

**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 17, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Sam Hosler
Vice Mayor	Dan Radcliffe
Councilmember	Lana Dalton -Telephonically
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
Town Library Director	Janet Danilow
Interim Chief of Police	David Blue

VISITORS PRESENT

Leroy Judd	Larna Warren
Joe Weller	Ron Buckley
Rose Bradford	Justine Chavez
Diana Herrick	Arlene Elliott
James Hosea	Cody Gotto
Edna Lawrence	Tim Gotto
Gwen Dinwiddie	Angie Gotto
Derek Heide	Debra Sommers
Barbara Carrell	Brenda Wallace
Jo Orzell	Phil Rosato
Dave Orzell	Roger Stern
Gerry Kaufhold	Jean Slater
Mary King	Donna Hatfield
Carlos Ruiz	Christopher McCracken
Neil Wells	Sharina Arguello
Angela Ramirez	Ravyn Brumley
Rod Chase	Bob Fox

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

Father Alex Tigga, Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church, was unavailable to deliver the invocation. Pastor James Hosea delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson to approve Regular Meeting, July 20, 2015 minutes, **second** by Councilmember Flores. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Gerry Kaufold informed the Council a new website has been launched by Angela Ramirez for the entire Copper Basin Area's events to be published on the website. If anyone has an event which they want publicized then please contact Angela Ramirez. Also, Angela Ramirez, Director of the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council with information requesting the parking lot between the Kearny Drug and ARC for possible use on the third Saturday of every month during September, starting with September 19th, through February 2016 for farmer's markets and swap meets. Mayor Hosler clarified that insurance coverage is provided by the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce. This item was referred to the Town Manager Anna Flores and Town Attorney Steve Cooper to work out the details with Angela Ramirez.

PRESENTATION OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF KEARNY AND THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Town Manager Anna Flores stated this item is tabled and will be addressed at the September 2015 meeting.

RECOGNITION TO MR. ORZELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF KEARNY, DURING THE KEARNY RIVER FIRE

Mayor Hosler presented Mr. Dave Orzell with an award for outstanding performance during the Kearny River Fire as the Public Information Officer.

RECOGNITION TO THE KEARNY ROTARY CLUB, MISITA ENTERPRISES, AND THE GENERAL KEARNY INN

Town Manager stated this item is tabled due to the Misita and Dunn families not being able to attend.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO CODY GOTTO

Interim Chief of Police Dave Blue presented an award from the office of Arizona Public Safety Director's Office to Cody Gotto who has made a decision to join the United States Marine Corp.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE TOWN OF KEARNY

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe for approval of the MOU between the Pinal County Attorney's Office and the Town of Kearny. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT FOR THE KEARNY POLICE DEPARTMENT BY INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE DAVE BLUE

Interim Chief Dave Blue expressed to the public the purpose of Arizona Department of Public Safety sending him here as an Interim Chief is for oversight only; not to take over but to be a supporting agency to help with providing resources, training, cost savings, and to provide customer service. Interim Chief Blue offered appreciation to the Town of Kearny police department, dispatch, and EMS who do an outstanding job. Major Orose from DPS explained to the public that he represents the Director's Office from the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the role of DPS providing an Interim Chief is to assist agencies that are in transition. The Interim Chief reports directly to the Director's Office which helps in getting resources available to the Town in the most efficient manner. Interim Chief Blue introduced Trooper Gorman who has been working diligently on doing inventory for the Town. Interim Chief Blue stressed customer service and teamwork being an important goal and summarized cost effective measures and accountability in the police department in areas such as vehicles, evidence processing, inventory, weapons and armory, quality control, budgeting, risk management, maintenance, cross-training, key control, workplace environment, and employee performance. Interim Chief Blue explained the department is lacking policies and procedures which can be completed through Lexipol software system, and the department is also lacking records management and uniform crime reporting statistics. He will submit the first UCR by 2016 which will be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce. Information technology is in fairly good shape. Property evidence has been secured in the property evidence room. Vehicle maintenance will be managed by Officer Wells with work orders in each vehicle as a record for maintenance. Also, vehicles are equipped with safety equipment. The Town currently has four vehicles which are redlined. VIPS will now have the Jeep vehicle designated for their use which has undergone maintenance. Interim Chief Blue expressed that grants are important to receive but need to look at all aspects of the grant and the cost, requirements, management of the grants, and ability of the department to maintain it. Cost savings was summarized in relation to paper costs, utility costs, records management, shredding, and criminal history requests being more cost effective for the County Attorney to run them. Emergency Operations Coordinator is Judge Dave Orzell, and the Town Hall and Police Department are the locations for the emergency operation center. Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Young from DPS conducted a review and has summarized what AZ Post requirements are for background checks. Recommendations for hiring and results of the review are in a binder which will be given to Town Manager Anna Flores. The Town now has a new towing vendor, Owen O'Brien, who will now be added to the rotation list for towing. Training will be planned for the near future for the police department, communications, and EMS.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF KEARNY LIBRARY

Town Manager Anna Flores provided the background information for this item and introduced Town Library Director Janet Danilow. Town Library Director Janet Danilow outlined the intent of the social media and policy for the library with a media specialist and media assistant to monitor all content and adhere to both the Town of Kearny's social media policy and the Pinal County Library District's media policy. She intends to use the social media to post events and news which the public needs to know involving the library. She is seeking approval of the use of social media and approval of the policy.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the social media policy for the Town of Kearny Library. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR THE TOWN OF KEARNY LIBRARY

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Janet Danilow, Town Library Director, stated there would be a librarian who will be conducting activities such as crafts, Lego's club, with a volunteer assisting. Mayor Hosler stressed a volunteer is necessary to have when working with children as it is important to have two people. Janet agreed there would be a volunteer working with the librarian.

Motion by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson for the Town of Kearny Library schedule change. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH COLBY & POWELL FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the contract with Colby & Powell for the annual financial audit in the amount of \$16,500 with a possible additional fee of \$2,000. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$37,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY RESERVE TO DEPARTMENTS OUTLINED IN MEMO PRESENTED THAT ARE ALL COINTAINED WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

Motion by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos for approval of the transfer of \$37,500 from the General Fund contingency reserve for expenditures within departments all in the General Fund. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN IGA BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE TOWN OF KEARNY FOR PLACEMENT OF THE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Councilmember Stephenson commented on being able to afford the 12 week agreement at no cost to the town but feels the Town cannot afford more than that. Mayor Hosler expressed we are getting some savings resulting from evaluation of the department. Vice Mayor Radcliffe commented we would need to review this at the end of the 12 weeks. Town Manager Anna Flores stated last year that we had an amended IGA that DPS approved an extension for another 12 weeks to have the Interim Chief and total paid by the Town was \$4,152.40. Major Orose from DPS explained the intention of the short time frame is with the hope that the process will move in a timely manner and not drag out; and if it does then DPS asks the Town to incur costs after the 12 weeks, but that is a Town and Council decision.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Dalton for approval of the IGA between the Department of Public Safety and the Town of Kearny for placement of Interim Police Chief. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores reported on the upcoming Kearny Clean-Up Day which will be October 17, 2015 from 8 am to 2 pm. with Rose Bradford agreeing to run the event. Town Manager Anna Flores commented it was a huge success last event in January.

REPORTS

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to accept the reports. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by Mayor Hosler.



Sam Hosler, Mayor



Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:


Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk