



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
February 10, 2021 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tem 6:00pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wallace.

- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Jean Smelt, Jeffrey Ferro, Cynthia Butterworth, Keith Settlemeier, Christy Hirshberg, Debra Trate, Attorney Thomas Benavidez (not voting), Manager Harvey (not voting), Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting).

- c. Invocation

Led by Elder Thomas.

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.

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.

C. Consent Agenda – Mayor

C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 27, 2022.

C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

Motion: Consent Agenda, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Debra Trate.

Motion: Items listed on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

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.

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.

D.1 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Direction to staff regarding the equipment maintenance plans submitted by each Department Head.

Motion: Item D.1, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace asks that Council please provide their input to Suzanne so she can provide the responses to Council. This will be brought to the next Council meeting.

D.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Administration and Animal Control Officer staffing in the Police Department.

Motion: Item D.2, **Action:** Open for Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

*Manager Harvey advises that Chief Thies and herself have agreed not to pursue this at this time. That we are not going to fill this position. He has a plan to gather more data so we can make a more accurate assessment as to whether the position is needed.
Mayor Wallace advises that this does not need to come back to Council.*

Motion: To figure out staffing issue and it doesn't need to come back to Council, it is administrative , Action: Direct Staff , Moved by Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. New Business Before Council - Mayor

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E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey/ Whetstone Fire Chief Robert Jarvis]: Consideration of the proposal of Whetstone Fire District to partner with the Town in seeking a gaming revenue grant from the Gila River Indian Community [Proposition 202 revenue sharing] to fund acquisition of new electrocardiogram units.

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

Mayor Wallace advises that he can see the value in this, however he needs more information from staff. He can see a cost coming to us, and we would need to make sure there is a place in the budget that this could pass through. He also has concerns about how close we are in the RFP right now and doesn't feel comfortable trying to do this at this time.

Councilmember Butterworth asks why this has to go through the Town, why can't the Fire District itself apply.

Fire Chief Jarvis advises that it is a requirement of Gila River.

Motion: Look further into this, talk with our Town Attorney and bring it back to Council, **Action:** Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Proclamation 2022-01 – A Proclamation of the Mayor recognizing the month of February as Black History Month in the Town of Huachuca City.

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

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Matthew Doty]: Approval of repairs to the Caterpillar 613C Elevator Scraper in the amounts of \$11,457.67 and \$7,630.23.

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

Mayor Wallace asks what is wrong with the machine.

Matthew Doty reports a chain slipped off due to wear, and more worn out parts were discovered while trying to fix that issue.

Manager Harvey advises that this is an old piece of machinery, and contingency plans are being worked on to not have this sort of emergency again.

Mayor Wallace asks that the purchase of a replacement be looked into.

Matthew Doty advises that it would be better to get a larger machine because this machine is not sufficient for the work it needs to do.

Mayor Wallace states that he would need some sort of documentation or professional determination that this size of equipment is not sufficient before the purchase of something larger would be approved.

Motion: Repairs to the Caterpillar 613C Elevator Scraper in the amounts of \$11,457.67 and \$7,630.23, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth advises that the food distribution is next Friday and the Healthy Huachuca Walk is ongoing on Sundays at noon and everyone is invited.

Councilmember Settlemeyer advises he has had problems with javelinias in his yard that injured his dog.

Councilmember Ferro advises of some training he will be taking for his volunteer position at the Police Department.

Councilmember Smelt advises of the Seago meeting on February 25th here in council chambers.

Mayor Wallace advises of the community meeting at the Senior Center and food and grocery access were the biggest items of concern at the previous meeting and this meeting discussion was held about possibly bringing in a Farmer's Market. He also got to go to his first Hispanic Chamber meeting, which was awesome and he stuck around for about half an hour to talk to some people.

Mayor Wallace advises Council that this item is not for talking about their personal lives or volunteerism, but to discuss things that were done as a member of Council to represent the Town.

G. Adjournment

Motion: 6:37pm, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Christy Hirshberg, Seconded by Jeffrey Ferro. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on February 24, 2022.

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 February 10, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk