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MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION/REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1314 11<sup>th</sup> STREET  
TUESDAY, June 7, 2022 5:00 P.M.

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

**CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER:**

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

Staff: Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk Amy Putnam, Finance Manager Megan Poe, Chief of Police Michael Bailey, Public Works Director Steve Ziegler, Community Development Director Nora Yackley, Library Manager Tracy McConnell, Senior Center Director Lee Ann Anderson

Others Present: Michael Kelly, Melissa Newton, John Gutekunst

**PURPOSE:**

1. Discussion

Re: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Amy Putnam, Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk

*Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk Amy Putnam presents the proposed FY 22/23 budget. Discussion follows regarding the Police Department requests, 2.5% COLA for all employees, changing the part time*

court employee to a full time employee, changing a part time library employee, and adding one new employee to public works. Estimated revenues are discussed. General fund capital projects are discussed and the use of ARPA funds is reviewed. HURF revenues and possible street projects are discussed. Water fund expected revenues and the current fund balance are discussed as well as possible projects. Grant projects including water saving measures are discussed. A reduction to the TOP CHOP grant due to a portion of the program being reverted back to the county is noted. All of the community partner agreements for the year will remain the same.

ADJOURNMENT THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION: The work session is adjourned

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

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INVOCATION: Given by Council Member Savino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all in attendance

PRESENTATION: Swearing in of New Police Officers

*Judge Kubacki swears in the new officers Michael McKarson and Wes Akalski and photos are taken*

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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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:**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021 (Absent Council Member Shontz)  
**MOTION: To Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021 (Absent Council Member Shontz)**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM De Leon**  
**VOTE: With Council Member Shontz abstaining and all others in favor the**

**motion passed**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

1. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Distribution Pump "B" Removal and Evaluation by Phoenix Pumps

Steve Ziegler, Public Works Director

*Steve Ziegler Public Works Director requests council to approve to the agreement with Phoenix Pumps to remove distribution Pump B for \$3,231.45. Steve notes the condition of the current pump and the diminished capacity. When inspected by the water supervisor the pump shaft had split into 2 pieces. Emergency replacement was completed and the pump is now working properly.*

**MOTION: To Approve Distribution Pump "B" Removal and Evaluation by Phoenix Pumps**

**BY: CM Savino**

**SECOND: CM Lucas**

**VOTE: With all others in favor the motion passed**

2. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny IDA-Grant Application for Desktop Computers  
Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

*Tracy McConnell Library Manager requests approval to submit an application to the IDA for \$8,500 for the purchase of 7 Computers for staff and for patron use in the Arizona room. She notes the current computers are approximately 10 years old and are becoming unusable. There is no fiscal impact to the Town.*

**MOTION: To Approve IDA-Grant Application for Desktop Computers**

**BY: CM DeLeon**

**SECOND: CM Hartless**

**VOTE: With all others in favor the motion passed**

3. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Acceptance of Summer Reading Sub-Grant Funds

Tracy McConnell, Library Manager

*Tracy McConnell Library Manager requests approval for the acceptance of special funding through the Arizona Library Association Summer Reading Program sub-grant for \$227,022.50 to expand the summer reading program through August. Tracy notes the various things that will be purchased through the grant. There will be no fiscal impact to the town's budget for these purchases. There is discussion regarding the gift cards and how those will be issued. It is noted that only 12 libraries applied for this grant that is why we were awarded so much money.*

**MOTION: To Approve Acceptance of Summer Reading Sub-Grant Funds**

**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Shontz**  
**VOTE: With all others in favor the motion passed**

4. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Resolution 10-2022 Authorizing an Alternative Work Schedule

Amy Putnam, Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk

*Amy Putnam, Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk requests approval of resolution 10-2022 Adopting an alternative work schedule of 4 ten hour days for all employees. She notes the benefits and notes that this schedule has been adopted by many Arizona Cities and Towns as well as our own county.*

**MOTION: To Approve Resolution 10-2022 Authorizing an Alternative Work Schedule**  
**BY: CM DeLeon**  
**SECOND: CM Shontz**  
**VOTE: With all others in favor the motion passed**

5. Discussion and Consultation for Legal Advice with the Town Attorney concerning the Notice of Claim filed against the Town by Lori Wedemeyer. The Council may discuss this matter in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

**MOTION: Move into Executive Session**  
**BY: VM Hooper**  
**SECOND: CM Savino**  
**VOTE: With all others in favor the motion passed**

*There was no action taken on this item.*

6. Discussion and Action to Approve/Deny Issuing a Notice of Termination of the Employment Agreement between the Town and Lori Wedemeyer as Town Manager and Direct the Town Attorney to Take Action Required to Issue the Notice pursuant to the Employment Agreement. The Council may vote to discuss this matter in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3).

**MOTION: Move to Direct the Town Attorney to Take Action Required to Issue the Notice pursuant to the Employment Agreement**  
**BY: CM Hartless**  
**SECOND: CM Lucas**  
**VOTE: With Council Member Savino opposed and all others in favor the motion passed**

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\*
- \*Parker Regional Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Directors Report\*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Saturday	June 11, 2022	44th Annual Tube Float	8:00 AM @ La Paz County Park
Monday	June 13, 2022	Library Advisory Board	5:00 PM
Tuesday	June 14, 2022	Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	4:00 PM
Saturday	June 18, 2022	Colorado River Regional Crisis Services Annual Father Daughter Dance	6:00 PM @ Parker Elks Lodge
Monday	June 20, 2022	Streets and Traffic Committee Meeting	5:15 PM
Tuesday	June 21, 2022	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00 PM

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

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Bonds adjourns the meeting at 7:14 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

Randy Hartless, Mayor