



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL
October 13, 2022 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 N. GONZALES BLVD.
HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order – Mayor 6:10pm. Technical issues delayed the start of the meeting.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Wallace**

b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Jeffrey Ferro, Cynthia Butterworth, Keith Settlemeyer, Debra Trate, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (Not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent: Christy Hirshberg, Jean Smelt

**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

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 Regular Council Meeting held on September 22, 2022 and the Work Session held on September 29, 2022.

C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

Motion: Items listed on the consent agenda, **Action:** Open 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** Debra Trate.
Motion approved 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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E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Chief Thies]: Recognition of retiring Officer, Christopher Thompson, and his service to the Town.

Motion: Item E.2, **Action:** Open Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Debra Trate.

Chief Thies expresses his gratitude for Officer Thompson's years of service to the town.

Mayor Wallace presents a plaque to Officer Thompson and thanks him for his service to the town.

Corporal Olivas presents a gift from the Police Department to Officer Thompson and thanks him for his years of service and expresses his appreciation for everything that he has done. Officer Thompson gives a speech and asks Council to take care of the Officers working for the Town. He also reminisces on some of his experiences in law enforcement.

E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Ms. Ann Aust of the Huachuca City Community Garden, LLC, will give an update on the Community Garden.

Motion: Item E.1, **Action:** Open Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

Ms. Ann Aust gives a presentation of the inception of the Community Garden all the way through the present. She speaks on the food insecurity for residents of the town and how the garden has programs to assist with this. She also speaks of other organizations that provide assistance with food. She speaks of the programs the Community Garden currently does including educational activities in collaboration with the Garden Club, who they have offered two of the garden beds to.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Appointment of Ms. Anne M. Borowiec as a Pro Tem Judge in the Magistrate Court.

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

Manager Harvey explains that this is to do jail visits when anyone is put in jail and these visits are required within 24 hours of incarceration. This is just to have an extra Judge to do these visits when the current Judge is not available. It will not cost the town any extra money, it is \$20 per visit no matter which Judge does the visit.

Motion: The appointment of Ms. Anne M. Borrowiec as a Pro Tem Judge in the Magistrate Court, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Debra Trate.
Motion Passed Unanimously

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Stephanie Fulton]: Approval of expenditure of grant funds for computers at the library.

Motion: Item E.4, **Action:** Open Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

Mayor Wallace advises that this is kind of an after action request because there was grant money that needed to be spent by a deadline, the request has already been put in. The company that all of the IT stuff is ordered from kept going out of stock.

Stephanie Fulton further advises that the grant was set to run out on September 30th, that's why this was rushed. It was later found out that an extension was given by the State Library to this Saturday. Final expenditure amount needing approved is \$21,134.00.

Motion: The expenditure of all the grant funds, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Dr. Jim Johnson]: Approval to hire Grasshopper Landscaping to abate overgrown vegetation at the following three abandoned properties: 1) 303 Apache Street, 2) 217 Pima Street and 3) 115 Apache Street, for a total cost of approximately, \$6,811.

Motion: Item E.5, **Action:** Open Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Debra Trate.

Mayor Wallace expresses concern that one of those properties come in at about \$4000.00 on these estimates.

Manager Harvey advises that is a large property by Hunt Park. She further advises that she has asked Dr. Jim Johnson to get some more quotes and will bring it back. Since it was already on the Agenda, she went ahead and left it there.

Motion: To come back with additional quotes, **Action:** Direct Staff, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Cynthia Butterworth.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Review, reminder and update to the Council Code of Conduct.

Motion: Item E.6, **Action:** Open Discussion and/or Action, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Ferro.

Mayor Wallace states that everyone should have a copy of this that was provided in the packet. He asks that Council take a look and see if there are any adjustments or changes that need to be made. He is aware that there are some issues with basic grammar and punctuation that need corrected. He is going to go through it with a fine tooth comb and red line it. Make sure that everything makes sense in it. He emphasizes that this really lays out how Council should conduct themselves up here and when they are performing duties when they are not up here. Council needs to act with the utmost integrity and respect as elected officials. Once this is done, we will all sign for it, acknowledging receipt of it and we will do this every year.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Trate advises that she attended the Cox meeting last Wednesday. She also got her mailer and responded that she is interested. She also accepted the invitation for community leaders to attend the SSVEC meeting at Pueblo Del Sol Country Club where they spoke about trying to get more into renewables. She also went to the Corporation Commission

hearing and was disappointed with some of the members. There was a 3/2 vote which will provide SSVEC more money for turbines that will reduce electric costs. There is also a large water company interested in purchasing some smaller water companies and between the two small companies they have had 200 ADEQ water violations in a year, which is good. She has to give a pat on the back to our Public Works because we don't have these issues.

Councilmember Butterworth advises the next food distribution. Check under your car hoods with this cooler weather. Town Ordinance says to clean up after your dog, so please do.

Everyone is also invited to Walk Huachuca City on Sunday mornings at 7:30am at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Settlemeier represented the Town at the Native American Dances in Tombstone. It was really interesting.

Councilmember Ferro attended the Spotlight on Speakers event with Diane Hildebrandt.

Mayor Wallace advises that the vote at the Corporation Commission is huge because it will allow easier production of energy with new generators. Even with trying to use more renewable energy, we will always need some sort of backup. Once these are set up, it means we will be able to generate our own electricity and will be able to cut back on what we have to buy, so it will cost less because any electricity they have to buy, the cost passes down to us. The Fraternal Order of Police has their haunted house kicking off this weekend. Next Friday there is a Chamber meeting. The Cox meeting was really cool. We got to meet a former Super Bowl Champion. One of the biggest things Cox offers is affordable internet. They have a program that can make internet free for residents, but across America, only 35% of people who could qualify take advantage of it. The park project is going well, they poured the cement pad.

G. Adjournment

Motion: 6:53pm, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Jeffrey Ferro. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on October 27, 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 September 8, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk