



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
November 19, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor

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

**The meeting was called to order at: 7:00pm
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mayor Wallace
The invocation was offered by: Elder Thomas**

Roll Call.

**Present: Johann Wallace, Donna Johnson, Joy Banks, Cynthia Butterworth, Christy Hirshberg, Jean Post, Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Brandye Thorpe (Not voting), Thomas Benavidez, Attorney (Not voting).
Absent: Debbie Trate.**

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.

Mayor Wallace recognizes Earl Phillips.

Mr. Phillips would like to have notice in the Sunset News about when companies will have people in the neighborhoods that are going into yards without permission or the residents' knowledge. There was an incident in which some people from the gas company were using a ladder to climb over his neighbor's fence. He asked them what they were doing and they told him that they were doing their job and if he didn't like it to call the gas company. He called 911. He was informed that they have a deal with the Town that they make attempts at contact 3 times and after the third attempt they have permission to go over the fence. He doesn't think it's right, someone is going to get hurt. They are using an a-frame ladder and there are dogs in the yards. For the protection of the guys that are going into yards and the public, something needs to be done about this. The newsletter might be the way to go. He thinks it would be good to inform residents that these guys will be in the neighborhoods and this is their policy and keep them out of people's yards unless they know. Hearing that they have to come to your door twice, he knows they don't do that. He is retired and home most of the time. His neighbors both have cameras in their back yards, they saw them come over the fence and kick at their dogs to try to do what they needed. They need to have a police office to come over if they need to get into someone's yard that bad. He would just like to see something happen so that nobody gets hurt.

Mayor Wallace: Suzanne can you look into that and get with Southwest Gas and SSVEC?

C. 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 Special Council meeting held on November 4, 2020, the Special Council meeting held on November 5, 2020, the Regular Council meeting on November 5, 2020, and the Executive Sessions on November 4, 2020 and November 5, 2020.
- C.2** Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

Motion: Items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.
Motion passed unanimously.

D. 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: I am going to move item E.6 up.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Town Attorney]: Mr. Benavidez will present a contract for the Council to engage Suzanne Harvey to serve as the Town Manager.

Motion: Item E.6, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Mr. Benavidez: Mayor and Council, as directed by Council at the last meeting, I prepared a contract that is nearly identical to the ones for the prior Town Managers. The only difference is Ms. Harvey has her own insurances and will provide that for herself, she will participate in the Town's policies with respect to retirement. One other thing, we changed the section on it being full time employment, which it is but we took out the office hours that were in there. She will be here full time but she needs a little bit of flexibility to come in earlier or working a little later. So I just took the office hours out. It's a two year agreement at \$65,000.00 a year.

Motion: The Contract with Ms. Harvey to serve as Town Manager, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.1 Discussion and or/Action [Town Attorney]: Authorization to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Arizona and other political subdivisions within the State to join in collective efforts to reach a settlement of common claims arising out of the manufacture and distribution of legal opioid medications.

Motion: Item E.1, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Mr. Benavidez: We have talked about this a few times, the opioid litigation. We are a very small community, as we discussed we are not going to be pursuing litigation on our own. The state Attorney General has been conducting litigation on behalf of all the communities in the state. To get leverage to get a settlement out of the opioid companies, they need to be able to say they are representing pretty much every government entity in the state. They are trying to get all of the smaller governments to agree to this memorandum of understanding, which is just a theoretical idea if the Attorney General can get a settlement, how many of us would sign on to it and how funds would be distributed. That's what's on the Agenda for tonight, and I can't see a downside to it. You don't ultimately have to agree to the settlement that the Attorney General enters into, it's just a way of giving the Attorney General leverage to get a settlement. Why would they agree to a settlement if they were then going to be sued by all the other governments? They wouldn't settle, it would be irrational. I think it's really best to let the big dogs handle this sort of thing. I think we should agree to the memorandum of understanding.

Motion: Memorandum of Understanding, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Director Harvey will ask for Council direction regarding the Sewer Pond closure project, including applying for funding from the State's Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund by applying to the State Water Infrastructure Finance Authority. Ms. Harvey will also seek authority to engage a contractor for the project through the State's cooperative job order contracting program.

Motion: Item E.2, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Manager Harvey: You heard at the Work Session what we need to do and how we need to do it. If you approve tonight, it will simply begin the process, it's not like you are approving the contract tonight. We have to follow the steps to get the funding. I believe we will have to get our bond attorney involved. We can't go forward without your authorization. At the next meeting we'll have a resolution for you to approve, and an engagement letter. Then we will be able to follow through with WIFA. We are very lucky that Alan Converse and John Knox are willing to keep working on the project until we can get the funds to pay for it.

Mayor Wallace: Just to recap what we are talking about for this meeting as well, we are talking about the sewer ponds that were closed down in August 2018 and there was a plan to start

working on the actual closure, covering them, in March of 2019. What it comes down to is we are going to cover them instead of removing all of the solids out of the two ponds. Rough estimate right now is \$1.57 million. Some of the other things we talked about are if we do that, we can't build anything else on top of it. To build anything on top of it would require scraping everything out and taking that solid waste elsewhere, which would increase the cost. We talked about trying to leverage a WIFA loan, that could offer low interest. At some point there is the possibility of it being forgivable. The big thing we talked about was being able to pay for it.

Motion: The engagement with the state's job order contracting program, move forward with contacting WIFA, identify funding sources, basically move forward on the project to bulldoze through the process, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Director Harvey will provide an update regarding the Town's plans for holiday events, and Chief Thies will seek approval for the planned parade route and road closures associated with it.

Motion: Item E.3, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Manager Harvey: COVID-19 is affecting everything, and we are going to have to adjust our events in order to have them. We want to be able to celebrate the Holidays. This year we are going to be doing things a little bit differently. In the past we have always had Polar Express after the tree lighting. Because of the numbers that we are seeing right now, we want to hold everything that we can outdoors. We plan to hold the Polar Express event on Friday, December 11th in Leffingwell Park at the bandstand area. We will have some stage management and will put decorations up. We'll have the Mayor up there to read the story and have chairs for the children to sit on. We will start a little bit earlier and we will go first before the tree lighting because it's going to be cold. We're planning to start at 5:30pm because the way we are going to do this is you go directly from Polar Express to the Tree Lighting which means that we don't have to have a set time for the Tree Lighting. We hope to have a couple of other activities go on during Polar Express. We'll have cookies and cocoa and that sort of thing. We will set up the train tracks that we usually set up in the Library in the Senior Center so folks can go through the Senior Center to get to the Tree Lighting at the Fire Department. We will have someone at the door of the Senior Center to make sure we don't have a bunch of people inside at once. Brandye is in charge of the Tree Lighting this year. I think it's going to be amazing. I'm going to let her talk about the Tree Lighting and the Parade. Clerk Thorpe: We got ahold of Antelope Run Electric and they are going to come out and help with getting the lights on the tree and making everything is working. They have a bucket so everything can be reached. They are doing it for free. They want to help the community, so they are just going to come out and help us get it done. They are going to coordinate with Jim Halterman. The parade is coming together really well. We have a lot of the new businesses in Town that are going to participate. We have possibly some draft horses and whatnot going to be included. It's very exciting, everybody is really wanting to come together this year I think

because they missed out on so much the rest of the year. It's exciting and it's coming together really well.

Manager Harvey: Councilmember Hirshberg has been really helpful at getting things together as well, so we really appreciate her help. Chief wants to talk about the road closures and the route.

Chief Thies: We will start on McCray, go down and around, down Gonzales to lower, come back up Gonzales to end at the Senior Center. It starts at 10am and ends at approximately 12pm. Road closure portion will be School Dr., Skyline, East Mustang and Yuma. This will not impact travel on the highway whatsoever. It's a temporary stop so they can't come off the highway. Within Town itself, we will do rolling blockage.

Motion: Planned road closures for the parade, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Direction to staff to establish a civilian review board for police department matters.

Motion: , **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Mayor Wallace: This is something we have talked about a few times. I know Chief has already started on one. This is something we need. This gives the public the ability where it's impartial, members of the public, and they can receive complaints if they feel something is being done wrong, they can bring it to the Advisory Review Board and they would make a recommendation about whatever it is and get that information back to the Town Manager who will get it to Council and then we go from there. This is not in response to anything, this is not because of anything, it's something we have talked about.

Chief Thies: It can also be something positive. Between the citizens, the Council and the Board and not decided solely by the Police Department. I am 100% in favor of that.

Mayor Wallace: I believe Chief already has an outline of the plan, so really what we are doing today is directing staff to formalize that Review Board process for Council to review and approve. For staff, we are going to have a drop dead date on this because I don't want it to linger. How long do you want to give staff to put this together? How much longer would you need to put it together Chief?

Chief Thies: The framework is already done, there are some decision as to how Council wants to move forward, but I would say a finished one ready for the next Council meeting, to be looked at.

Mr. Benavidez: I wonder if you shouldn't do a Work Session on it because there are some complexities or nuances to it that probably need talking out.

Mayor Wallace: That's a valid point. What I want to see is that draft, then we can schedule a workshop. So the final version wouldn't be in place by the end of the year. I at least need a working product that we can work on.

Motion: To have a draft of the Civilian Review Board ready by the next Council meeting,

Action: Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Resolution 2020-27 approving a renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with the Whetstone Fire District for the District to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Town.

Motion: Item E.5, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Mayor Wallace: This is just an extension of the contract as it is currently written. This extension will push us out until the end of June 2021. The reason we are doing this is Chief Bidon retired and we don't want to push forward and update the IGA with Whetstone for long term fire services without having a Fire Chief at all. We did have a Work Session with Whetstone Board earlier this week that went really well.

Motion: Resolution 2020-27, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.7 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Authorization to engage Lumen Technologies to provide internet services to the Town of Huachuca City's Administrative and Public Safety buildings.

Motion: Item E.7, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Manager Harvey: The last few weeks have been incredibly difficult for staff to get work done. The internet is too slow and as all types of work activities move online, we just don't have the bandwidth, we don't have the speed and they are not able to even process payments that we are receiving. If it takes all day to process that, your staff is not getting other things done that need to be done. That doesn't even include the problem it creates for the Police Department. They are not able to upload evidence or their body cam footage. We have to have faster internet. You cannot function in a business or municipality if you don't have fast internet. I'm very disturbed by what I've seen the last few weeks when I come up here and folks can't do their work. They're frustrated. Brandye can tell you more about the contract we are hoping you will approve.

Clerk Thorpe: We did have a call with Lumen/Century Link. They are not going to charge construction costs. It will just be the monthly service charge. It's a high charge, but in order for us to function properly, we need to do this. There is no option but for us to use them, we can't go out and look and see who will give us a better deal. What we have now is not sufficient for anyone to get their jobs done properly.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson: How much is it?

Clerk Thorpe: \$1007.48 per month.

Mayor Wallace: The Town currently has a 12MB down and 2MB up connection shared by everyone in admin, the Police Department and the Fire Department. One bodycam video that

they are trying to upload, about 400MB in size, it takes about 3-4 days to get it uploaded, assuming that it does not error out. It's at the point where it's bad. It is an extremely high cost. As Brandye said there is no construction cost whatsoever. We'd end up getting a 100MB symmetrical connection, which means 100mb up and 100mb down. It would be a fiber connection to Town Hall, similar to the Library. The money is in the IT budget, it just needs moved around.

Councilmember Butterworth: If approved, when would it be up and running?

Clerk Thorpe: We did not get a timeframe yet.

Motion: Engagement of Lumen Technologies to provide internet services to the Town of Huachuca City's Administration and Public Safety buildings, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization ["SVMPO"] presentation to outgoing Councilmember, Joy Banks, for her service to the SVMPO and the community.

Motion: Item E.8, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Karen Lamberton: We have been blessed to have Councilmember Joy Banks on the Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization Board. Ms. Banks has been epic at representing the Town's interests. We wanted to present a Statement of Appreciation to her. She was the one who got that new signal light approved through the regional government and funded. She also aided and supported the development of a countywide aerial imagery photography that will cover the entire Town of Huachuca City at no cost to you. She also got approved a roadway inventory and assessment that we are going to work with Mr. Halterman and Dr. Johnson on getting a complete look at the road network, which is also coming at no cost to you. She has also brought in \$315 thousand of state and federal funds in the past year. She also brought an organizational structure to the SVMPO Board and defended its need for organizational changes, one of which resulted in a reduction of the Town's match from \$10 thousand to about \$2,700 dollars. I have personally appreciated her professionalism and her support.

Ms. Lamberton also presents Councilmember Banks with a book,".

Councilmember Banks: I didn't do anything, I just went to the meetings. The staff made it happen.

Mayor Wallace: Joy is being modest, but if we didn't have her pushing for a lot of this stuff, things wouldn't be happening. Those signal lights wouldn't be going up. Thank you.

Councilmember Banks: Thank you staff. Chief Thies and former dispatch people that said that signal light was needed. If anyone has ideas of what this Town needs, streets, roads, signals, etc. please let Ms. Lamberton know. Let our staff know and they will get the message to her.

Ms. Lamberton: It is long range planning, and it might take a long time, but we will get it done.

Mayor Wallace: I think we will do the canvassing before Joy's resignation.

E.10 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Adoption of Resolution 2020-26 canvassing the results of the general election held on November 3, 2020. The Mayor will also have the elected councilmembers take the oath of office.

Motion: Item E.10, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

SECTION 1. That the total number of ballots cast at the general election, was 683.

SECTION 2. That the votes cast for Proposition 401, extension of the Home Rule Option, were as follows:

	<u>Vote Total</u>
Yes	377
No	282

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found, determined and declared of record, that Proposition 401, extension of the Home Rule Option, has been approved by the voters in the affirmative.

SECTION 4. That the votes cast for the candidates for councilmember, for the single 2-year term, were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote total</u>
Debra Trate	556
Write-in	27

SECTION 5. That it is hereby found, determined and declared of record, that the following candidate did receive the greatest number of votes of the electors of the Town voting on the single 2-year council term:

Debra Trate

SECTION 6. That the votes cast for the candidates for councilmember, for the three 4-year terms, were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote total</u>
Christy Hirshberg	556
Official Write-in, Jean Post	24
Unofficial Write-in	170

SECTION 7. That it is hereby found, determined and declared of record, that the following two candidates did receive the greatest number of votes of the electors of the Town voting on the three 4-year council terms:

Christy Hirshberg
Jean Post

SECTION 8. Pursuant to the Town Code, section 2.15.015 (C), the three successful candidates, [Debra Trate, Christy Hirshberg and Jean Post, shall be declared elected to the office of Councilmember of the Town of Huachuca City, effective immediately; and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to issue to them Certificates of Election for their respective terms of office.

Motion: Resolution 2020-26, **Action:** Adopt, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wallace: Do we have the Oath of Office prepared?

Clerk Thorpe: No Sir. I can pull it up if you'd like?

Mayor Wallace: Can we have them do it after the meeting?

Mr. Benavidez: There is no requirement to do it in Public.

Mayor Wallace: We'll do it after the meeting.

E.9 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Acceptance of the resignation of Councilmember Joy Banks, and appreciation for her service to the Town.

Motion: Item E.9, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Mayor Wallace: Joy, do you have anything to say?

Councilmember Banks: I have been so happy to be on Council. This has been so fun. Huachuca City really is very special. There are a lot of very talented people here. It has been great to get to some people from Sierra Vista and from some of our Federal agencies. If we just have one representative going to some of these meetings, your presence there makes a quorum happen. If I hadn't shown up to some of those meetings they would have had to cancel very important meetings with multiple government agencies. Even though we are a little town we can get a lot done. I'm really glad for the way things have shaped up, Ms. Harvey is going to be a really good Town Manager. Ms. Brandy as Town Clerk and just the way everything has worked out. Things are really gelling. I wish everyone the best. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

Mayor Wallace: We do have a plaque for you.

He reads the plaque: Presented to Joy Banks in appreciation for her service as a Huachuca City Councilmember and a former liaison to the SVMPO. Town of Huachuca City, November 2017- November 2020.

Mayor Wallace: Thank you Joy. It has been a real pleasure to have you on Council. You sell yourself short. You are very intelligent and you really dig into everything and your ability to research anything and everything and make a rational decision is very admirable. Thank you for everything. We appreciate it.

E.11 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: The Council will announce a vacant seat on the Council and will discuss how the Council would like to proceed in filling it, as required by Town Code section 2.05.040.

Motion: Item E.11, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Donna Johnson.

Mayor Wallace: With Ms. Banks resigning from her position on Council, that will leave us with a vacancy. Standard process, if people are interested, they can fill out an application for the vacancy. How do you guys want to do this?

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson: Like we always do. They fill out an application, we interview them and go from there.

Mayor Wallace: Timeframe? How long do you guys want to give them?

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson: January 15th.

Mayor Wallace: That's not a bad idea, what day is January 15th? We have Thanksgiving next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson: Yes, and then Christmas after that. I think the middle of January. I just picked a date.

Councilmember Post: The 15th is a Friday.

Mayor Wallace: Okay, well that is the Friday after our first meeting in January. Good job.

Motion: Declare the seat vacant and accept applications from members of the public who are voting residents within the Town of Huachuca City proper for more than a year, and to accept said applicants from eligible residents until 5pm on January 15, 2021, **Action:** Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Benavidez: Excuse me Mr. Mayor but did we accept Ms. Banks' resignation, did we vote to accept it?

Mayor Wallace: No we did not. So we will step back.

Motion: The resignation of Councilmember Banks, **Action:** Accept, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wallace: Do you want me to re-declare the seat vacant?

Mr. Benavidez: Yes.

Motion: Declare the seat on Council vacant, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion: Declare the seat vacant, **Action:** **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.
Motion passed unanimously.

F. Department Director reports

Jim Halterman: We were able to get that fire hydrant replaced within two days. We are working with the Police Department to get that replaced by the owner of the vehicle. When they hit that hydrant, they sent it over 50 feet in the air. Everybody asked me why there was no water, we have what is called dry barrel hydrants. They don't get water to them until you open up the

water at the hydrant itself. There is a breakaway piece so if something hits it it doesn't damage the water lines. We made a repair at 312 Apache. We discovered a bad commercial meter at Triangle Housing so we had to replace it. Then just working with ADEQ to get the natural ponds covered.

Dr. Johnson: The last two days we have been dealing with the EMS signal out here. Just wanted to let you know that it's going very well. I thank Karen and Dennis from SVMPO for their support and Chief Thies and his team and Mr. Halterman. It went just like it was designed, it went very well quickly and easily. Something I need to say to Ms. Banks, this is something I say to my staff when they go on to their next adventure. Joy, thanks for always being there.

Laura Wenc: Just continuing on with the financial audit. Margaret had her audit two days ago and she did really well.

Chief Thies: The Police Department over the last few weeks has had the opportunity to accomplish some unique goals, one of which was to go to the Pima County Detention Facility and interview a subject who thought he could get away. We have also conducted search warrants on a vehicle and a house. We also had grand jury today. We've just been very busy. To Ms. Banks, thank you. You have brought sensibility and reasonableness to this Council and this town and we will be forever grateful for that.

Manager Harvey: I wanted to remind everybody we have our food distribution tomorrow. December 3rd we have a Work Session for the landfill expansion. The Holiday Gift Basket Program, I am waiting to find out if the motorcycle club is going to do the Red and White Run. We are going to be actively looking for toy donations. We will probably need toy donations if the motorcycle club does not do the run and they may not because of Covid. I would like to say to Ms. Banks we are going to miss you greatly. You have been a joy to work with and also mentor for me when I first started as the Library Director. I really appreciated all of your encouragement. We are going to miss you.

Clerk Thorpe: I just want to say thank you Joy, you have made this a very pleasant experience coming into this position and everything. You are very supportive and I appreciate the help you are always willing to give anyone. Thank you.

G. Items to be placed on future agendas

H. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Post: We are going to have our second annual Pima Street Christmas party. We are still trying to see if we are going to have that with Covid. We had a Pima Street yard sale two weeks ago and it is cool. We are just trying to pull everybody together.

Councilmember Hirshberg: Brandye and I split up the Christmas Parade. I got the Sparky suit from the Fort, so we need someone to wear the Sparky suit. Joy, you were always so wise and thoughtful, supportive and kind and I just appreciate you.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson: I'm going to miss you. I wish you the best and I know you are happy, but I'm going to miss you.

Councilmember Banks: We had a SVMPO meeting today. I'll be emailing the Mayor and Suzanne with all the other groups I was a part of and their contact information. I love you guys and I think this is a special place full of great people.

Councilmember Butterworth: I sat in on the SVMPO meeting today. I will be taking a more active role now. Thanks Joy, now I have your shoes to fill.

Mayor Wallace: Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. If you have the ability to be with your family, enjoy it. If not still reach out.

I. Adjournment

Motion: 8:00pm, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on December 3, 2020.

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 September 10, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk