



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
March 14th, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

A. Call to Order – Mayor

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

B. Roll Call.

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Christy Hirshberg, Cynthia Butterworth, Danielle Cardella, Jeffrey Ferro, Jean Smelt, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Debra Trate.

- a. Invocation

Any prayer/invocation that may be offered before the start of regular Council business shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, for the benefit of the Council and the citizens present. The views or beliefs expressed by the prayer/invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker. A list of volunteers is maintained by the Town Clerk's Office and interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office for further information.

C. Call to the Public – Mayor

A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

D. Consent Agenda - Mayor

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine matters and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member of the Town Council requests that an item or items be removed for discussion. Council Members may ask questions without removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered in their normal sequence as listed on the agenda, unless called out of sequence.

C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 28, 2024.

C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

C.3 Consider approval of the disposal of a 2010 Chrysler Sebring VIN 1C3CC5FDXAN185064, a 2005 Toyota Camry VIN 4T1BE32K15U616750 and a 2010 Dodge Nitro VIN 1D4PT5GK2AW121625 through Public Surplus.

Motion: Approval of the items as on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace asked if there was any discussion.
Council had no questions,

Motion: Approve items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Unfinished Business before the Council – Mayor

Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the mayor at any time.

E. New Business Before Council - Mayor

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Mayor Wallace informs the Council that items E.1 and E.2 must be tabled due to this meeting having had to be rescheduled. These items were not able to be scheduled for tonight's meeting and will be on the next agenda. They will be continuing to item E.3.

E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Spencer Forsberg]: Mr. Forsberg will present the Town's finances for the month of January.

Motion: Mr. Forsberg will present the Town's finances for the month of January, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey informs the Council that Mr. Forsberg is running late and has asked for this item to be moved down on the agenda.

This item is being postponed and they will come back to it later in the meeting.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of the proposed Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2025.

Motion: Approval of the proposed Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2025, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey informs the Council that the calendar was designed with all statutory requirements in mind. If they adopt this calendar and have the meetings as scheduled the Town will be in compliance with state law and there will be adequate time for the Town to do its due diligence in determining our budget for next year. They did change the dates for some of the employee stuff, but it will not impact any of the dates that Mayor and Council will be participating in for the budget preparation.

Mayor Wallace asked if there were any questions for staff and if the staff was okay with it.

Manager Harvey answered that staff was okay with it.

Mayor Wallace asked if Council had any questions.

Council had no questions.

Mayor Wallace asked if Council were okay with the proposed schedule. He had been looking at it in the morning and was going to quickly take another look.

Councilmember Butterworth asked if there were copies available.

Manager Harvey explained to Mayor Wallace that not everyone has a copy because not everyone had their phones to get the packet. She asked if she should make copies, or she offered to read the dates that impact Mayor and Council.

Mayor Wallace asked if she had a copy.

Manager Harvey answered that she did, and she had just handed it to Councilmember Butterworth.

Mayor Wallace asked her to read the dates.

Manager Harvey tells the Council that she's only going to read out the ones that Mayor and Council have something to do because there are many other things that they are going to be doing on this calendar as well. The Truth in Taxation to the City Council will be on 4/25/2024, and that is where they come to Mayor and Council and say "here's what we think the budget is looking like and this point. Are you going to consider raising taxes?". This doesn't mean that we're raising taxes. It means that we're asking you. Then the next meeting for Mayor and Council would be documents to be presented to Mayor and Council on 5/10/2024 and that would be the first draft budget. The first Work Session would be on 5/16/2024. The second Mayor and Council Work Session would need to be determined. It may not be needed so they did not put

it in. They did budget a third one which is on 5/30/2024. So, if we need a second one, we know that it must be done between 5/16 and 5/30/2024. On 5/30/2024 would be adoption of the tentative budget. Then we would have our Public Hearings for Truth in Taxation if we are going to raise taxes. It would be the property tax levy hearing and the budget hearing on 7/11/2024. Also to adopt the final budget on that same day. We would adopt the property tax levies on 7/11/2024 as well. Manager Harvey believes this would be the last thing that Mayor and Council would be involved with. Mayor and Council will be sent calendar invites for all these meetings. Mayor Wallace commented to the Council that when they're able to take a minute and look it over that there is a section with the schedule for the meetings and then there is the statutory regarding when things have to get done. He reminds them that we have to get things done before the statutory. He tells them that if they see the meeting set up for July, the statutory deadline is August. We're not going to wait for August. If something happens during the process they'd have some leeway to adjust the schedule. So as long as we get it before the statutory. So that's why we have those dates way before the actual statutory requirement. He asked if there were any other questions.

Councilmember Butterworth asked if these will be before the Council Meetings? She noticed that 4/25/2024 is a Town Council Meeting. So, the Truth in Taxation on 4/25, will that be before the Council meeting?

Manager Harvey answered that it would be before the Council Meeting or directly after. They would decide at that point what is best, but yes, it is the same day as the Council Meeting. They are generally very short. Manager Harvey offers to make physical copies for everyone after the meeting telling them that she is not sure if they would prefer to have one that takes out all the dates besides the meeting dates.

Mayor Wallace answered no. That it's good to see the whole process. Saying then when they meet with Manager Harvey, it gives them all the dates so they can ask "hey, where are we at with this?". He asks if there is anything else.

Motion: Approve the proposed Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2025, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COCHISE COUNTY FOR ELECTION SUPPLIES AND SERVICES.

Motion: Resolution NO. 2024-03 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Huachuca City, Arizona, Authorizing the Town to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cochise County for Election Supplies and Services, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace told the Council that the Town doesn't run our own elections, we pay the County to do it. So, this is just something we need to do. He asked if Town Clerk Thorpe had anything to add.

Town Clerk Thorpe answered no, this is just something that we have to do every year that there is an election. They run the election, they do the counting, and they do everything.

Motion: To approve Resolution NO. 2024-03, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Stephanie Fulton]: Approval to spend \$ 5,728.61 of grant funding to purchase StoryWalk® materials for the library's child literacy program.

Motion: Approval to spend \$ 5,728.61 of grant funding to purchase StoryWalk® materials for the library's child literacy program, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Director of Library and Community Services Stephanie Fulton greeted the Council and explained that she has chosen one (1) vender, after getting quotes from five (5) vendors and finding that this one was the cheapest. They also come highly recommended from two (2) Libraries here in Cochise County. Also, four (4) other Libraries in Arizona and some from other states. It did come in at the lowest bid but they're quality is very good, and their customer service has not been an issue with any of the libraries she had talked to. One (1) of the vendors that she had reached out to doesn't actually do the text mounted display unit, so that kind of puts us in a quandary. She is asking that Council approve for her to go ahead and order these units for the park.

Mayor Wallace asked for Leffingwell?

Director Fulton answered yes, for Leffingwell.

Manager Harvey commented that she had already ordered them for Hunt Park.

Director Fulton answered that it was in the process of being ordered and it was less money because they were all the chain mounted display units.

Manager Harvey commented that she was already able to approve that order for Hunt Park, but she couldn't approve this one because of the amount of money.

Mayor Wallace asked if there were any questions.

Council had no questions.

Motion: Approve the expenditure of \$5,728.61 of grant money to purchase StoryWalk® materials, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Rangers.

Motion: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Rangers, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey explained to the Council that the Town uses the Arizona Rangers for all of our events. We get grace Court from them. We do need to renew this Memorandum of Understanding. She wanted the Council to have it and look at it and review it. If there are changes, they do have time to submit. If they have issues with the way that it is, it is the one that was current and recently expired. We will not get it signed until they have their change of

command in April. The signature pages could not be updated because it made no sense to do that when they know they'll be having a change in command. Manager Harvey would like the Mayor and Council to take the opportunity to review it and let her know if there are any changes so that once they have the signature page, they can bring it back.

Mayor Wallace asked for clarification that Manager Harvey wasn't looking for an approval. Manager Harvey answered that this was correct. She just wants to make sure that we still want to have an MOU with them.

Motion: To pursue the MOU with the Arizona Rangers to be brought back to Council at a later date for final review, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of an Employee Recognition program.

Motion: Approval of an Employee Recognition program, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey told the Council that since some of them couldn't see things on their phones she's going to quickly go through this for them. She reminds them that for this budget year they approved \$800 for employee recognition and appreciation. This money has not been spent yet because she has been working on other things, but she is here now to make a plan for the rest of this year and it will continue on to next fiscal year, as long we continue to budget that money. The program detail includes Employee of the Quarter, Years of Service awards, and employee appreciation events. These are each of the legs of the program. For the Employee of the Quarter, she would ask the department heads to make a selection within their department and they should be recognized within their department. It would be based on outstanding performance, achievement, teamwork, and/or improvement. From the department, the department would award them 59 minutes and a certificate. Those persons that were selected at a department level would then be nominated and submitted to Manager Harvey for consideration for the Town Employee of the Quarter. It would be up to the department head to submit that in writing. The selection of the Town EOC would be made by our staff. So, all the Department Heads would be part of that selection process. This is something that she would want all the Department Heads to participate in, to select among all the departments for that quarter who it would be. She would have a say in it as well, but she feels this is a better way of ensuring that everybody gets an opportunity to be recognized for what they're doing. Once the Town Employee of the Quarter is recognized they'll be presented a \$100 merit bonus at the following Council Meeting. So, the Council would do that. They would get a certificate for that as well. The eligibility requirement being no pending disciplinary, no disciplinary in the past twelve (12) months, and seven (7) months' time in service. Manager Harvey thinks that it's important that they have completed the probation period, which is six (6) months. The second part would be Years of Service awards, and this is something that she has wanted to do for a long time because we should be rewarding the folks that stick with us. We have highs and lows as far as funding goes and things like that. She would present it at two (2) years, five (5) years, ten (10) years. She thinks the Two (2) year is important, a lot of folks leave after a year. So, the

folks that make it to that, even though it's not in line with the five (5), ten (10), but she feels like it's important to recognize someone who stayed with us for two (2) years. This would include pins and certificates presented by the Town Council at a Council meeting or at the Employee Appreciation event. So again, this would be something that Council is presenting. We want folks to be recognized in a public way. The Employee Appreciation events she would plan for two (2) per year. They would be done during our duty hours. She doesn't want to do them on a Saturday as she doesn't think that's fair to the employees. Council would be invited to attend these. She would like to have refreshments or lunch depending on the cost and how much is available in the budget. They would make accommodation for staff that were unable to leave their place of duty because the landfill folks can't leave all at once. Scale shack we only have one on duty at a time, they definitely can't. So, the intent would be obviously they may not be able to come to the event so in that case, if they're being recognized she would ask someone from Council or for all of Council to go out there with her to do that. Or they would schedule someone to cover for them so they could come and get their presentation at the Employee Appreciation event. And if we serve cake and ice cream or a luncheon like Subway sandwiches, whatever it might be, she would make sure that we deliver it to those employees that can't come to the event. She thinks this is really important. Sometimes in the past folks have been left out and she doesn't want that to happen. Next, she started to talk about the budget. Council approved \$800 budget for this program. Employee of the Quarter if we have four (4) of them would be \$400. She has kind of priced out service pins and she priced it as though everyone is getting one, which won't happen at the same time. It would be about \$125 to get something decent looking and that would leave us with about \$275 for the Two (2) employee events. And one event could be smaller than the other, like one is just cookies and soda. The point is that everyone gets recognized, and she would like Mayor and Council to be a part of that. Manager Harvey would be serving them as well to say thank you for all that they do all the time.

Councilmember Ferro asked about the Years of Service pins. Would they have markings for the different milestones?

Manager Harvey answered that no, she would do it so that it marks the number of years. That's what she would prefer to do and what she has kind of budgeted out. She asked if the Council had any question or suggestions.

Councilmember Ferro asked can an Employee of the Quarter be part of the selection party.

Manager Harvey answered no sir. It would be the Department Head and herself. So, she wouldn't be the sole selector because she doesn't get to see all the staff and she doesn't think that would be fair to the staff that she rarely gets to see.

Councilmember Ferro asked if Manager Harvey or the department heads have any consolidated criteria for what a for what a Town Employee of the Quarter would look like.

Mayor Wallace commented selection criteria.

Manager Harvey answered that the initial selection would be done by the Department Head, and she would like them to set their own criteria as long as it goes with those kinds of intangible things she had already mentioned. Where it's outstanding performance, it's achievement, some sort of achievement. It could be something as simple as they got their Water Operator license. It could be some kind of training that they completed. And/or even improvement. Being the best team player. She would leave that to the department heads. Then once it comes up to us, we would be evaluating along those lines and you're right that there will be some differences, but she thinks those differences will actually make the selection stronger. Because we are all

going to perceive things a little bit differently. And the eligibility is pretty set. Like you won't be eligible if you have pending disciplinary or have had any in the past twelve (12) months. Mayor Wallace asked if there were any questions.

Several members of Council commented that they think it's a great idea.

Mayor Wallace commented that he didn't see an Employee of the Year mentioned.

Manager Harvey replied that she thought about that, and we could do that, but she thinks we would need a little bit more money.

Mayor Wallace responded that we could work on that during the budgeting coming up.

Manager Harvey commented that she would write it into the program so that they can budget it in for the next fiscal year.

Mayor Wallace comments to the Council that they need to really consider what kind of budget they want to establish for the Employee Recognition Program. It is very important that we're able to recognize our employees. It really is and sometimes they might feel like they're doing more but their efforts need to be recognized. He definitely wants employee of the year to be looked at. He was also thinking about the requirements portion, and he thinks they should still define some set baselines. Effectively giving each Department Head a level playing field to help them pick. Mayor Wallace expresses that without set baselines then the people who write-up good might overshadow the people who are doing hard work. He wants it to be that when they nominate somebody, award somebody, they can articulate what they did, why they did it, how what they did impacts or betters the community or how the rest of the departments are helping out. We need to be able to focus, again this thing is about the people who live here and anything that we do needs to be about how we can make their lives better and that goes for the employees as well. Mayor Wallace continues on commenting that some departments can't close.

Manager Harvey replied that the problem with the Landfill.

Mayor Wallace interrupts her saying that there is no problem with the landfill. Because if we know that we're doing this then we should have contact information for all of our departments and be able to say "Hey, the landfill will be closed from this time to this time for an employee whatever." period. So, there is no "because of the landfill", we just have to be better at coordinating that with our big haulers and telling the public so that we're not doing this at the last minute. If we know what time we're going to be doing it then we can notify our haulers and say "Hey guys, heads up. We're not going to have anybody here". The reason that he's saying this is because we're still not having that team building event from all of the employees because, "Well I'm sorry you're stuck in the shack because people are coming to dump trash". There is no reason why we can't not do it. He's seen people closed up all the time and then they reopen for whatever reason. The Court House closes. So, we need to get better at you know, there is no reason why we can't have them involved as long as we're able to effectively coordinate. And if we don't have a good time for all to meet then we need to reschedule. It's email blast "Hey guys, FYI we're closing out early, it'll be at this time to this time and if you have a problem with that. Sorry not sorry". We need to get out of that mentality that we can't close it down because there will be haulers. They're our employees. Mayor Wallace said that he appreciates that fact that they sacrifice that fact they can't be involved. They can be involved, and we need to fix that. They're our Town employees too. Some of them have been out there for a very long time.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg commented that she was thinking that while we're budgeting, we may want to think about some place where you can see the employee of the quarters and employee of the year. So, there are four (4) of them and then employee of the year. Manager Harvey answered that they absolutely would be doing that. Their names and pictures would be up on in our hallway here. Mayor Wallace asked if there were any other questions. Council had no questions.

Motion: Approve the Employee Recognition Program and recommend taking the discussions and conversations discussed and shaping them, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council are now returning to item E.1

E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Spencer Forsberg]: Mr. Forsberg will present the Town's finances for the month of January.

Motion: Mr. Forsberg will present the Town's finances for the month of January, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mr. Forsberg greets the Council and apologies for his tardiness. He jokes that Uncle Sam does not wait for Taxes. He begins his report for January, telling the Council that we are 59% through our fiscal year. The General Fund has a revenue of \$222,983, with expenses of \$180,943. We are in the black for the General Fund with \$42,000 for the month of January. Tracking year-to-date we are as well in the black.

The Water Fund. He tells the Council that Manager Harvey and Director Fulton have been very diligent in providing some feedback on the reports that classifies to different areas so the Council might see some negatives for the month of January in the General Fund but that's because it was caught and needed to be posted somewhere else. Mr. Forsberg gives his thanks to the staff and Manager Harvey for that. Going back to the Water Fund. For the month of January, the Water Fund had \$30,904 for revenue and expenses of \$26,000. This fund is in the black by \$4,278 for January and year-to-date in the black.

The Sewer Fund had a revenue of \$16,692 with expenses of \$11,182. This fund is in the black for the month of January as well and year-to-date slightly.

The Garbage Fund had a revenue of \$13,619 and expenses of \$29,357. He tells the Council that they had something posted somewhere else and they got it moved. We are still tracking in the red on the Garbage Fund for year-to-date.

The Landfill Fund had \$120,660 in revenue for the month of January with expenses of \$151,000. He points out to the Council that maintenance put the Town in the red for January. Year-to-date this fund is still tracking in the black.

The bus had a revenue of \$48,000 for the month and expenses of \$24,000. The bus is in the black for the month and year-to-date for the Transportation Fund.

Mr. Forsberg comments again that this month involved a little bit of moving application around that had posted. Manager Harvey and her staff did a good job of digging around and finding where things should have posted when they didn't post. So, the journal entries for January clear

that up and year-to-date the numbers are reflected in that. He asked if the Council had any questions.

Mayor Wallace said that the only one he had was, between now and the next touch base meeting before the next Council meeting, he'd like Mr. Forsberg to do some digging around and bring information to Council about why we're in the red for Garbage. He reminds the Council that this fund is supposed to be breaking even. He acknowledges that people might be behind on paying their bills but reminds everyone that this is still something the Town has to pay. If we're getting billed for something and we're not charging them, we need to fix that. Either we go take their garbage can away or they start paying.

E.7 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of a five-year commercial services agreement with Cox Business for internet service.

Motion: Approval of a five-year commercial services agreement with Cox Business for internet service, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace explained to the Council that the reason this is here is because it is a contract and Council has to approve contracts. He thinks what they have in the contract is 500mb right now.

Manager Harvey answered yes, but it's the exact same contract except for a different amount for 1,000mb. So, if they approve it tonight, it'll go faster. For one (1) gigabyte it'll be \$1,000 a month with no other change to the contract Council has in front of them. Or they can go for 500 GB for \$800 a month. She tells the Council that we are currently paying \$1,120 something dollars a month so if they switch over, they will have a cost savings of about \$1,500 dollars a year with ten times faster internet.

Mayor Wallace commented that faster internet is going to be necessary and we can try to cut other costs elsewhere. He thinks 1,000 makes more sense and it will also help enable actions of remote work capability for staff as well. Ten (10) times spend for less money. He asked if there were any questions.

Motion: Approve the five-year commercial services agreement with Cox Business for internet service at the one (1) gigabit per second service plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-04 A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2024, AS GARDEN MONTH IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.

Motion: Proclamation No. 2024-04 A Proclamation of the Mayor of Huachuca City, Cochise County, Arizona, Declaring the Month of April, 2024, as Garden Month in the Town of Huachuca City, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

E.9 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-05 A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2024, AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.

Motion: Proclamation No. 2024-05 A Proclamation of the Mayor of the Town of Huachuca City, Cochise County, Arizona, Declaring the Month of April, 2024, as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in the Town of Huachuca City, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Cardella went to the Hispanic Chamber event last month and wasn't able to make it this month. It was a great time and is always a great time to meet up with people.

Councilmember Butterworth mentions the Emergency Food Distribution that will happen tomorrow at seven (7) o'clock in the morning. There was no SVMPO meeting recently, and she hasn't heard from the garden. She thinks that they are starting to clear up on some things. She comments on how it is gardening time or time to start getting things ready but cautions everyone to wait until April first because we could still get snow or a cold snap.

Councilmember Smelt commented that her garden is going good. She took her granddaughter to Bisbee today, down to the SEAGO building, which she didn't know was there and she said that it is one solid mass of grey. No trim or anything just a SEAGO sign and she didn't know that was where it was. She said she should have gone in, but she didn't.

Mayor Pro Tem Hirshberg mentions that we have a Town-Wide Yard Sale that is tentatively planned for May 4th. She invites people to take time and clean out their house and sheds. This will give them seven (7) weeks' notice to get things together. They will be putting something out officially, but she just wanted to let everybody know that they are planning to have one. Tomorrow is the Hispanic Heritage meeting, and she has RSVPed and will go to that.

Mayor Wallace has the Hispanic Chamber meeting tomorrow as well. He comments that he doesn't know if it was mentioned to Council but he's sure everybody is tracking Congress and their spending bills, their appropriations, and all that stuff. Something finally got signed up there and what's cool about it is we had a type six (6) in the brush hog direct appropriation in the Agriculture Bill which means that we're going to be getting some equipment. So, we're going to be getting a type six (6) a Brush hog and it'll cover the initial tag and the match because you know it's our Town staff, our Public Works team that goes out and cuts the Highway through Huachuca City. Which notice that we typically don't have any fire problem in the Town of Huachuca City during our fire season. Beyond Town is out of the scope of their responsibility. But this is the type of stuff that is really going to help us prevent the fires. It's amazing and we appreciate the help from Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly's offices. We're going to get a couple pieces of equipment. The next appropriation cycle is open again so we're looking at some things to potentially go after on that angle. Assuming we can get in before the cut off. There's been a lot of traffic going through the League. A lot of the Bills going through the legislature up there and on the Governor's desk dealing with properties. Dealing with what Town's can do and what they can't do and things like that. Just lots of stuff

happening at the State Legislature level that he is keeping an eye on and if something doesn't make sense we'll let them know.

G. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on March 28th, 2024.

Mr. Johann R. Wallace
Mayor

Attest: _____
Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on February 8th, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk