

**TOWN OF KEARNY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY,  
ARIZONA, AT THE KEARNY TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 912-C TILBURY DRIVE  
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Sam Hosler
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe Sr.
Councilmember	Rudy Flores
Councilmember	David Herrera
Councilmember	Nancy Hinojos
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery
Town Attorney	Steve Cooper

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Mike Dinwiddie	Gwen Dinwiddie
Diana Herrick	Joe Weller
Tino Flores	Debra Sommers
Kari Ramsey	Carol Lewis
Edna Lawrence	

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hosler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Nina Yardley was unable to attend. Mayor Hosler asked for the public to take a moment and pray for the good of the Town.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hosler requested Town Clerk, Cathy Woolery, to call the roll. Quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve minutes from the July 6, 2016 Special Meeting, July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2016 Special Meeting - Public Hearing, and the July 28, 2016 Special Meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Hosler announced call to the public. No persons addressed the Council.

**POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE FOR THE KEARNY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,674**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background for this item explaining the Kearny Volunteer Fire Department has not had a salary increase since before 1999. They are seeking a salary increase which would benefit all volunteer firefighters and has been budgeted. The total projected increase would be \$8674.00 annually. Councilmember Stephenson expressed that with the \$28K that was approved the last meeting for the firefighter equipment and having to watch the budget now, she thinks they are asking quite a bit of money for the salaries. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the \$5 call is now going to be \$10/hr. Town Manager Anna Flores explained that when they go on a fire call, for example the recent fire by Asarco, they were out there for five hours, and would only get \$5 for that call. Mayor Hosler stated no one is in this for the money. Councilmember Stephenson said she can see leaving the Fire Chief at \$300/month and giving the Assistant Chief \$150/month, leaving the drills at the same rate, but will agree with the \$10/hr. Councilmember Herrera stated that he feels this is an appropriate compensation for the fire department, and we need to support them and what they are doing for our town. He expressed they do an exemplary job, represent us very well, and does not see anything in the budget that is outrageous or inappropriate. He feels it builds the morale of those that are doing it voluntarily. Councilmember Hinojos asked Town Manager Anna Flores if this is in the budget and were the turnouts also budgeted. Town Manager Anna Flores stated yes. She clarified that the money is now coming from the general fund. Councilmember Hinojos requested the item be tabled and then look at halfway through the fiscal year just to be safe. Councilmember Herrera said he thinks we should move forward in support of them. Councilmember Hinojos stated we just approved \$28K in support of them. Councilmember Herrera stated that was so we would not have a liability with fire suits that had not been replaced in 14 years, and putting them out there in a fire situation without protection would be a liability. Councilmember Hinojos stated she really thinks the supervisors should be educated about their budgets and prioritize what needs are in the department, go from there, and be realistic. Mayor Hosler says he thinks we are being realistic in allowing this in the budget. Councilmember Hinojos thinks the transfers need to stop. If we keep transferring every month because we can't cover for that month then eventually we are going to drain the account too. Councilmember Herrera expressed that like when a garbage truck breakdown we don't want those transfers, and yet we are not going to protect our fire department. Councilmember Hinojos feels we are protecting them as we just bought them safety gear. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief get paid on the calls in addition to the salary. Town Manager stated no. Mayor Hosler stated the fire department has not had an increase in 17 years and this might well be overdue. Councilmember Hinojos would hate to give something to the employees and then have to take it away down the road. Vice Mayor Radcliffe suggested giving the Fire Chief an additional \$50/per month and the Assistant Chief an additional \$100/month. He clarified the Assistant Chief doesn't get any salary at this time, and suggested giving the Assistant Chief \$100/month but asked if they would lose money that way with not getting any money from calls. Town Manager Anna Flores said yes possibly.

**Motion** by Councilmember Herrera to accept the council letter #1492 for the approval of the increase in salary for the Kearny Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$8,674. **MOTION FAILED** – Due to lack of second.

**Motion** by Councilmember Hinojos, second by Councilmember Stephenson to table the item until the regular council meeting in January. Councilmember Herrera expressed he is totally against tabling the item. **Vote** – Councilmember Flores, Hinojos, and Stephenson voted Aye; Mayor Hosler, Vice Mayor Radcliffe, and Councilmember Herrera voted Nay. **MOTION FAILED.**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, second by Councilmember Hinojos to table the item for three months until the regular council meeting in November. **Vote** – Mayor Hosler, Vice Mayor Radcliffe, Councilmember Flores, Hinojos, and Stephenson voted Aye; Councilmember Herrera voted Nay. **MOTION PASSED.**

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH COLBY AND POWELL FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE MAGISTRATE COURT**

Town Manager Anna Flores presented background information explaining Colby & Powell have submitted a proposal in the amount of \$1,800 to \$2,600 for conducting financial audit for the magistrate court. Mayor Hosler asked if this is in the budget and Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if this is every year. Town Manager Anna Flores stated yes. However, last year this audit was not conducted, but this is about the same estimate they propose every year. Councilmember Stephenson asked when they will know if it is \$1,800 or \$2,600. Town Manager Anna Flores stated they will be here on August 31, 2016 and will know then.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, second by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve the contract with Colby & Powell for the financial audit for the magistrate court. **Vote** – Mayor Hosler, Vice Mayor Radcliffe, Councilmember Flores, Hinojos, and Stephenson voted Aye; Councilmember Herrera voted Nay. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REQUEST OF FUTURE SMALL TOWN TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM TO USE THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD AND LIGHTS**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained there is a request from Kari and Toby Ramsey for the small town travel baseball team to use the Little League field and lights. They are willing to help with field maintenance and actual costs of the lights. Kari Ramsey addressed the council. Mayor Hosler asked if she has been able to obtain insurance for use of the field. She does not have insurance at this time and asked about possible hold-harmless agreements. They are still in the process of developing a team at this time. They are trying to get more kids interested. Councilmember Herrera asked about the cost of the lights. Town Manager stated she will get the information regarding cost of the lights and to get more information from Kari. Vice Mayor Radcliffe thinks it is a good idea, and the Town Manager can look into the cost of the lights and the insurance issue so the town will not be liable. Mayor Hosler stated a hold-harmless would probably work but could really damage to a family if someone got hurt. Town Attorney Steve Cooper expressed Arizona has recreational use immunity clauses that basically protects municipalities from negligence claims unless it is gross negligence or intentional conduct by the community, but having a waiver signed by the parents would be helpful also. Kari stated if they have a full team then they will have the ability to get insurance. Vice Mayor Radcliffe suggested Kari getting together with Town Manager Anna Flores and bringing this item back next month

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when they have more information on the insurance and cost. Right now it is not an organized team or practices. This item was referred at this time.

### **POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COMPLETING PRE-APPLICATION FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) GRANT**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained approval is needed for staff to complete a pre-application to apply for the USDA Grant to repair our water infrastructure. This will include two storage tanks, Well #3, the booster tank, and to purchase new water meters for a total of \$1.8 million.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to give permission to work on the pre-application for water infrastructure and any possible discussion that is needed.

**Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the new asphalt was laid today on Mountain View, Essex, Fairhaven, and Greenwich Road. The roads look really nice and thanks to everyone for their patience. Also, the public works employees worked diligently on Thursday during a water main break until about 8:30 p.m. They were able to repair the water line by Thursday evening and restore the water to everyone on Croydon. She thanked the public works department for their hard work. The librarian Janet Danilow would like to remind everyone to get on the Pinal County website and log-in with your library card which is a great resource to books, movies, and music. This also increases our circulation which will help with possible grants. If you have a chance please get on the website because it is really good. Councilmember Herrera expressed a comment about the parking spaces across from the post office that have been striped for only one parking spot and is requesting the area be striped for two parking spaces. Town Manager Anna Flores stated she can request that. Mayor Hosler also mentioned that they need to look at where they paved on the waterline cut which needs some work. Vice Mayor Radcliffe stated it looks like they cut it today to repave it. Town Manager Anna Flores thinks they did cut it out today and will be fixing it. Councilmember Herrera stated he was confused about parking when they were paving today as the street by his house was not signed as no parking, and he got tagged by the police for parking there. Mayor Hosler asked if it may be possible to set up parking along Shake and ask people to slow down. Councilmember Stephenson stated that they are scheduled to seal coat Essex, Fairhaven, and Greenwich this evening so they do not want any parking on the street tonight. Mike Dinwiddie suggested the local police knock on doors to notify the public to move their cars. Councilmember Stephenson stated they had signs on the cones. Councilmember Herrera stated the signs only stated they had to have your car out by Sunday night. Mayor Hosler announced the current President of CAG was elected to serve two more years.

### **REPORTS**

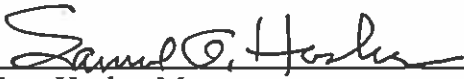
Mayor Hosler asked if there was any discussion on the reports and commented the Fire Department report is very good. Also, the library report shows consistent circulation, and he is very impressed with our library.

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**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Hinojos to accept the reports as submitted.  
**Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Sam Hosler, Mayor

  
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Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk