

MINUTES

TOWN OF PARKER COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1314 11th STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor asked all present to please silence or mute their electronic devices during the Council Meeting

CALL THE 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 V. Hartless, Savino, and Shontz
Absent, Council Members Collett and R. Hartless

Staff Present: Manager Wedemeyer, Chief of Police Romo, Public Works Supervisor Ziegler, Library Manager Davis, Senior Center Director Tilley, Officer Venegas, Officer Castaneda, and Town Clerk Cockrell

Others Present: Pastor Swarthout, John Gutkunest, Skip Becker, Mary Hamilton, Lisa Whittier, Danny Tucker, Joan Hall, Ray Albright, Terry Kass, Karen Amon, Susan Zook, and DL Wilson

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Glenn Swarthout from the First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by all present

OATH OF OFFICE: Officer Juan Castaneda by Mayor Dan Beaver

Mayor Beaver gave Officer Castaneda his Oath of Office that was sworn allegiance to by Officer Juan Castaneda

Proclamation: BPO Elk's 150th Year * February 1868 ~ 2018

Exalted Ruler Joan Hall read aloud the Town of Parker's proclamation declaring this the 150th year of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, and the 64th year of the Parker lodges Charter. Joan invited everyone to the Thursday, February 15th Chamber of Commerce monthly mixer that would be held at the Elk's Lodge. Mayor Beaver commented the Elks are a vital organization here in the town, one that he and his whole family have been lifelong members of.

Presentations:

Community Partners Reports

*Parker Area Chamber of Commerce * Tourism * LaPaz Economic Development*

Skip Becker Director of the LaPaz **Economic Development** provided a recap of the previous reported 2017 projects and told the council many new and exciting projects are coming in the future. CM Shontz asked just how many current projects was he working on; Skip replied close to 19, and that he travels approximately 1,000 miles a week to and fro on these projects. He gave the Mayor and Council his gratitude for the Town's ongoing support.

Lisa Whittier Coordinator of the **Tourism** division of the Chamber of Commerce reported the most requested item asked for at the chamber was an off road map; so after close to four-years the map has been completed. A copy was presented to the Council and is available at the Chamber. Now in printed version visitors can see both sides of the river from above the Parker Dam area of Swansea, showing the boundaries of the reservation with emphasis on the Arizona Peace Trails and other marked roads and byways. Updates will be added from time to time to the map in attempts to keep it current. She thanked the Town and all the advertisers who participated in bringing the map to its finishing point. VM Hooper inquired if the trails were labeled or marked, she replied not exactly, but the map does provide GPS references that the newer vehicles could apply to get to their end destination. CM Savino commented we need to make Parker one of the off-road destinations in the State of Arizona.

Mary Hamilton Director of **Parker Area Chamber of Commerce** provided Mayor and Council her printed report with a recap since the community partner's last presentation. She thanked the Exalted Ruler from the Elk's for hosting this month's Chamber Mixer. The Parker Chamber is 65 years old this year, the loans have been paid off and the chamber now owns the building. The next project is to get the building in ADA compliance and to work on the lighting. To save on energy cost she would like to go with LED bulbs and work on replacing any trip hazards by repairing some of the interior tiles. This year's downtown experience met with great weather and was attended by many; she thanked all her sponsors and helpers. Within her printed report was a log of the visitors - to date the chamber numbers of walk-ins, phone calls for info etc, from local visitors, out of state visitors, and international visitors are higher than the counts for all of 2017. One of the past objectives was to get Parker and the Chamber known via the web; this has been completed and surpassed all their dreams in responses; Parker and everything we have to offer is out there! She gave the Mayor and the Town her thanks and gave a special thank you to her fellow workers, Lisa and Danny are irreplaceable. There would be some work force training sessions in March partnering with the schools for our youth; our youth needs to know how to use a checkbook, how to fill out a job application, and to learn general customer service skills – not everyone will be going to college. Again, she appreciated all the councils and the town staff years of support of her and the Chamber.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the following:

A Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2018 (absent CM R. Hartless)

MOTION: The January 2nd regular minutes are 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 Special Event Liquor License request from Soroptimist of Parker for their annual fundraising event, "Taste of Parker" to be held at the 1317 Joshua Mall site on Thursday, March 1, 2018, during the hours of 1:00pm until 9:00pm

Town Manager Wedemeyer explained this is an annual event that is sponsored by the Soroptimist to benefit the Crisis Shelter and held at the entrance of the Joshua Mall; all staff is aware and the request has their approval and support of the event

MOTION: The Special Event Liquor License request from Soroptimist of Parker for their annual fundraising event, "Taste of Parker" to be held at the 1317 Joshua Mall site on Thursday, March 1, 2018, during the hours of 1:00pm until 9:00pm be approved as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

2. Approve/Deny authorize Public Works to issue a Call to Bids for services and materials for the Preservation Fog Seal Street Project (2017/2018 approved Capital Project Budget).

Public Works Supervisor Ziegler explained this is the normal maintenance step designed to maintain the network of the town's roadways; he is requesting to go out for bids to advertise the fog seal project starting on the 11th and open on March 2nd the estimated cost is \$17,333.00, paid from the 2017/18 Capital Projects budget. Skip Becker commented he is working with Steve and La Paz County on their Fall SR 72 Project to use the highway grindings from their job over in Parker South on the town's roads.

MOTION: Public Works is authorized to issue Call to Bids for services and materials for the Preservation Fog Seal Street Project

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Savino

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

3. Approve/Deny Parker Police Department use of Aaron Hill Field on Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm ending at 11:00pm to host their 4th Annual Home Run Derby; request the soft Road Closures of 8th Street between Desert and Chemehuevi Avenues and 8th to 9th Streets on Chemehuevi Avenue

Chief of Police Romo explained this would be the 4th year his department is hosting the Home Run Derby which benefits the local kids Christmas, the same annual street closures are requested for the public's safety. No comments came from the Council

MOTION: Parker Police Department use of Aaron Hill Field on Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm ending at 11:00pm to host their 4th Annual Home Run Derby; request the soft Road Closures of 8th Street between Desert and Chemehuevi Avenues and 8th to 9th Streets on Chemehuevi Avenue be approved as presented

BY: VM Hooper

SECOND: CM Shontz

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

4. Approve/Deny Parker Police Department acceptance of the NRA Foundation awarded grant funding to be used for the purchase of 15 new Gen 5 Glock duty weapons

Chief of Police Romo explained late last year the department applied for this foundations grant and has been awarded the no-match funding which would allow the purchase of 15 new Glock hand guns. CM Shontz asked what the department current uses and was informed 9mm handguns.

MOTION: Parker Police Department acceptance of the NRA Foundation awarded grant funding to be used for the purchase of 15 new Gen 5 Glock duty weapons is approved as presented

BY: CM Shontz

SECOND: VM Hooper

VOTE: All in favor, the motion passed

5. Approve/Deny Public Works award Change Order #1 to Pioneer Earthmovers on the 2017 Fall Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$13,205.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign the supplementary contract documents.

Public Works Supervisor Ziegler explained there were two items on this project that were miscalculated on the bid schedule that requires a change order to allow for the \$13,205.00 be paid to the contractor. This error however, is still within the engineers estimated amount for the project. Council commented on the safety issues of the riverside sidewalk/old driveway area and the huge planter/drainage ditch in front of the O' Reilly's store; Council was told PW is working with ADOT to possibly change the scope of the existing sidewalk.

MOTION: Change Order #1 to Pioneer Earthmovers on the 2017 Fall Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$13,205.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign the supplementary contract documents is approved as presented

BY: CM Savino

SECOND: VM Hooper

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 - VM Hooper + CM Savino*
- Library Board - CM Shontz * La Paz County Fair Board - Mayor Beaver
- * WACOG - CM Hartless * PAACE - CM Collett
- *WAEDD - CM Savino + Mayor Beaver*

VM Hooper reported Joint Venture is advertising for the new manager and an additional worker, Streets & Traffic was updated with the agenda tonight, and Parks & Recreation has received great compliments on the recent parades, and the Poston Rotary is still working at Pop Harvey Park.

- *Financial Report* * *Town Manager Lori Wedemeyer*

Ms Wedemeyer provided the 2nd quarter financial report for the council, she thanked the department heads for keeping their expenditures to the low 38.7%, the revenues are at 44.07%, which she thinks would be do to the new hotel revenues, the State she added is still behind in getting their reports out. The HURF revenues are up and the School is current with their side of their payments, as is the Library with their grants. Council commented how appreciative they are of Ruthie efforts in keeping the Parade Magazines funding still ongoing, and urged her to always relay the town's thankfulness to all the library sponsors.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was no Call at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thurs. Feb. 8 th	Special Regular Senior Center Committee Meeting @ the Center (CM FS)	9:30am
Thurs. Feb. 8 th	Antique Road Show @ the Library	10:00am – 2:00pm
Fri./Sat. Feb. 9+10	Parker Public Friends Book Sale @ the Library	10:00am-12:00 noon
Sat. Feb. 10 th	Take a Kid Fishing at LaPaz County Park	10:00am – 2:00pm
Mon. Feb. 12 th	Dirt Meeting (General Utilities Meeting)	9:00am-10:00am
Mon. Feb. 12 th	Friends of the Library Meeting @ the Library	12:00 noon
Mon. Feb. 12 th	Parks n Rec Committee Meeting (CM HC)	4:00pm
Mon. Feb. 12 th	Parker Public Library Board @ the Library (CM MS)	5:00pm
Monday, February 19th All Town offices are closed in observance of President's Day		
Tue. Feb. 21 st	Next Regular Council Meeting	6:00pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Beaver adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:58pm

Approve

Dan Beaver, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meetings of the Town of Parker Common Council, which was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018; I further certify the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

Action Minutes are the recorded actions taken by Mayor and Council; the **Official Approved Minutes** will be posted on the Town of Parker Website 24 hours after being approved by Mayor and Council at their next regular scheduled Council Meeting.

Candy Cockrell, Town Clerk

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