



# TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 12, 2019 AT 6:00 PM  
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN HALL  
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.  
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

## **AGENDA**

### **A. Call to Order – Mayor**

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

*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.*

**The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 pm**  
**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mayor Wallace**

### **Roll Call**

<b><i>Individual</i></b>	<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Johann Wallace	Mayor	X	
Donna Johnson	Mayor Pro-Tem	X	
Debra Trate	Councilor	X	
Christy Hirshberg	Councilor	X	
Joy Banks	Councilor	X	
Cynthia Butterworth	Councilor	X	
Matthew Williams	Town Manager	X	

Janine Rustine	Town Clerk	X	
Thomas Benavidez	Town Attorney	X	

**B. 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.

**Call to Public: none**

**C. 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.

**D. New Business Before Council - Mayor**

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D.1 Discussion Only [Mayor Wallace]: Town Fire Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Whetstone Fire. Other fire service options may be discussed.

<b>Motion D.1: Open Item for discussion</b>		<b>Action: Open</b>
<b>Moved by: Mayor Wallace</b>	<b>Seconded by: Mayor ProTem Johnson</b>	

**Mayor Wallace:** Even though we still have a year on the contract I wanted to start discussions early I didn't want to wait to the last minute. This will impact our budget and this will affect Whetstone's budget. This is why I wanted to start this conversation early.

**Manager Williams:** We currently pay Whetstone Fire \$410,000 a year and they do a great job. I would not recommend that we bring back our own fire services, the startup cost is too much and we can not afford it. I would recommend we continue to contract out our fire services. I would look at a few things in the contract, right now we pay for the utilities, also Whetstone Fire has a few of our vehicles.

**Chief Bideon:** We have 4 vehicles, 2 fire trucks and 2 other fire vehicles.

**Manager Williams:** In comparison the city of Litchfield contracts out for \$390,000 a year and does not provide vehicles or a building. I don't think Whetstone Fire District annexing Huachuca City is a bad idea. We have also talked about the CON, which is the right to provide ambulance services. Currently Fry Fire has our CON. Most of the money is made through ambulance costs not fire services.

**Chief Bideon:** Arizona is currently in the process of redoing how CONs are done since it's not always fair.

**Manager Williams:** I think if the Whetstone Fire got the CON then we could negotiate our contract with that.

**Chief Bideon:** \$410,000 is our current contract, my staffing is 24/7/365, 6 fire fighters. \$340,916.04 it costs me to staff Huachuca City; there is always 2 full time staff there. We do fire inspections for businesses every year; everyone gets an inspection every year. January 21<sup>st</sup> is our ISO meeting we are shooting for the best we can get and that will be our number for the next 7 years. They are very happy that SEACOM is involved.

**Mayor Wallace:** I do want people to understand that even though Fry Fire has our CON Whetstone will not just stand by in an emergency, if a person needs them they will take care of that person.

**Chief Bideon:** We would like to have the CON, we can try to get it but Fry Fire does not want to give it up, it's money. We do not have the money to fight it as it could be years in court. We provide the man power for the Fourth of July fireworks show for free. We do the CPR training for you police department for basically nothing.

## **E. Adjournment**

<b>Motion: to Adjourn</b>		<b>Action: Approved</b>
<b>Moved by: Mayor Wallace</b>	<b>Seconded by: Mayor ProTem Johnson</b>	

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on January 9th, 2020.



Mr. Johann R. Wallace  
Mayor

Attest:   
Ms. Janine Rustine,  
Town Clerk



**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 December 12, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

  
Ms. Janine Rustine,  
Town Clerk