

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL THE SPECIAL 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 Collett, Hartless, Savino, and Shontz
Absent, Council Member Yackley

Staff Present: Town Manager Wedemeyer, Public Works Director Edwards, Chief of Police Romo, Senior Center Director Tilley, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Jose Garcia, John Gutkunes, Mary Hamilton, Skip Becker, DL Wilson, and Roberta Hoffman

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Jose Garcia from Parker Apostolic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

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

Ship Becker LaPaz Economic Development Director first gave Mayor and the Council his gratitude for their financial aid and for their continued support. Without the groups conviction in where this town could go and without their vision to look into the future some of the great things that are happening now would not have had happened. Three lots in the redevelopment area have seen a ground breaking and soon to be the site for building of Spanky's and now three more lots have been sold to Beachcombers; both will be bringing new jobs and new revenues for the town. The county too has benefitted with Rose Acers starting along Highway 72, a new well is being drilled for the chicken farm which is hoped its hens would give eggs sometime in the early spring of 2016. He is looking for a ground breaking early in 2016 for Beachcombers which would kick off the new year with Economic Developments business model of "Give back to the Community" he again thanked the council for believing in its self, the staff, and in their choices to be a progressive entity. It has been with many hours spent on the road and in secret confidential meetings that we all know no one likes but is needed for new business success. The community partners believe in giving back to the community and helping each other.

Mary Hamilton gave council a summary in her presentation of how the chamber and tourism have joined together to provide the services that were once done by two stand alone departments into just one. She showed the council the newly designed Motel and Hotel guides, along with the Campground, RV, and Mobile Home Parks guides for Parker, and both sides of the river area. She is targeting the window of “everything is just two-hours away” as being the new next destination plan. Lisa Whittier has taken on the responsibility of the tourism coordinator, Kristy will remain the bookkeeper and part-time front person and a new front person/receptionist has recently been hired; those three along with keeping Mary as the Executive Director will run the Chamber. A copy of the Arizona official state visitor guide was given to each council member, in which various ads within noted the happenings in Parker, the June Tube float, other river activities and adventures to go see and to do in the Parker area of the Arizona West Coast. Staff has revamped and brought current the local town map which included the Parker area travel guide. Provided also was the 2016 Chamber budget and the proposed 2016 Tourism budget. Mary said she is going to try to bring excitement back into the area with marketing plans; she thanked the council for their continued support and assistance through this year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

Mayor Beaver called for a separate action on each item

A. Special Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 11/10/2015 (absent CM Savino)

MOTION: Consent item a is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, except CM Savino that abstained not being present passed the motion

B. BITD and Parker Area Chamber of Commerce request Street Closures for the Thursday, February 4, 2016 annual 425 “Downtown Experience” starting at 8am going until 8:00pm at the blocked off area of the 1317 Joshua Street Mall (see maps)

MOTION: Consent item b is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Collett

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

C. BITD request Street Closures for the annual 425 Off-Road on Saturday, February 6, 2016 starting at 5:00am until 10:00am (see maps)

MOTION: Consent item c is approved as presented

BY: CM Shontz

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

D. Sears Hometown request the east side closure of Arizona Avenue between Joshua and Kofa Avenues on Saturday, December 5th beginning at 7:00am to 3:00pm for their “Grand Re-opening”.

MOTION: Consent item d is approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

E . 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 7:00pm on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

MOTION: Consent item e is approved as presented
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Shontz
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Approve/Deny appoint Vice Mayor Hooper and Council Member Collett to the Colorado River Joint Venture Board replacing Council Members Savino and Yackley as the Joint Venture Boards Town of Parker Council Liaisons.

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained during a recent council retreat council discussed moving committee and board council liaisons being there were no changes since 2011; Mayor commented he has sat on the same committees for his 8 1/2 years, other members needed to know how these committees and boards operate. CM Collett was pleased with the assignments as it would be his first since becoming a council member. Other members agreed, stating the rotations should be every few years. If approved letters to the boards and committees would be sent forthwith.

MOTION: The appointment of Vice Mayor Hooper and Council Member Collett to the Colorado River Joint Venture Board replacing Council Members Savino and Yackley as the Joint Venture Boards Town of Parker Council Liaisons is approved as presented
BY: CM Shontz
SECOND: Mayor Beaver
VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed unanimously

2. Approve/Deny approve amendment #2 to the Senior Center nutrition programs with Western Arizona Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (WACOG/AAA).

Senior Center Director Tilley explained she had previously requested that council approve amendment number 1, where some of the center's funding was reduced from WACOG/AAA. Amendment number 2 gives that plus a little additional funding for the nutritional program back.

MOTION: Amendment #2 for the Senior Center nutrition programs with Western Arizona Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging is approved as presented
BY: VM Hooper
SECOND: CM Savino
VOTE: All 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 + CM Collett*
- Tribal Committee – Mayor Beaver + CM Savino *
- Parks & Recreation- CM Collett * Senior Center-CM Savino *

Streets & Traffic - CM Yackley *
 PAACE Board – CM Yackley + CM Collett
 Library Board –CM Shontz * La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver
 * WACOG - CM Hartless * PAACE – CM Yackley*
 WAEDD - CM Savino + Mayor Beaver

CM Hartless reported attending the WACOG/AAA board meeting, at which discussions given were pertaining to the housekeeping providers for the tri-county clients. Being the miles are so vast changes might need to be implemented to the contracts. She also updated the council on the knock boxes, concerns and obstacles have arisen with clients residing on tribal land aka Bluewater Lagoon, Big River; those residents though having a need for a knock box reside on tribal jurisdictions. She thanked LaPaz County Board of Supervisor Wilson for his help on this and similar issues.

Council all commented on how great the Senior Center’s Thanksgiving meal went on the past 18th of November; there were 226 meals signed in for and served, with staff the numbers went up to 260 meals and over 100 meals were delivered that day out to the homebound clients. Thanks to all for their help with the servicing and the Christmas meal serving day would be on Wednesday the 16th.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No call was given at the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs.	Dec. 3 rd	Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center (CM Savino)	9:30am
Thurs.	Dec. 3 rd	Special P & Z Meeting (Town Codes)	4:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 5 th	Sears Hometown Store Grand Re-Opening	7am – 3:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 5 th	Mexican Consulate @ the Library	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 5 th	Santa @ Joshua Mall	3:00pm -6:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 5 th	Soroptimist Christmas Parade (Joshua Route)	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Tue.	Dec. 8 th	Friends of the Library monthly meeting @ the Library	1:30pm
Sat.	Dec 12 th	PTA Winter Carnival @ Wallace School	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Sun.	Dec. 13 th	Parks & Rec 2 nd Annual Christmas in the Parks (Pop Harvey)	5:30pm
Mon.	Dec. 14 th	Library Board @ the Library (CM Shontz)	4:00pm
Mon.	Dec. 14 th	Parks & Rec monthly meeting (CM Collett)	4:00pm
Tue.	Dec. 15 th	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm
Wed.	Dec. 16 th	Annual Christmas meal serving @ the Senior Center	11:30am

Council was reminded the Christmas dinner would be held on Saturday the 12th at El Sarape Mex Grill starting at 6:00pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the 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 Council Meeting of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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