be approved; this type of meter provides needed information for the staff's data acquisition system

MOTION: The purchase of a distribution meter from National Meter in the amount of \$3,448.00 for station number 7 is approved for purchase

BY: CM Hooper

SECOND: CM Yackley

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed.

- 3. Approve/Deny authorize staff to waive the Parker Little League \$50.00 per team, per league, plus, and the per-game electric fees for the Little League 2013 season.

Public Works Director Edwards explained waiving these fees would help all non-profit organizations; however, it would still be a requirement to reserve the area and to complete all the required paperwork, posting an insurance binder, and paying the required \$250.00 deposit which is returnable. Council

discussed lining of the fields and what were the league dates; March through June was replied by PW Edwards and staff line once then the renter lines any other time.

MOTION: Waiving the Parker Little League \$50.00 per team, per league, plus, and the per-game electric fees for the Little League 2013 season is approved

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: CM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed.

4. Approve/Deny the Parker Rotary Club request for a Special Event Liquor License for their annual fund raising event on March 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th 2013; beginning each day at 10:00 am and to close up at 11:00 pm each evening. This event will be held at the LaPaz County Fair scheduled to be held at 21600 Hillside Drive in Parker South within the fairgrounds fenced yard.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this request corresponds with the LaPaz County Fair an annual event attended by many local and surrounding community residents. Since moving the fair's location out to the annex area vice mayor Boatwright commented there was concern for a drinking and driving possibility. This was found to be unwarranted as to date there have been no problems. A thank you was issued to the rotary members themselves diligence and control with the beer garden liquor services.

MOTION: The request for a special event liquor license from the Parker Rotary for their annual four-day event held at the Hillside Drive LaPaz County fairgrounds is approved as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: VM Boatwright

VOTE: With both Mayor Beaver and Council Member Hooper abstaining from any action being they are rotary members; the remaining approved and passed the motion.

5. Approve/Deny Resolution 02-2013, approve the Town of Parker entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with LaPaz County for the March 12, 2013 Primary, and the May 21, 2013 General Town of Parker Election services.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this mutual agreement has been in place since creation of the county to provide election services for the town council seats and any propositions that are required on the ballot. The county has previously approved the agreement which includes our attorney's approval and creation of its resolution. Council inquired if funding is available for this service, which was confirmed.

MOTION: The Town of Parker and LaPaz County entering into an intergovernmental agreement is approved by the adoption of Resolution 02-2013

BY: CM Hooper

SECOND: CM Savino

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed.

6. Approve/Deny the First Amendment to the Agreement between the Town of Parker and LaPaz Economic Development Corporation.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained amendments to the agreement were changing the signer line to Roberta Hoffman, and the addition of all the legal and federal immigration compliance that are required now on every town approved contract, and or agreement.

MOTION: The first amendment to the agreement between the Town of Parker and LaPaz Economic Development Corporation is approved as presented

BY: VM Boatwright

SECOND: CM Savino

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 - CM Duran * Joint Venture - CM Savino & CM Yackley*
- Tribal Committee - CM Savino & Vice-Mayor Boatwright *
- Parks & Recreation - CM Yackley * Senior Center - CM Savino *
- Streets & Traffic - Mayor Beaver & CM Savino *
- Library Board - CM Duran * La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver
- * WACOG/WAEDD - Vice-Mayor Boatwright *
- *PAACE-Vice Mayor Boatwright*

Vice Mayor Boatwright reported attending a recent WACOG meeting at which the annual homeless survey for our county was completed. LaPaz County has the highest numbers of people living below the poverty limit in the State of Arizona.

Mayor Beaver stated both his Chamber and Council Member Shontz Tourism reports were given by Ms Hamilton.

2nd Quarter Financial Update for Fiscal 2012- 2013

Town Manager Wedemeyer provided a written budget report for the 2nd quarter fiscal year finances; the General Fund for 2013 compared to 2012 shows the revenues at 41.23% a number she is not really worried with. The same for the expenditures both figures are close to last year's figures with very little concerns. Bed tax figures are good; but the state is proposing passing a ruling that the Ste only would be able to collect all revenues; she is not happy with this she told council. HURF fund balance is up compared to 2012 but the LTAF is starting to go away. Funds there are used by the senior center for their out of town trips; when that is gone the director will have to figure out how to generate something to pay for the van gas, oils, and tires. The school resource officer and PD grants are the same. Library manager Ruthie does her grants and they are okay. The Seitz Bequest funding is applied towards the senior homebound meal program. The center would be having a dinner and the annual talent show on the 15th of this month. Water is still a positive.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There was none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs.	Feb. 7 th	Senior Center Committee @ the Center	9:30am
Mon.	Feb. 11 th	Parks & Rec Committee	4:00pm
Mon.	Feb. 11 th	Friends of & the Library Board Meetings @ the Library	4:00+5:00pm
Tue.	Feb. 19 th	next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

Wednesday, February 20th the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Town of Parker Council Members "Meet the Candidate" gathering @ the Senior Center (tentative date and time to be announced) The Clerk added the time is now 6:15pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: The meeting be adjourned
BY: VM Boatwright
SECOND: CM Hooper
VOTE: All in favor, Mayor Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on February 5, 2013. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, CMC Town Clerk.

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.