



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

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HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00^{PM} THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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: Johann Wallace
Christy Hirshberg
Walter Welsch
Donna Johnson**

Town Clerk/Administrator: Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Town Attorney: Thomas Benavidez

Absent: Anna Gonzales

- C. **Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 12, 2016.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 12, 2016, **seconded** by *Councilmember Hirshberg*.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the minutes, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*.

6-0 Motion Carried

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

- 1. Robert Foster – I find that back in February of 2014 they had a council meeting regarding the same thing. They had the Town Clerk do research. After that, there were no other actions taken. There shouldn't be alcohol allowed in front of kids.

We've been dealing with the taxes and ISO inspections since 2013. If there is a problem, present it openly. Now we have a problem with taxes to help the fire department.

2. Janice Foster – I am against the alcohol beverages being sold on Town property. I don't believe the city will get enough sales tax. The city can be held liable if there is an incident at one of these events. It's going to create a high cost for the town.
On Budget costs – I believe the strip should be cleaned up along highway 90. It has cost the city in businesses etc. I think new employees should be brought in at below minimum. For employees now, I believe the employees should be paying for their own health coverage. I think 2 town welcome signs are very nice, but what sits between the two is the problem.
3. Stuart Jensen – the Town has not been sued for consumption of alcoholic beverages since the town was incepted. Councilmember Wallace stated it well – the town gets no benefits from this.
4. Neil Josephson – Truth and Taxation notice – you had a hearing 2 weeks ago. This says the hearing is on June 9th. When I left the last council meeting, Keeline Park was lit up, there was no one there. This will help save money on electricity. Item number 4 – parks are for family and people. Mr Josephson stated that the Attorney said that the city will be liable.

E. **Reports by Council Members and Officers:**

1. ***Councilmember Welsch - Library/Senior Center-*** Council Member Welsch reported that the summer reading program starts June 6 and if you are interested please contact the Library. This summer we have two events and Director Norris is looking at having a petting zoo and David from Grasshopper Landscaping is helping with the garden center on the side of the Library.
2. ***Councilmember Johann-Wallace-Planning and Zoning-*** Councilmember Wallace stated that we have a P&Z meeting coming up next week. The two items on the agenda are for Mr. Ortega for the RCC track and Mr. Fix It wants to put up a metal building to help Powder Coating hold supplies.
3. ***Council Member Hirshberg-Parks and Recreation-*** Council Member Hirshberg reported the Pool will open on the 28th of May. All children enrolled for Summer Splash are automatically going to the reading program. Flyers have been distributed for our picnic on June 18. Supplies have been ordered for the 4th of July.
4. ***Councilmember Johnson - Public Safety-*** Chief Thies stated that the Meet and Greet House is coming along thanks to the Josephson. This is an exciting project and is ready to get it finished so we can start using it. The Police Department is getting ready to take a big change Officer Allen is moving to DPS and we are looking at hiring two new officers.
5. ***Mayor Pro Tem Perry - Public Works-*** Councilmember Perry reported that the Land fill is getting hit by the strong winds. Also, the recharge project at the sewer ponds has been in progress for at least eight years now. The Fort has their end finished and now at our end we found out that some things have not been done. We were told our end was ready and it was not. Mr. Halterman has had many different issues and he is getting it completed now so we can get it started. In reference to the Keeline Park the lights are on a timer and locked up, not just anyone can turn them on.

6. **Councilmember Gonzales - Finance-** Clerk Mitchell reported the new Accountants are working diligently for the city.
7. **Mayor Taylor -Mayor** Taylor had no report at this time.
8. **Tammy Mitchell - Town Clerk's/Administrator Report-**Clerk Mitchell reported that there was a question as to if you have to pay taxes only making \$150.00 monthly. The answer is yes no matter what you make you have to pay taxes.

F. **Unfinished Business: None**

G. **New Business:**

1. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Pro Tem Perry]: Truth and Taxation Hearing Notice for Tax Increase. Hearing was held on June 9th at 7:15 pm.**

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

No Action

2. **Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Wallace]: Review the Town's current Transaction Privilege (Sales) Tax Rates and determines the feasibility and/or timeline of increasing the rates across the board from 1.50% to 1.85% (minus the severance – metal mining tax) OR establishes a more comprehensive TPT schedule, where some items/services are taxed higher than others.**

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

No Action

3. **Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Wallace]: Review active/current business licenses issued by the Town, confirming each issued license has a valid Transaction Privilege (Sales) Tax ID listed which can be verified at <https://www.aztaxes.gov/General/LicenseVerification.aspx>. Determine legal course of action for the Town should an invalid or no TPT number be present on said issued license.**

Motion made by *Councilmember Wallace* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Councilmember Johnson*.

No Action

4. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-18-AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.85 "TOWN FACILITY USE POLICY," SECTION 2.85.060 "RULES AND REGULATIONS," TO ALLOW FOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT TOWN PARKS, AND IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, UPON APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.**

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

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to pass Ordinance 2016-18, no **second**

0-6 Motion Failed

5. Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Budget Schedule for Fiscal Years 2016-2017.

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

6. Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Johnson]: Security Systems for the Town's Buildings; and Legal Issues Concerning Guns at Town Hall.

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

Motion made by *Councilmember Johnson* to direct staff to research compliance with what needs to be done, **seconded** by *Mayor Taylor*.

6-0 Motion Carried

H. Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$92,595.10

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

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the payment of \$92,595.10, **seconded** by *Councilmember Johnson*.

6-0 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. Bill Stein – Talk about future planning for the landfill. I know at some point it has to be closed. What I propose for the future is to mine it for fuel for alternative fuel sources.

2. Walter Welsch – I've been requesting that this ramp be taken care of, it has not been touched. I want to state it on the record.

J. Discussion and/or Action [Town Clerk]: Items to be placed on the next agenda.

K. Adjournment:

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to adjourn, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*
Adjourned at 9:00 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 May 26, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and a quorum was present.

Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC, Town Clerk/Administrator