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TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, January 18, 2022 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Please silence or mute your electronic devices during the Council Meetings

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Bonds called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL: Mayor Bonds, Vice Mayor Hooper, Council Member De Leon, Council Member Savino, Council Member Shontz (telephonic), Council Member Hartless, Council Member Lucas

Staff Present: Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Community Health Outreach Program Director Lee Ann Anderson (telephonic), Chief of Police Micahel Bailey, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Town Attorney Christina Estes-Werther, Lori Wedemeyer (telephonic), Leo Bejarano.

Others Present: Yoli Holt, Doris Ferris, Josh Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, Anjela Bucklew (telephonic), James Schafer, Melissa Newton, John Gutekunst

INVOCATION: Deacon Leo Bejarano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PRESENTATION: Community Development Directors Update

Mayor Bonds opens the floor for Community Development Director Nora Yackley. Nora provides the council with an update to all of the projects going on around Town. She notes the progress of several

large projects including Kofa Courtyard, Daniels Beef Jerky and River Motorsports. She also notes we will be getting a new restaurant in the space at Terribles.

Nora asks Public Works Director Steve Ziegler to provide the information regarding water use by the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Steve notes that the tribes have contacted the Town about possibly using our water system temporarily in case of a failure at one of their wells. Steve notes that he has discussed testing with the tribes regarding their water quality. He notes there will need to be a new backflow device installed in order to accommodate and protect the Town's water system. He notes the high risk of contamination that could happen without the proper equipment in place. Steve also notes that we have an aging water system as well. While we are constantly updating things, it would not be feasible to support the tribe's water system for an extended length of time. Steve speaks about chlorinating and samples. VM Hooper asks who will be paying for the backflow device? We will be asking the tribes to pay for that device. Steve is unsure at this time what the cost of the backflow device will be. VM Hooper asks if we will be charging for water? Steve notes that council should determine what we will be charging, Mayor Bonds notes that Chairwoman Flores was aware that there would be a cost for these services. CM Hartless asks how long it will take to fix their well. Steve notes that it is similar to what we just did in Parker South, you really don't know how long until you get in there and start digging. CM Hartless asks how much water we use in a day. Steve reports that this time of year we typically use about 500,000 gallons of water a day. Backflow device is going to take the longest. Mayor Bonds thanks everyone for their presentations.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: There were 2 calls to the public presented to the clerk.

1. Donna McCoy- Donna wanted to come introduce herself. She is running for State representative for district 5 which includes La Paz County. She notes that she has served on the WACOG Board here in La Paz for the last 8 years. She provides everyone a card so they have her contact information.
2. Melissa Newton- Melissa provides all members of council with the new 2022 Arizona state guide which advertises our area. She notes all of the different ads that the chamber has. She highlights other La Paz county places of interest that are in the magazine. She notes that there was an error in this year's magazine and we will be receiving a discount for next year as the error was on their part. She also provides a list of upcoming Chamber events.

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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.

Approve the following:

No items submitted for approval.

Council Member Savino asks why we haven't had any minutes to approve very often he was wondering why we don't have any minutes. Mayor Bonds notes that Amy has been out ill. CM Savino comments that it has been longer than that. Mayor Bond says we will follow up on that.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion and possible action on the following item(s)

1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Western Park Playground Equipment

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

The Director of Public Works respectfully requested the Mayor and Council to approve the land and water conservation fund Grant agreement from Arizona state parks and trails to receive \$28,000 towards new playground equipment for Western Park. In addition, I respectfully request the mayor and Council to approve the Town share for the project which is \$36,037.07. This is a grant Lori and John Luther applied for in November of 2019 and was planned to begin and be completed in 2021 then the pandemic hit and all the funding from Arizona State Parks and Trails was then put on hold until August of 2021. See the highlighted email attached from Mickey Rogers stating the approval. In addition to the funds from Arizona state parks and trails the town will receive \$10,000 from Arizona complete Health which were granted to the town to use towards the purchase of new playground equipment. This Grant application was submitted by Laurie Wedemeyer in 2019 as well. See attached photo accepting the check. When Amy and John spoke with Mickey Rogers in November of 2021 he was happy to hear that we were moving forward with accepting these grant funds and indicated it would help us next time around when we want to go after grant funds for the pool installation. So it's very important that we complete this approved grant funding so we can remain in good standing. Play it Safe playgrounds, which is a member of the Mohave Cooperative number 190-play-0221, provided a proposal that includes the following; temporary fencing while the project is being done, labor to remove the existing playground, excavators and pour concrete for new playground footings, Burke 116-13 1359-2 nucleus custom playground set, labor to install playground set, taxes and freight for \$71,537.07 Public Works will purchase and install mulch once the equipment is set. In the approved FY 21-22 budget there was grant funding that was budgeted for the following; new pool 300,000K skatepark 200,000K and jailhouse refurbish 250,000K we would like to use the portion of the grant funds that were budgeted for the skatepark provided that is done meaning of standard accounting practices following approval we will sign the agreement and order you the equipment and schedule the installation. CM Hartless clarifies what is meant by budgeting for the grant funds. It is noted that we have to budget for acceptance of grant funds. CM Hartless says this is a bargain for the playground equipment. Steve also notes that we really wanted to stay in good standing with the State Parks Grants. They have more funds that are available and we will be applying again to go out for pool funds. VM Hooper asked about applying now, it was noted that Amy and Steve talked with Mickey about possibly adding more stuff to this grant. They would not allow us to modify what was already being worked on, but encouraged us to quickly finish this up and apply again. VM Hooper asks how long it will take to get the equipment? It's a 26 week lead time right now. Additional grant opportunities are discussed for the parks.

MOTION: Move to Approve Western Park Playground Equipment
BY: Council Member Lucas
SECOND: Council Member Hartless
VOTE: with all others in favor, the motion passed;

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Play It Safe Playgrounds and Park Equipment, Inc. Agreement.

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

It is noted that this item is a continuation of the last item. This is the agreement for the purchase of the playground equipment. The Town Attorney felt it was best if this was adopted separately. There is no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to Approve Play It Safe Playgrounds and Park Equipment, Inc. Agreement.
BY: Council Member Savino
SECOND: Council Member Lucas
VOTE: With all others in favor, the motion passed;

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Resolution 03-2022 Call to Election English and Spanish Versions

Amy Putnam, Town Clerk/Interim Town Manager

Amy Putnam requests Mayor and Council to approve the call to Election english and Spanish versions. She notes this is a housekeeping item that is done in order to set our elections dates etc. there are no questions regarding this item.

MOTION: Move to Approve Resolution 03-2022 Call to Election English and Spanish Versions
BY: Council Member Savino
SECOND: Vice Mayor Hooper
VOTE: With all others in favor, the motion passed;

4. Discussion and Action to authorize the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to engage the services of a forensic auditor

Christina from the Town Attorneys office provides an update regarding engaging a forensic auditor. She notes that she has reached out to several companies. Many of them are very busy this time of year due to tax season. She will continue researching companies for us. There were no council comments or questions. No motion is made.

COUNCIL MEMBER/LIAISONS REPORTS WITH POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- *Chamber of Commerce-CM Savino + Manager Wedemeyer*
- * Tourism-CM Hartless * Joint Venture-VM Hooper + CM Savino* PAACE-CM Lucas*
- *Tribal Committee -Mayor Bonds + CM Savino *
- *Parks & Recreation- CM Lucas + VM Hooper* Senior Center-CM De Leon+ CM Savino *
- *Streets & Traffic -VM Hooper + CM Savino*
- *Library Board-CM Shontz* La Paz County Fair Board-Mayor Bonds*
- * WACOG-CM De Leon + CM Savino*
- *WAEDD- CM Hartless*

CM Lucas notes that he attended PAACE they are working on lots of good things. No other reports are given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday-Saturday	January 19-22, 2022	BITD Parker 425	Various events throughout Town. See BITD website for more
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Thursday	January 27,2022	Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Monthly Business Mixer host by ARF	5:30 PM at 309 7th Street
Saturday	January 29,2022	Spanish Heritage Celebration @ Parker Public Library	10:00am to Noon
Tuesday	February 1,2022	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

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

ADJOURN: Mayor Bonds adjourns the meeting at 6:52 PM

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The council may vote to recess into an executive session which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice regarding any of the agenda items, pursuant to a.r.s. §38-431.03(a)(3).

Approve



Karen Bonds, Mayor

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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January 18, 2022 6:00 PM Arizona

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Meeting ID: 816 0554 4850
Passcode: 603893

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