

**TOWN OF KEARNY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**A SPECIAL 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 21, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Debra Sommers
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Rose Bradford (Absent, Excused)
Councilmember	Nancy Hinojos
Councilmember	Rudy Flores
Councilmember	Samantha Misita
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson (Absent, Excused)

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Martina Burnam
Town Attorney	Stephen Cooper

**VISITORS PRESENT**

President, Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce	Ginger Bentley
Lighthouse Assembly of God Church	Pastor David Wade
Gerry Kaufhold	Virginia Maes
Ramon Maes	John Burns
Tom Herbst	

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation provided by Pastor David Wade of Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Debra Sommers requested Town Clerk, Martina Burnam, to call the roll. Quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:**

Regular Meeting December 16, 2019  
Special Meeting December 23, 2019

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Flores to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting December 16, 2019 and the Minutes for Special Meeting December 23, 2019. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

**PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Call to the Public. -Town Member Tom Herbst asked if the Town of Kearny had a Town Song. He said he proposes a song written by his friend John Burns. He asked that John Burns be allowed to play his song for the Town Council. There were no objections. John Burns played his song on his guitar about the Town of Kearny. Mayor Sommers stated that we will take that into advisement at this time and thanked them both for playing the song today.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR PIONEER DAYS**

The Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce has submitted the attached letter requesting the use of Pioneer Park for Pioneer Days during the week of Thursday, March 12, 2020 to Sunday, March 15, 2020. On Saturday, March 14, 2020, the parade will start from Tilbury Road down by the Laundromat, using Beauford Road and Industrial Road for the floats to line up. The parade will head up Tilbury Road to Alden Road and end down by the General Kearny Inn. The parade start time is 10:00 a.m. They would also like to ask for assistance with the road closures from our Police Department. The Town's Public Works Department will provide assistance for grounds and building maintenance, along with Council approval to help hang the banner the Chamber has purchased.

It is recommended approval for the use of Pioneer Park and the road closures for the Chamber of Commerce Pioneer Days and Parade.

Ginger Bentley, from the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce, is here to answer any questions you may have.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Misita to approve the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce's request for road closures, police assistance and public works assistance for the Pioneer Days Parade and hanging of the banner over Alden Rd. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE BY THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church has submitted an application for special event liquor license. The special event license is for a golf tournament which will be held at the Kearny Golf Course, on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

The purpose of this event is fund raising for church needs. The Council has the right to recommend for or against approval of this temporary, special events liquor license. The Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control will make the final determination of issuing the license.

**Motion** by Councilmember Hinojos, **second** by Councilmember Flores to approve the temporary special events liquor license for the Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Church on Saturday, April 18, 2020. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

**APPROVAL OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN RESOLUTION COPPER COMPANY AND THE TOWN OF KEARNY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000**

A funding agreement between has been prepared for Resolution Copper Company and the Town of Kearny to maintain ambulance services in the Town of Kearny and the surrounding communities. Resolution Copper Company is wanting to support the Town's efforts to try to keep the ambulance service.

The Town Manager applied for the Resolution Copper Corporate Giving Program in the amount of \$10,362.06, which is two payments for the ambulance payment. Resolution Copper Company is awarding the Town of Kearny \$10,362.06 to assist the Town with the reduction of debt for the Town's ambulance services. Resolution Copper will pay the Ambulance Funding to the Town within forty-five (45) days of the execution of this Agreement.

The Town will provide a written report to Resolution Copper by July 31, 2020 that details the expenditure of the Ambulance Funding, and a brief narrative report describing the Town's progress with the ambulance services.

It is recommended approval of a funding agreement between Resolution Copper Company and the Town of Kearny in the amount of \$10,362.06.

Melissa Rabago, Community and Social Performance Advisor for Resolution Copper, is in attendance to deliver the check and if council has any questions.

**Motion** by Councilmember Misita, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve the funding agreement between Resolution Copper and the Town of Kearny. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

**POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REPAIRING THE ROAD DOWN BY THE RIVER FOR THE GILA RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT AND PARKS**

Bill Dunn, from the Gila River Restoration Project and Parks Committee is seeking approval from the Town Council because he is wanting to repair the road down by the river because the WNRCD was awarded a grant to help re-vegetate the area down by the river. This will not cost the Town any money and he is also wanting to put some signage down by the river so people will clean up after themselves.

He will call Game & Fish to try to get three cattle guards donated to the Town because of people cutting down the gate and the fence every chance they get to cut across the road to the river. This is causing cattle on the runway almost every week. The Town has been fortunate because the rancher is using his own money and fencing to repair the fence on a weekly basis.

Bill Dunn and Gerry Kaufhold from the WNRCD, are here to answer any questions you may have.

The cattle guards are free. Mr. Dunn would like to put in the cattle guards and clean up the old lake area for dry RV camping. Before Pioneer Days. He does have a concern with people trashing the place. The park should pay for its own trash pick-up service.

There are some concerns about paying online. Town Clerk Burnam is researching how to accomplish this. For now, Town Hall and Kearny Police Department can accept payment. Possibly putting in an honor system drop box, with daily collections from Kearny Police Department.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve the repairing of the road down by the Gila River for the Gila River Restoration Project and Parks. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN SEARCH FOR TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Anna Flores will be submitting her resignation as Town Manager. She would like to spend more time with family and for health reasons. Staff would like authorization to begin a search for a town manager. Staff will need direction if you would like the League contacted, or some other recruitment form, or advertise on the League website.

We used the League in the past and they did all the background check. It cost \$2,500 to use the League back then.

Town Manager Anna Flores will stay on till a new Town Manager position is hired.

Mayor Sommers instructs Town Manager Flores to use the League to help fire a new Town Manager.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Pioneer Days is on March 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Forestry Department is happy with the mastication results being done already.

CAG Income Surveys are still low, only 332 were done. Still need more. We can lose funding if not completed. They are confidential. We can substitute surveys that were sent out to residents no longer in the community with ones who are.

#### **REPORTS**

- a. Town Financial Reports
- b. Police Department
- c. Library
- d. Fire Department
- e. Recreation Department
- f. Kearny Airport
- g. Ambulance

**Motion** by Councilmember Hinojos, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve reports provided. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe **second** by Councilmember Flores to adjourn. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Nancy Hinojos all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

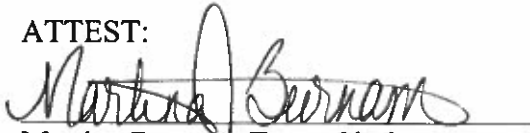


Debra Sommers, Mayor



Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

  
Martina Burnam, Town Clerk