



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

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HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00^{PM} THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

- A. **The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.**
- B. **Roll Call**

Present:

Mayor: Ken Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem: David A. Perry

Council Members: Walter Welsch
Anna Gonzales
Laura Wallace
Donna Johnson
Christy Hirshberg

Town Clerk: Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Town Attorney: Thomas Benavidez

Absent: None

- C. **Approval of Minutes from the December 23, 2015 Regular Meeting and Workshop.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action to approve the Minutes from the December 23 Meeting, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the minutes, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

7-0 Motion Carried

- D. **Call to the Public [3 minute limit] Agenda Items Only. (See below)**

1. Jack Fishback: Voice complaint against my increased insurance. It was directly contributable to the ISO rating. I blame each and every one of you up there; you are here for the betterment of the town. You are the leaders of this town. Why haven't the funds from the landfill gone to support the fire

department? Thank you very much; you're doing an outstanding job. You are absolutely among the top.

2. Neil Josephson: ISO: You have on the agenda that you will be talking about the inspection. The inspection is done, and it failed. You have been notified. You have a very capable fire chief. You have to put money into the fire department.

E. Reports by Council Members and Officers:

1. **Councilmember Welsch - Library/Senior Center-**. Councilmember Welsch stated that the Library internet is having some problems and Clerk Mitchell is working on them.
2. **Councilmember Gonzales– Planning and Zoning-** . Councilmember Gonzales stated that the P&Z is working on the Development Plan and had some training on the Open Meeting Law. With Harold Cole resignation there is another opening on the P&Z Commission. Also they voted in Joanne Wallace as Chairman and Randy Keeling as Vice Chair.
3. **Councilmember Wallace – Parks and Recreation-**. Councilmember Wallace said Parks & Rec's Commission does not have enough members for a board. If you are interested you can contact me or Clerk Mitchell this is a great way to be involved in the city.
4. **Councilmember Johnson – Public Safety-** Councilmember Johnson stated as of the first of the year, Police Dept. responded to 39 calls, had 24 traffic stops, issued 12 warnings and issued 20 separate charges on 12 tickets. Six people have been arrested. Animal Control responded to six calls for service. The Fire Dept. responded to 11 EMS calls and one Fire call.
5. **Mayor Pro Tem Perry - Public Works-** Mayor Pro Tem Perry said he has no report from PW but we did have a water main break that they fixed.
6. **Councilmember Hirshberg– Finance-**. Councilmember Hirshberg said we have hired a Finance Clerk; she comes to us with 18 years experience working in a municipality, she did finance, grant writing, auditing, budgeting and many other duties. And hopefully we will have a report on the Audit next meeting.
7. **Mayor Taylor-** Mayor Taylor reported that he was invited and attended a meeting with State House Speaker Gowon of Arizona. It was a wonderful experience and I had an opportunity to talk to a lot of interesting people. Mayor Taylor spoke with a three star general who said that Huachuca City was really shaping up and he has noticed. Our efforts are being noticed. Mayor Taylor was the only mayor from Cochise County in attendance. Sherriff Dannels was also there. Just to let the citizens know that we are doing a good job.
8. **Tammy Mitchell – Town Clerk's Report-** Clerk Mitchell reported that there are two problems one is we have more computers than the county thought we had and the wifi is being used outside the building. We will be getting that fixed soon. The new finance clerk is doing very well and she is very professional.

Mayor Taylor stated that Hugh Walker has sent the Landfill Expansion engineering to us to review. Please go through this and write down any questions you may have.

F. Unfinished Business: None

G. New Business:

1. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Accepting the Resignation of Harold Cole from the P&Z.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, seconded by *Councilmember Hirshberg*.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to accept the resignation of Harold Cole from the P&Z commission, seconded *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

7-0 Motion Carried

2. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Pro Tem Perry]: For correction that need to be made on Town's Code for Mayor and Council Elections.**

Motion made by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry* to open for discussion and/or action, seconded by *Mayor Taylor*.

Motion made by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry* to direct staff to prepare the necessary documentation for the council to act upon at a future point to bring the Town into compliance, seconded by *Mayor Taylor*.

7-0 Motion Carried

3. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Pro Tem Perry]: Changing the Form of Government to be put on the Ballet.**

Motion made by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry* to open for discussion and/or action, seconded by *Councilmember Wallace*.

Motion made by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry* to direct staff to find the timeline to implement the Form of Government to Mayor/Manager, seconded by *Councilmember Wallace*.

6-1 Motion Carried

Councilmember Johnson voting Nay

4. **Discussion and/or Action [Council Member Johnson]: Huachuca City Dispatchers.**

Item pulled by Councilmember Johnson

5. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Review of ISO Inspection.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, seconded by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

The mayor and council asked Chief Allmon some questions concerning the ISO. Chief Allmon explained that he received an inspection one year after he took this position. It takes one year before it catches up with the insurance companies. The biggest problem was no documents of training or anything, when he started there was no documents at all in the fire department. Now, he has three years of training and other records and should be able to pass with a good number. This is just a temporary problem. Chief Allmon stated the ISO representative said she could come down here and explain the ISO to the public. Chief Biden was also in attendance to explain the ISO Rating system.

Mayor Taylor would like for the people to understand that things have happened that were not in our control some were past practices. If they were to come right now we would pass, we have our three years of training and other documents they are looking for. We also have Mutual Aid with Whetstone which helps a lot. Mayor Taylor asked Chief Allmon to put together a list of

items they need. Chief Allmon said we should be in pretty good shape after a few more items that are needed.

No Action Taken

H. Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$109,5423.14

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Councilmember Hirshberg*.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the payment report, **seconded** by *Councilmember Hirshberg*.

7-0 Motion Carried

I. Call to the Public: [3 min. limit] ARS38-431-01 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.

1. Neil Josephson: Mr. Walker gave his presentation; he stated that the landfill with the new plan on the west side that it would be about 2 feet above grade. The new plan shows a 10ft berm. That isn't going to cut it. Mr. Walker also said that they were not estimating new dirt close to any homes. The plan shows different. Who is lying?
2. Jansen: This fire department episode is a good example of lack of transparency. The citizens didn't know anything about it.

**J. Discussion and/or Action [Town Clerk]: Items to be placed on the next agenda
None**

K. Adjournment

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to adjourn, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

7-0 motion Carried

Approved by Mayor Taylor on January 28, 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 January 14, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and a quorum was present.

Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC, Town Clerk/Administrator