



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

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HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES COUNCIL WORKSHOP AT 9:00^{AM} FEBRUARY 13, 2016

- A. **The Meeting was Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.**
- B. **Roll Call**

Present:

Mayor: Ken Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem: David A. Perry

**Council Members: Laura Wallace
Christy Hirshberg
Walter Welsch
Anna Gonzales**

Absent: Donna Johnson

Town Clerk: Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Town Attorney: Not present

Absent:

- C. **Discussion on Preparing for Budget – Monika Patience CPA – 9:00 A.M.**
Monika gave an update on the budget and expenditures. Ms. Patience gave some ideas on how to produce more money for town. Such as charging for the pool and the buses or even raising taxes. Ms. Patience also mentioned that we do have a major project ongoing with Ft. Huachuca, the (Sewer Affluent Project). Also, there is no flood plain area here we need to have those maps updated. The flood plain is part of the reason why people move or cant affords the insurance. Mayor Taylor stated that we are looking at getting this updated and are aware of the problem. Clerk Mitchell stated that Dr. Johnson is working with the county on the map updates. Ms Patience is looking for a way to increase our tax base. Ms. Patience stated that for the budget the expenditure is higher than the income, this is something we need to work on. Mayor Taylor mentioned that we are looking

at raising taxes it is not a big fix but we must be proactive as a city. Clerk Mitchell conveyed that we also have a lot of people that owe us money and we are actively trying to collect. Clerk Mitchell stated that there is about 3 hundred thousand owed to us.

Ms. Patience mentioned that the Home Rule has to be on the ballot. We will need to come up with an amount. First the council approves it then it would go to the voters.

- D. **Planning for the City 9:30 AM.** Mayor Taylor said for future planning he would like to see a little more security for city hall, redo the parking lots. Mayor Taylor mentioned purchasing chairs for the council. Mayor Taylor said today he has some ideas to start working on like water meters. Mayor Taylor asked if the council has some projects ideas. Clerk Mitchell stated key cards would be a good idea. Councilmember Perry stated we could update one of the parks. Councilmember L. Wallace said a dream she has is a dog park and a nature trail for walking. Councilmember Perry stated we need to work on getting grants. Councilmember L. Wallace also stated that a youth center would be nice, it was discussed before but nothing ever happened with it.

The council took a 10 minute break. From 10:00 till 10:10 A.M.

- E. **Discussion on Changing the Form of Government from Mayor/Council to Mayor/Manager Form of Government – 10:00A.M-** Clerk Mitchell stated that a lot of her duties are manager position duties. Clerk Mitchell stated that the city does miss out on county or state function because the emails go out to the city or town managers not the clerks. Clerk Mitchell feels this is the best way for the city to benefit for grants, function, or anything that would help the city prosper. Mayor Taylor said a lot of this boils down to the title. Councilmember Gonzales said this is a benefit for the role will be more effective. Councilmember Welsch said it lessons a chance that things will fall through the hole. Councilmember Perry said the council duty will be only to hire and fire the manager. Mayor Taylor said he will put this on the next agenda. Councilmember L. Wallace stated that the League of Cities and Towns has a pamphlet on the difference of a manager form of government.
- F. **Discussion on Landfill Expansion and Closure.** Mayor Taylor moved, seconded by Councilmember Hirshberg to open for discussion. Mr. Walker, Engineer went through a power point of the documents that will be submitted to ADEQ for the closure and opening of the landfill. Mr. Walker stated once he gives this to ADEQ they will have 30 days to give us an answer.

- G. **Adjournment:**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to adjourn, **seconded** by *Councilmember Hirshberg*
Adjourned at p.m. **6-0 motion Carried**

Approved by Mayor Taylor on June 9, 2016

Mayor, Kenneth Taylor

Attest: _____

Town Clerk Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Town of Huachuca City held on February 13, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and a quorum was present.

Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC, Town Clerk/Administrator