

**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, MARCH 20, 2017, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Debra Sommers
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Rose Bradford
Councilmember	Nancy Hinojos
Councilmember	Samantha Misita - Telephonically
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery
Town Attorney	Steve Cooper
Town Fire Chief	Kenneth Piggott

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Tino Flores	Larna Warren
Kathy Borquez	Nina Yardley
Carol Lewis	Ron Buckley
Diana Herrick	Gwen Dinwiddie
Lora Lee Snow	Gary Stepke
Derek Heide	Bob Fox

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sommers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Nina Yardley of the Church of the Good Shepherd delivered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve minutes from the February 21, 2017 Special Meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Sommers announced call to the public. Gwen Dinwiddie wanted to know if we are a member of the IGA or not. Mayor Sommers stated no.

**PINAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**

Town Manager Anna Flores introduced Kathy Borquez, Public Works Planner, from Pinal County who presented a Pinal County Transportation Planning update. Kathy Borquez explained that she and Andy Smith have been making the presentation throughout the county. Three planning efforts, Regionally Significant Routes, Safety and Mobility – Access Management, and Pinal Regional Transportation Authority, are now being looked at. Regionally planning for Pinal County, which is comprised of 10 cities and towns, census designated places, four tribal communities, four adjacent counties – two of them being urban, allows people to be connected with work, shop, and recreational opportunities. Regionally significant routes are corridors that provide a high level of service, safety, and common activity between urban and activity centers. In 2008 Pinal County developed a regionally significant routes plan to ensure safety and mobility which has preserved rights of way for design and construction of those designated corridors. This plan is currently being updated to be consistent with local and regional transportation plans. Plan allowed for parkways and principle arterials to address limited north/south and east/west connections. The plan update includes minor adjustments to parkways and arterials, minor changes to arterial grid in Apache Junction, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, and Queen Creek because of the proposed north/south corridor from Apache Junction to the Eloy area. This is currently being studied by ADOT. For the Town of Kearny regional routes are state highways and preserving those corridors are critical to the Town's transportation and economy. Florence/Kelvin Highway is considered a designated arterial and making the connection from Florence to Kearny is really vital. The plans main focus is on roadway development and public transportation and also calls for \$300K of annual funding to be allocated to Towns of Kearny, Mammoth, Superior, and City of Eloy for local transportation projects. These funds can be used for road and pedestrian type projects as long as they transportation related. The Town of Superior did a pavement assessment study that helped them to determine projects that are high priority that need pavement preservation. This may be something Kearny might want to consider doing in preparation of the funding. Access Management is also part of the plan update which is coordinated planning, regulating, and design of access between roadway and abetting land. It provides a method that promotes both safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Pinal County's Access Management Manual ensures balance is maintained between competing demands of mobility and access and provides for consistent application for roadway standards as those are built and developed. Also, it defines an early alert process so that when development occurs on a regional route the county can acquire the necessary right of way for that. The 2008 manual provided plans standards for parkways and arterials, but now it has all the roadway classifications which was very important for cities and towns to have the proper design standards in place. Also, it was updated with recent policies and ordinances from the cities of Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Florence, and Queen Creek with their design standards. The city-town council presentations will be completed this month. The next step is the map will be finalized and will request the resolutions and support during the April and May timeframe. Then they will request the action for the Board of Supervisors to adopt this during the June/July timeframe. The Pinal Regional Transportation Authority is the next part of the plan which provides mechanism for counties, cities, towns, and tribal communities to work together to develop a transportation system. Also, it provides the authority to levy a tax to fund all transportation. This is regionally because the population increasing in Pinal County has more than doubled in the last 15 years and is likely to increase by another 750K – 900K people in the next 20 years. Federal and State funding is limited with no gasoline

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Town Manager Anna Flores thanked everyone for their participation in Pioneer Days which was a huge event with a lot of people putting in a lot of work. She also announced that Kearny is having the Easter Egg Hunt on 4/15/17 at 9 a.m. and stated the Town could also use many volunteers. The Easter Egg Hunt volunteers will start at 7:30 a.m. with 2000 eggs to hide.

**REPORTS**

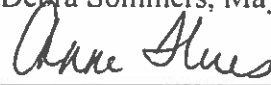
Mayor Sommers asked if there was any discussion on the reports. No discussion.

**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 Bradford to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
Debra Sommers, Mayor

  
Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

  
Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk