



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

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HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00^{PM} THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 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
Donna Johnson
Anna Gonzales
Walter Welsch

Town Clerk/Administrator: Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Town Attorney: Thomas Benavidez

Absent:

- C. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 9, 2016 and June 16 Public Hearing.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 9, 2016 and the Public hearing held on June 16, 2016, seconded by *Councilmember Johnson*.

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

7-0 Motion Carried

- D. Call to the Public [3 minute limit] Agenda Items Only. (See below)
 - 1. Jane Hjeldness: Fire Department – need to increase the budget for the Fire Department.
 - 2. James Goad: I would like you to consider appointing a group to look at the sales tax before you look at raising it.

E. Reports by Council Members and Officers:

1. ***Councilmember Welsch - Library/Senior Center-*** Councilmember Welsch said Director Norris is working with Grasshopper to redo the side of the Library. The Senior Center is doing well.
2. ***Councilmember Johann-Wallace-Planning and Zoning-*** Councilmember J Wallace reported that we have our next meeting on July 6, 2016. Our item for the agenda is the WLB Group for our General Development Plan. We need to professionally get this done because it is so out of date there are a lot of steps to go through.
3. ***Council Member Hirshberg-Parks and Recreation-***Council Member Hirshberg reported that it was a low turnout for the picnic in the park, in part due to the record breaking heat. However, with the power outage many Huachuca families were picnicking in the park and grilling around dinner time. There is a special meeting planned for Parks and Rec's Board on Monday June 27th for final plan for the July 4th. The next event following July 4th is Family Game Night held at the Community Center on July 23rd. On Friday August 5th there will be a back to school Ice Cream Social held at the Senior Center from 6-9 PM.
4. ***Councilmember Johnson - Public Safety-***Councilmember Johnson reported that so far to date this year the Police responded to 920 calls, affected 634 traffic stops, issued 186 warnings and repair orders with 238 separate violations, issued 434 separate charges on 328 tickets and arrested 85 people. The Animal Shelter responded to 106 calls. The Fire Department responded to 225 EMS calls and 31 fire calls. Chief Thies reported that the meet and greet house is doing great. He is really proud of the response and the project as a whole.
5. ***Mayor Pro Tem Perry - Public Works-*** Councilmember Perry reported that Public Works has been busy painting parking lots and working on the parks. The landfill is preparing for the fireworks making sure everything is covered.
6. ***Councilmember Gonzales - Finance-*** Councilmember Gonzales thanked everyone for working with the budget.
7. ***Mayor Taylor -***Mayor Taylor asked about the next meetings for budgets are going to be. Clerk Mitchell announced July 9th we will have a budget hearing. Mayor Taylor thanked the council and Clerk Mitchell for being hear on all the meeting we have been having and working diligently on getting this done
8. ***Tammy Mitchell - Town Clerk's/Administrator Report-***Clerk Mitchell has no report at this time.

F. Unfinished Business: Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Implementation and timeline for adopting new and increased sales [transaction privilege] taxes.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*. Mayor Taylor said we are still gathering information on all the different taxes.

G. New Business:

1. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Analysis of the Fire Department Budget.**

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

Mayor Taylor stated that the volunteer Fire Department has changed in the past years. We are looking at making some changes to maybe have a full time medical service. Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated that with the three options we are working on the wrinkles of option three. He would like to move forward with option three and will have to pay the EMS minimum wage. Chief Allmon said he has 5 EMT's. Mayor Pro Tem Perry said when we tried to get the ambulance service back to Huachuca we were threatened. So, now we are looking at other and all ideas.

Mayor Taylor said we are looking at adding the 200,000 for a fire engine. The way this works is if we go for a grant we will need to have that money budgeted.

Council member Johnson said that the police and fire are always left out. Councilmember Wallace has some good ideas. You need to have EMT if something happens. Councilmember Wallace said we discussed this last night. Mayor Pro Tem Perry said he would like to see us get two new fire trucks. Councilmember Johnson said that people are thinking this council is just saying what you want to hear.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if we need to make a motion. Chief Allmon explained option three with stipend pay for the EMT to the council. Chief Allmon also said he made 40 thousand on ice and that could be a down payment on a truck. He is looking at a type three truck that could possible go out of state if needed. Mayor Taylor stated we are trying to accomplish all these things.

A question was raised from the audience from Stuart Jenson. Mayor Taylor moved to suspended the rules and let Mr. Stuart Jenson ask his question, seconded by Councilmember Wallace.

Mr. Jenson asked if these changes and money just going into the General Fund. Chief Allmon said he has his own line item that has just his truck fund.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to resume normal meeting, **seconded** by *Councilmember Johnson*.

2. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Memorandum of Understanding with the Sierra Vista Company of the Arizona Rangers to have the Rangers provide assistance and support to the Town's Police Department.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*. The Council had some questions about a few items with the MOU and wanted to postpone this till next meeting.

3. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: For sending the two new police officer candidates (Mr. Platt and Mr. Arnett) to the Arizona Police Academy.**

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

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to send the two new police officer candidates to the Academy, **seconded** by *Councilmember Gonzales*.

7-0 Motion Carried

4. **Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Welsch]: Questions concerning contract performance by previous accounting services provider, MG Patience, CPA.**

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

Motion made by *Councilmember Welsch* to direct staff to look at the legal compliances of the former accounting services, seconded by *Councilmember Johnson*.

7-0 Motion Carried

5. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Discussion on charging people outside city limits for emergency services.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, seconded by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*. Chief Allmon said we can charge for fire on outside city limits. He is getting the documents ready for and we will send them out to all the homeowners that live in that area.

6. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Discussion and possible action on issues rising on budget workshops.**

No Discussion

- H. **Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$94,012.71**

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 of \$94,012.71, 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: ARS states 60 days for political signs. George Nerhan has his political signs up already, they need to come down.
2. Stuart Jensen: The town has rules that everyone must follow. When one of the people that don't want to follow the rules says they will sue the town, I hope the response is, we will see you in court.
3. Cynthia Butterworth: I heard the possibility of a fast food restaurant coming into town. I can't see the point of bringing in a business that will put another business out of service.
4. James Goad: spoke about the credit card policy and employees using the credit cards for personal means.
5. Rod Peiron: What is happening to get the rating back down to where it needs to be?

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 *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*
Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

7-0 motion Carried

Approved by Mayor Taylor on July 14, 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 June 23, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and a quorum was present.

Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC, Town Clerk/Administrator