

**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, JULY 13, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

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

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager	Jeff McCormick
Town Clerk	Martina Burnam
Accounts Payable Clerk	Amanda Kenney
Town Librarian	Janet Danilow

VISITORS PRESENT

Pat Walker Consulting LLC.	Pat Walker (telephonically)
The Lighthouse Assembly of God	Pastor Wade
Carol Lewis	Jamie Ramsey

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sommers called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Wade of The Lighthouse Assembly of God

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

Special Meeting June 29, 2020

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve the Minutes for Special Meeting June 29, 2020. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 20-214.

Consideration and Possible Approval of an Ordinance to Levy Upon the Assessed Valuation of the Property Within the Town of Kearny Arizona, Subject to Taxation, a Certain Sum Upon Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of Assessed Valuation, Sufficient to Raise the Amount Estimated to be Required in the Annual Budget, Less the Amount Estimated to be Received From Other Sources of Revenue; Providing Funds for General Municipal Expenses, All for the Fiscal Year Ending the 30th Day of June 2021.

State law requires that the tax levy necessary for funding the adopted budget be established by ordinance and be adopted fourteen (14) days following the public hearing and the final adoption of the budget not later than the third Monday in August (8/17/21). As this tax levy ordinance is an administrative method of setting apart funds necessary for use and maintenance, it does not require an extraordinary (3/4) vote to make it effective immediately. This determination is based on a Supreme Court decision and is fully explained in the Municipal Budget and Financial Manual provided by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns.

Ordinance No. 20-214 which follows prescribed form recommended for adoption and establishes a tax levy of an estimated \$125,976 set forth in the 2020-2021 budget. In these ordinances, the Kearny Town Council directs the County of Pinal to levy the amount allowed by law. The total tax rate will be \$2.1772 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Property value estimates have been received from the County Assessor's office and are available for public inspection in the Town of Kearny office of the Town Clerk.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:37 PM:

Consultant Pat Walker, explained the levy the primary property tax for operations for the Town of Kearny for fiscal year 2020-2021 to \$125,976.00 does not require Truth in Taxation Notice. The current Tax Levy \$2.2929 per \$100.00 of value will be decreased to \$ 2.1772 per \$100.00 of value due to the increase value of property and an increase in tax property bill.

Public Hearing is closed: 6:40 PM.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to Approve the Property Tax Levy and Adoption of Ordinance 20-214. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Sheila Stephenson, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Samantha Misita all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A CONEX SHIPPING CONTAINER FOR THE LIBRARY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00

The Kearny Library was granted \$5,500.00 from an estate and the Library Director wishes to use a portion of the estate award to purchase a Conex shipping container for extra storage.

The Conex container would be placed on the East side of the Library, painted to match the Library's exterior, with interior lighting and ventilation to allow heat to escape.

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Town Librarian Janet Danilow provided a quote for \$3716.60 for a painted CONEX storage unit, which included shipping, setup, and wind turban. A quote is needed for the installation of the wind turban, cameras, door locks and shelving.

Councilmember Misita asked why we need more extra storage. Town Librarian Danilow explained how she is currently storing items in bathrooms at the KLAC due to lack of storage.

Councilmembers Stephenson and Bradford were grateful to the resident who left the library funds from his estate.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve the purchase of a CONEX Shipping Container for the Library in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford, Samantha Misita and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED**

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S JUNE 17, 2020 EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-40 REGARDING WEARING FACE MASKS.

A continuation of the Council's previous discussion on wearing face masks.

Mayor Sommers facilitated a discussion and exchange of productive ideas about the Governor's Executive Order and the Statement Drafted by the Town to inform residents of Kearny's perspective on whether to require people to wear face masks or not.

Another response, in addition to the Statement published in the Copper Area News, is possible, though not necessary. The Council can give Staff direction on how they wish to proceed.

As of Thursday July 9, there are 19 positive COVID cases in the 85137-zip code, and 13 positive COVID cases in Kearny town limits. 10 of the positive cases have been reported within the previous week. This suggests people are failing to make physical distancing a priority.

Public Response:

No Public Response at this time.

No New Action was taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ASARCO Strike ended, possible loss of 3 employees (2 laborers and 1 Part-time Dispatch). Jobs posted on website.

Ferguson Waterworks and Pace Engineering began with a kickoff meeting 7/7/20.

Meter installations began 7/13/20.

Installers complete about 15 per day.

Notice is given to residents 10 days prior of dates and time ranges they will be shutting of their water.

If current water meter is spinning, the workers will come back to that house another time.

Notice was printed in the Copper Basin this week.

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Pace Engineering will be starting their system evaluation of the Water Filtration Plant this week.

REPORTS

- a. Ambulance
- b. Fire Department
- c. Library

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the reports from the Ambulance, Fire Department and Library. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford, Samantha Misita and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED**


ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Councilmember Bradford **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to adjourn the Special Meeting. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford, Samantha Misita and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Debra Sommers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Martina Burnam, Town Clerk


Jeff McCormick, Town Manager