

**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, JANUARY 18, 2016, AT 7:30 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Sam Hosler
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe Sr.
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 -Telephonically
Interim Chief of Police	Dave Blue

VISITORS PRESENT

Larna Warren	Joe Weller
Gwen Dinwiddie	Mike Dinwiddie
Carol Lewis	Illiana Cruz
Edna Lawrence	Alan Urban
Chris Postel	Bill Dunn
Diane Palmer	Becky Dunn
Mary King	Ilsa Garcia
Diane Herrick	Bob Fox
Tino Flores	Joe Palmer
Kari Ramsey	Jean Slater
Mona Benavides	Chris Postel
Ram Narisiman	Landon MacDonnell

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 Joe Palmer of the Fellowship Baptist Church 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, **second** by Councilmember Herrera to approve minutes from December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No persons addressed the Council. Mayor Hosler announced the recycling bins behind the Pinal County Building are no longer available for use. The bins will be removed because people have been dumping unrecyclable garbage which contaminates the recyclable materials and the bins. This has occurred not only in Kearny but throughout Pinal County. An alternate solution will be looked for and hopefully found. Mayor Hosler asked the public to help in finding a solution.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information and recommended Council hold the public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 16-723 authorizing an increase in water rates. The new rates of an increase of \$2.50 per customer per month will be effective March 1, 2016. Mayor Hosler asked for public comments. Bill Dunn spoke in support of a rate increase and expressed \$2.50 doesn't seem like enough. He stated the Town is in need of a lot of repairs to the water system and the sewer system. He requested a plan be put together to incrementally provide for increases to help replace the water system and the sewer system. He is currently replacing a sewer pipe at the GKI and believes there are many more in the Town that are in bad shape which will need to be replaced in the future. Ram explained the increase tonight will cover the water system but not the sewer. Mayor Hosler explained the Town has been using contingency funds to support the costs of repairing the water system. Councilmember Herrera stated he fully supports the water rate increase which will reduce the pressure on the other funding that has been used for the water system. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if we are going to use the CAP fee of \$2.50 in addition to the \$2.50 water rate increase. Town Manager Anna Flores explained that was recommended by the Council as a third option to have a \$2.50 increase and use \$2.50 from the CAP reserve. That is something we need to look at the CAP reserve for that additional \$2.50. Councilmember Stephenson stated that will also help build up more money needed to qualify for grants. Mayor Hosler stated we are not even able to get a WIFA loan or grant without having a plan for maintenance. Carol Lewis asked if the CAP fee would be showing on the bill. It was clarified that the bill will have the \$6.25 CAP and an increase of \$2.50. Bob Fox asked if they would be able to drink the water. Gwen Dinwiddie asked if the manganese will eventually be removed out of the water as on Christmas Day it was really bad. Jean Slater asked if Ram could explain the water rates and the water system. Ram explained the filtration plant needs repaired and will be fixed within the next two weeks. Ram expressed the additional \$2.50 increase from the CAP fee reserve will be done through a budget reallocation. He explained the reserve was for a drought which happens every 10 years according to a drought analysis presented by Attorney Steve Cooper, and the Council had proposed an option last July of taking \$2.50 and reallocating that from the CAP fee reserve. Town Manager Anna Flores and Town Clerk Cathy Woolery explained that the public will still see the \$6.25 fee on the bill and a \$2.50 increase only. Janet Danilow asked how much the water and sewer rate will increase the bill, and Town Manager Anna Flores stated a sewer rate study will have to be done, but currently the bill will increase by \$2.50 per month effective March 1, 2016.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION #16-723, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY, ARIZONA INCREASING RATE, RATE COMPONENT FEE, AND SERVICE CHARGE INCREASES FOR THE TOWN OF KEARNY WATER SYSTEM COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

Mayor Hosler asked Town Manager Anna Flores if there is any additional information on this item. She explained no. Mayor Hosler asked how Council would like to proceed with the resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to adopt Resolution 16-723 which will increase the water rate by \$2.50 effective March 1, 2016. . **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR 2016

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information for the CDBG grant eligible to the Town of Kearny in an estimated amount of \$397,251 and additional possible funding of up to \$300,000 from the State Special Projects account (SSP). Alan Urban presented a summary of the grant eligibility to include possible project categories and explained the grant is on a three-year cycle which will be in partnership with the Town of Hayden and Town of Mammoth. The exact amount of the grant will be released in the Spring of 2016 and may not be as high as \$397,251. He also explained the grant requirement also includes involving the public participation in choosing potential projects. There is also a Grievance Procedure in place for assistance or complaints which would be to contact Town Manager Anna Flores. Alan also stated the previous cycle projects are the fire hydrant replacements and the new Community General Plan which will both be starting shortly. Vice Mayor Radcliffe read the list of proposed projects to the public which are 1) Sub 9 booster station – replace tank, compressor, piping, etc. 2) Building repairs – Town Hall, Library, Police, Fire, Constitution Hall, Town Yard needs doors and structure 3) Street Repairs – Large Cracks on Hartford Rd. to Lake, and Hwy 177, Mountain View roads need 2 inch overlay, Alden Rd. seal coat recommended 4) Sewer system – 75% of sewer system needs cleaning, material needs to be hauled away to a certified site 5) Repairs to ATV campground, bathroom, pump station for water supply to restrooms. Town Manager Anna Flores also commented that Mike Dinwiddie had a proposal for a rehabilitation care facility for the elderly which the Methodist Church had at one time offered to donate land for that. Mayor Hosler also has spoken with a Tucson physician who has a contact for a person who builds nursing homes. Councilmember Stephenson mentioned fire hydrants and was told the fire hydrants are already a project which will start soon. She also mentioned the roads, all of them, are something that needs to be addressed. Bill Dunn asked if this is a competitive grant and if we are going to get the amount of money. Mayor Hosler explained we do not know the exact amount and stated the origin of the grant was from President Nixon who established the grant to provide a revenue sharing grant that is provided to communities to decide themselves on what they need to use it for. Bill Dunn asked what percentage can be used for planning. Alan Urban stated there is no requirement set by guidelines but to be decided by the Town. Town Manager Anna Flores stated the planning allocation for the previous grant was \$35K for the General Plan. Mayor Hosler explained that also includes an economic development portion in relationship to the surrounding region. Town Manager Anna Flores expressed to Mr. Dunn that she feels the sewer system is very important also. Councilmember Stephenson stated she also agrees with that. Alan Urban explained that the Building Repairs item for multiple buildings may be viewed as multiple projects and the Town needs to select one project. He will check into that to make

sure. Mayor Hosler also stated the SSP grant needs to be considered also. Alan Urban reminded the Mayor that the grant is a competitive one, but definitely can try for it. Mike Dinwiddie commented that the housing project once started will bring in revenue for the Town in taxes, etc. Councilmember Stephenson asked why only one project is allowed. Alan Urban explained for one project you tend to get more for your money instead of dividing it up with administrative costs for multiple projects which results in less money for actual project costs. Also, an application has to be submitted for each project, so the state has put some rules in place to limit the amount of actual quantity of work for them because they have a hard time keeping up. Councilmember Stephenson asked what happens if the total amount of money is not used on a project. Alan Urban stated it goes back to the state and gets put in the SSP fund. Vice Mayor Radcliffe commented that we want to have a project that we use whatever we can get. He asked about the sewer system maintenance and cleaning project and if the purchase of the equipment used to clean could be included as an item for the grant. Alan Urban stated he would have to ask. Alan Urban commented that he would need an estimate of potential costs for the nursing home project to include a number of units and price because if it is very large the cost would exceed \$300,000. Gwen Dinwiddie expressed when the initial project was proposed it was designed to have a care facility, rehabilitation, and have no more than 6 residents at one time because of employees and the size of the area. Mayor Hosler stated it was possible it could have 12 residents. He also stated an option is to have an individual investor to work with the Town in a private/public partnership. Essentially he thinks with a partnership we may have enough funds but does not know the legal rules regarding that. Gwen Dinwiddie asked what a Sub 9 booster is. Town Manager Anna Flores explained it would be \$181,000 for the booster tank replacement and explained labor and parts would add up in addition to the \$181,000. Mayor Hosler asked if it would be helpful to get some ballpark figures for the next meeting. Mayor Hosler also mentioned this coming Wednesday will be the meeting of the Winkelman Conservation Group with ASU students to explore the options of the development of river area affected by the fire. Also, there is the future possibility of the combined police coalition with the communities of Hayden/Winkelman, and Mammoth. Alan Urban explained the advertisement that needs to be published for the next hearing 16 days before is in the packet he provided. It will need to identify the project with a cost factor and who it will affect. The second public hearing will either be held in February or March, and will need to be held during a Regular Council meeting. Mike Dinwiddie also expressed a project could also be upgrading the Kearny Lake. Mayor Hosler expressed the lake could also be economic development. Bill Dunn expressed the development of the river park could also be a project. The final list of projects decided on were as follows: 1) Assisted living/rehab facility 2) Sewer 3) Roads 4) Lake and 5) River Park.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR 2016

No action will be taken on this item until the second public hearing which will be scheduled for February or March 2016.

REQUEST OF KEARNY LITTLE LEAGUE TO USE PIONEER PARK AND BALL FIELDS

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information for this item. Kari Ramsey explained the public is using the field for their dogs, but unfortunately there are holes and dog

waste being a problem now for the kids using the field. It is a safety concern. They will be filling in all the holes before the tournament. They would like to put up temporary signs for the season to post no dogs allowed on the field. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the Town can get signs. Town Manager Anna Flores stated yes. Mayor Hosler asked if Kari can provide insurance, and she stated she will bring it in.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera to approve the Kearny Little League to use Pioneer Park and ball fields. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE DAVE BLUE REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Manager Anna Flores explained Interim Chief Dave Blue is here to present an update regarding the police department. Interim Chief Dave Blue introduced the Town of Kearny's new full-time police officer Landon MacDonnell who will start patrolling in another four weeks. Interim Chief Blue presented Ilsa Garcia with an outstanding performance award for 2015 for her continued excellence as the operations communication supervisor and also has an additional position of records clerk. She is also performing the functions of administrative assistant and training the operations communication employees. Additionally, she is serving voluntarily on the regional law enforcement Coalition Task Force Board. She developed the mission statement for the Task Force which was accepted from all members of the board. Ilsa will also be completing additional training on Excel computer courses. Interim Chief Blue presented Ilsa with a certificate and award letter. Also, two additional EMS employees, Walter Schmidt and Michael Hockett, were recognized by Interim Chief Blue for their excellent service and not having any absences from work during the last six years. Interim Chief Blue also provided a summary of cost savings the police department has accomplished throughout the past six months to include labor costs. They also have increased efficiency in records management with scanning documents now. An FTO training manual has been developed for use by the department for new officers. LEADS record management service is in place to collect statistical data with increasing accuracy from 60% to 90% currently. Additionally, zones have been set up for identification purposes and call signs and badge numbers have been set up correctly per officer for increased efficiency. Lexipol is also 95% complete which is supported by RICO funds.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A SERVER SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6114.59 FROM INTERSTATE SYSTEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Interim Chief Blue explained the current communication system runs off of Windows XP which is no longer supported. An upgrade to Windows 7 is necessary. Also, the police department currently does not have a server for their records management system and uses a hard drive back-up system which is inefficient and antiquated. A used server with a one year warranty with upgrades to Windows 7 provided by Interstate systems is proposed for the police department with installation costs included at \$6,114.59. This will allow for central management of records, data storage, user accounts, and better security. Interim Chief Blue also discussed the need for obtaining a camera and video recording system from a local vendor that will benefit the department with updated equipment with an approximate cost of \$1,000. Mayor Hosler asked Town Manager Anna Flores if this request is within our budget. Town Manager Anna Flores stated yes.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos for approval of a server system in the amount of \$6114.59 from Interstate Systems for the police department
Vote – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMMUNITION EXCHANGED BETWEEN HAYDEN AND KEARNY, A COMPUTER FROM KEARNY TO MAMMOTH AND A TV FROM THE KEARNY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE KEARNY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Donations of a computer from Kearny to Mammoth, and a TV to the Kearny Public Library from the Kearny Police Department were discussed by Interim Chief Blue. Also, Interim Chief Blue is requesting exchange of ammunition between the Towns of Hayden and Kearny to meet the needs of each department. He explained the department will have enough ammunition for two shoots for three years – qualification shoot and tactical shoot. Interim Chief Blue commented the department also has recently acquired handheld flashlights with batteries and a computer monitor. Officer Wells demonstrated the use of the flashlights. Also, the police department is also starting Microsoft classes soon through a subscription with Central Arizona College. Councilmember Hinojos asked what type of computer is being donated to Mammoth – desktop, laptop. Interim Chief Blue stated it is a desktop.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of exchange of ammunition, and the donation of the computer and donation of the TV. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TWO PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,294.39

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Two proposals were presented for the purchase of two public works vehicles – one Ford F-150 4x2 Short Bed and one Ford F-150 4x4 Short Bed. The total price for both vehicles is \$52,294.39. The department has not purchased a vehicle since 2007 and has only one vehicle which is able to travel out of town. These new vehicles will also be helpful with the Inmate program and for out of town travel. Councilmember Herrera commented that during the summer the public works vehicles are lacking air conditioning. He stated there is a need for upgrading, and he is in support of the new vehicles. Vice Mayor Radcliffe commented that some of the old vehicles can then be put in the auction. Mayor Hosler asked if this purchase is budgeted for. Town Manager Anna Flores stated the quote presented is good until April 2016 with a six payment option. The first payment would be made in April, and then the subsequent payments would be made out of the next fiscal year budget.

Motion by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson for approval of the purchase of two public works vehicles in the amount of \$52,294.39. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

YARD OF THE MONTH

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information and requested that Council nominate the yards moving forward for the February Yard of the Month. Mayor Hosler also requested that the Council nominate the people, and additionally the public can submit other nominations from the community. Also, Mayor Hosler stated the Kearny Clean-Up Committee will make the final decision from the nominations for Yard of the Month.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores has options for Jeff Ramirez memorial next month such as plaques, fountain, or a bench. Mayor Hosler encouraged Councilmembers to attend Wednesday meeting of the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District and ASU students regarding the river park area. Also, there is a Wednesday meeting at 5:30 in Hayden for the Regional Police Coalition Task Force which are always public meetings.

REPORTS

Mayor Hosler asked if there was any discussion on the reports. No discussion.

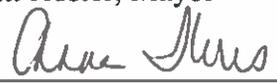
Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to accept the reports.

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

ADJOURNMENT

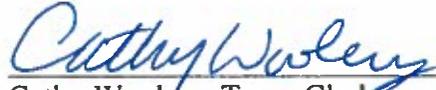
Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Sam Hosler, Mayor


Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:



Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk