

**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, JUNE 4, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Debra Sommers
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Rose Bradford
Councilmember	Rudy Flores
Councilmember	Samantha Misita (Telephonically)
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery

**VISITORS PRESENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-12, PROPOSING ALTERNATIVE  
EXPENDITURE LIMITATION TO RESOLUTION NO. 18-12.01 FOR A DATE  
CORRECTION IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the attached amended Resolution No. 18-12.01 is to correct the date in of 2018 to 2014 in the second paragraph of the resolution. Both English and Spanish versions are attached and corrected. The Resolution No. 18-12 was passed at the April 16, 2018 Special Meeting by the Council.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to accept the correction and approve Resolution No. 18-12.01. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**2018-19 TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVAL AND ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE  
LIMITATION AND THE SETTING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

Town Manager Anna Flores summarized the process for the FY 2018/19 tentative budget, Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule) and public hearing for final budget and property tax levy. The final budget and property tax levy will be on June 25, 2018 while the tentative budget is being presented to Council tonight by Pat Walker for adoption. An approval of a property tax levy must occur after the adoption of the budget and will be scheduled for July 16, 2018. Pat Walker is here to provide details on the tentative budget. Pat stated that this year's budget is higher than ever adopted due to getting street money and grant money, and the Town cannot exceed the ceiling set by this budget. Major increases are in the Transportation Sales Tax of receiving \$600K this June and another \$600K next year, and in Miscellaneous Grants funds increased due to the anticipated \$1.7M

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same this year then the Town will lose a little bit as the value of homes and business have decreased. The loss will be an estimated \$4K. At a rate of \$2.3062/\$100,000 the Town will not have to do truth in taxation. Pat stated that if the Council wants to increase the rate then she would need to know due to the requirement to post notice tomorrow. If they want to go up to the maximum rate then would have to do a truth in taxation and that would bring in \$191K which is up from \$124K. If they don't want to do this, then it can be addressed next year or also an increase in sales tax next year. It was decided that a notice will be posted stating Council is considering a possible increase from \$2.2209 to \$2.3062. Pat thanked the Mayor & Council, Town Manager Anna Flores, and the departments for efficiently managing their budgets.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to adopt the tentative budget of \$9,951,879 with alternative expenditure limitation and set the public hearing date. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **CANCELLATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY'S 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS DUE TO EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the fire danger is extremely high this year because of extreme drought conditions in our area, and with collaboration with the Fire Chief it is recommended to cancel the fireworks this year. A celebration for July 4<sup>th</sup> will still be held from 11 – 1 p.m. in Hubbard Park with the Kearny Fire Department providing hot dogs, watermelon, and water to residents, and the Town providing snow cones and popcorn. Also, free swimming is offered to the community, and there will be some Chamber activities in the park. Councilmember Stephenson agreed with cancelling fireworks. Councilmember Misita commented that this is one of the worst droughts we have had in years.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to cancel the fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> due to extreme drought conditions but we will have the celebration in the park. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TWO POLICE INTERCEPTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,477.22 OR \$102,768.80 OR TWO F-150 POLICE RESPONDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,828.94 OR \$111,183.94**

Town Manager Anna Flores summarized two proposals for purchase of police vehicles. The first proposal is for two vehicles which are the purchase of two 2018 Police Interceptor Utility Base AWD with emergency equipment added in the amount of \$95,477.22 or the purchase of two 2018 F-150 Police Responders XL 4x4 vehicles with emergency equipment added in the amount of \$107,828.94. The second proposal is for two Interceptors for \$102,768.80 and for two F-150 Responders for \$111,183.68. The dealership shared with the Chief the F-150 is a better deal due to the longevity of the vehicle. The Town of Kearny has not purchased a new patrol vehicle for the department since 2000. The vehicles purchased or donated have been used vehicles with well over 100,000 miles on them. A grant has been submitted for a patrol vehicle; however, the fleet is currently experiencing a high volume of repairs. Difference in pricing from San Tan Ford and MHQ is the emergency equipment that is added to the patrol vehicle. The MHQ quote has more and brighter lights. Semi-annual payment on Interceptors is \$17,211.77 or \$18,526.23 (MHQ) and Responder is \$19,438.43 or \$20,043.19 (MHQ), for six payments. Chief Kenney is here to answer questions. Chief Kenney explained that he is not familiar with MHQ and he is familiar with AEP who does good work. The

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dealership explained the Interceptor is more of a pursuit vehicle and since we don't do a lot of pursuit work then the F-150 is going to be good for on-road and off-road work. The Chief recommends the F150, and he has also been told resale value is a lot higher. The Mayor said the Chief has been really good at keeping up with the maintenance being completed on the vehicles. He explained one officer is in charge of the vehicles and checks for maintenance and that all equipment is in the vehicle. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the vehicles come equipped with everything. Chief Kenney said the only thing the vehicles need is a communication radio. Also, are the vehicle lighting on the existing cars worth anything to other towns. Chief Kenney said the Chief car would be one that he could put lights on. The old equipment may be wanted by a smaller community but it is all pretty old. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked about maintenance and oil changes on the vehicles with the warranty stating it has to be done at the dealer. Town Manager Anna Flores stated public works vehicles are taken for oil changes to dealer which is covered under the warranty. Councilmember Stephenson asked if these vehicles have the super lights on them. Chief Kenney stated yes. Mayor Sommers stated that good lighting is important. Councilmember Stephenson asked how many vehicles we are down and Chief Kenney explained they are back up. They had air conditioner repairs completed on two and one vehicle is down completely as the engine is gone. Councilmember Misita and Councilmember Bradford made comments about the oil changes having to be completed at the dealer according to the warranty. Chief Kenney stated he can ask about the warranty and oil changes. Councilmember Bradford asked why oil changes cannot be completed by our public works, and she feels that is something they can do. Vice Mayor suggested checking with the dealer to make sure the warranty will not be voided if oil changes are not completed by the dealer. Councilmember Bradford asked about the repairs during the past year and all the tires that were purchased which were approximately \$2,900 of tires and recent purchase of tires for \$1400. Chief Kenney explained which vehicles those tires were for and that he got those at state price. Mayor Sommers commented that we no longer need to leave the vehicles running when the officers are not in the vehicle, and that needs to stop. Chief Kenney responded by saying he informed his department of that change when he first got here. Councilmember Misita commented that the F150 will cost more, but they are supposed to last longer.

**Motion** by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the purchase of two F150 Responders in the amount of \$107,828.94 with six payments made semi-annually. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SEND NOTICE OF OPTING OUT OF PINAL COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained that the Town was notified by Pinal County regarding qualifying as a CDBG Urban County. A meeting was attended by the Mayor and herself. The recommendation for the Town of Kearny is to opt out because we are in the middle of three-year cycle with Hayden and Mammoth giving us their portions of CDBG funding for our sewer system rehabilitation. Also, Hayden will be unable to be part of the funding since they are in Gila County. The County requires a competitive process for awarding funds where CAG awards the Town of Kearny every three years or yearly for smaller projects. The Town will be unable to do the three-year rotation funding with the other communities because Pinal County does not recognize this type of rotation. If the Town opts out we can opt in the following year. If the Town opts in then we are unable to opt out for three years. Also, opting in does not allow us to apply for CDBG funding or State Special Projects. Administrative costs for CAG are 18% and Pinal County up to 20%. It is recommended for the Town of Kearny to opt out of Pinal County CDBG funding at this time. Vice

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Mayor Radcliffe asked even if we opt out then we are able to apply for CDBG funding and State Special Projects. Town Manager Anna Flores stated correct through CAG. Opting in we would have to do it through Pinal County. Mayor Sommers commented that it is kind of like it is with the RTA as they are making the rules as they go along. Also, she stated that the Board of Supervisors are in charge of deciding who gets funding for their projects which could mean they like someone or someone else's project better; and we may not get any money at all. With CAG we will get funding of \$150K every year whether they like us or the projects or not.

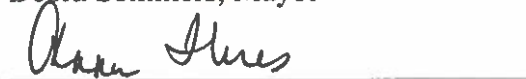
**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Flores to opt out of the Pinal County CDBG Funding at this time. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to adjourn. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**NOTE:** There were some telephonic difficulties during this meeting for Councilmember Misita who attended the meeting telephonically. Portions of her conversation were not heard; therefore, they may not be included in these minutes.

  
Debra Sommers, Mayor

  
Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

  
Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk