

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor asked all present to please set to mute or turn off their 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, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Members Collett, Hartless, Shontz, and Yackley  
Absent, Council Member Savino

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Director Edwards, Senior Center Director Tilley, Library Manager Davis, Silvino Chavira, Corina Crispin, John Maye, Tim Nighbert, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: John Gutkunest, George Rennau, Mary Hamilton, Josh Savino, Skip Becker, DL Wilson, Judy Maye and grandson Jacob Reed, and Nancy Reed

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor George Rennau from Grace Assembly

<u>Presentations</u>	Town of Parker Employee Acknowledgements
	Darla K. Tilley 15 years
Clay Romo * Silvino Chavira * Corina Crispin * John Maye	10 years
	Tim Nighbert 5 years

*Mayor Beaver and Town Manager Wedemeyer presented awards to the employees with al of council’s appreciation of their efforts during working for the Town.*

Presentations: **“Community Partners”**  
LaPaz Economic Development  
Parker Area Chamber of Commerce + Parker Area Tourism

Vincent “Skip” Becker Director of the LaPaz Economic Development first gave thanks to the council for increasing their yearly donation for economic development. As before he stressed confidentiality is critical to his success and he told them he would do whatever it takes to keep his clients privacy until it’s time for the big reveal.

Mary Hamilton the Director of Parker Area Chamber of Commerce explained and provided pictures of some of the problems the “Visitor Center” or the building that is their main asset is

having. She first told the council the buildings loan has been paid off so there is not any loan expense; however, the roof leaks when it rains which damages the ceiling tiles and there are the wall and floor tiles crack problems probably due to the railroad. The biggest issue is the visitor center is it is not ADA handicapped compliance inside or outside which must be corrected soon. Additionally, signage is badly needed as is better information space for outside brochures when the center is closed on the weekends. The new Chamber President is Don Rountree and she told council she expects he is going to be great for the Chamber.

Josh Savino provided the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and his last report for Tourism being he is retiring and going into his own marketing business in and for the local areas. While being with the Chamber is has brought "Social Media" on board, the Chamber gets hits on Face Book and Twitter throughout the day from all over. This is your bed tax dollars at work he added. The last big event was the Tube Float, every motel and resort was full with people and more waiting just in case there was a cancellation. Council wished Josh well as he goes into private business he said his thanks and it's been a blast!

CONSENT AGENDA:

***Approve the following:***

- a. Regular and Special Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes of July 7,2015  
(Absent CM Shontz)

**MOTION:** The July 7<sup>th</sup> regular and special public hearing minutes are approved as presented

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Collett

**VOTE:** All in favor, except CM Shontz that abstained from any action not being present; the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

- 1. Approve/Deny appointment of Debra Vidrine and Amanda Lucas to fill the two vacant seats on the Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Committee.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained the two new members would be new blood for the committee- no comments from council.*

**MOTION:** The appointments of Debra Vidrine and Amanda Lucas to fill the two vacant seats on the Town of Parker Parks and Recreation Committee is approved as presented

**BY:** VM Hooper

**SECOND:** CM Shontz

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

- 2. Approve/Deny a location transfer from applicant Javier Penalozza for the business Tierra Caliente Meat Market & Restaurant located at 900 Joshua Avenue to include 10230 Riverside Drive, Parker AZ.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this is liquor license transfer from the river business into the town business. The state and staff are in approval with the request; all legal postings have been complied with. No comments were given by the council.

**MOTION:** The location transfer from applicant Javier Penaloza for the business Tierra Caliente Meat Market & Restaurant located at 900 Joshua Avenue to include 10230 Riverside Drive, Parker AZ is approved as presented  
**BY:** CM Collett  
**SECOND:** CM Hartless  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion was passed

3. Approve/Deny Ordinance 08-2015, (first reading by Title only) amending the Town Code of the Town of Parker, Title 3 (Tax Code 2011 Edition), Article IV (Privilege Taxes), Section 8A-445(H); Establishing an effective Date

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this amendment to the code comes from the state pertaining to rental property which will now be required to charge sales tax for 3 or more units at the 2% rate. VM Hooper asked was anyone charging prior, CM Shontz asked how many units are in the town this would affect and CM Hartless inquired when this would go in affect. Those replies were not charged prior, around 4 or 5 complexes and 30-days after the second reading and approval in September.

**MOTION:** The first reading of Ordinance 08-2015, amending the Town Code of the Town of Parker, Title 3 (Tax Code 2011 Edition), Article IV (Privilege Taxes), Section 8A-445(H); Establishing an effective Date is approved as presented  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Shontz  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion was passed

4. Approve/Deny a contract renewal with Attorney Jessica L. Quickle to provide the Public Defender Services for the Town of Parker Magistrate Court.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained the magistrate courts public defender has requested the town increase her monthly fee and renew her year to year contract. CM Yackley asked Chief Romo was she doing a good job. It was noted getting attorneys to compete for the job was difficult. Manager reported the judge said he was very pleased with the town's prosecutor and happy with the defender.

**MOTION:** The contract with Attorney Jessica L. Quickle to provide the Public Defender Services for the Town of Parker Magistrate Court for the amount of \$2,500.00 per month is approved  
**BY:** CM Collett  
**SECOND:** CM Yackley  
**VOTE:** All in favor, the motion was passed

5. Approve/Deny Resolution 12-2015 the Parker Police Department submission of FY 2015/2016 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (GOHS) reimbursable grant funds and authorize all actions necessary to implement and complete said application.

Chief of Police Romo explained the state has approved part of the requested funding that was applied for; the funding awarded would be used for any overtime expenses during DUI details.

**MOTION:** Resolution 12-2015 Parker Police Department submission of FY 2015/2016 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant (GOHS) reimbursable grant funds and authorize all actions necessary to implement and complete said application is approved as presented  
**BY:** VM Hooper  
**SECOND:** CM Collett

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

6. Approve/Deny Resolution 13-2015 the Parker Public Library submission of an application for FY 2015 Industrial Development Authority Grant for the salary of a 19-hour a week employee for one year.

*Library Manager Davis explained she heard of and applied for this grant from the Industrial Development Authority to help with the children's programming at the library. Council suggested the director continue to go after other grants and not give up as this is just a yearly grant.*

**MOTION: Resolution 13-2015, Parker Public Library submission of an application for FY 2015 Industrial Development Authority Grant for the salary of a 19-hour a week employee for one year is approved as presented**

**BY: CM Hartless**

**SECOND: CM Shontz**

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

7. Approve/Deny authorizing Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals to design the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Waterline improvement Project.

*Public Works Director Edwards explained this is for the design of the water line improvement project council previously approved as part of the 2015 CDBG Block grant process. This would provide a 4 – 6" water line to service 24 residential town properties. No comments were given by council.*

**MOTION: Public Works is authorized to issue a Request for Proposals to design the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Waterline improvement Project.**

**BY: VM Hooper**

**SECOND: CM Shontz**

**VOTE: All in favor, the motion was 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\*

**There was none given**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There was none**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mon. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> Parks & Rec Meeting 4:00pm  
**NO** Regular Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** Council will be in Tucson attending the annual League of Cities and Towns Conferences 8-17-through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Tue. Sept. 1<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 Council Meeting at 6:44pm

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 of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. 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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