

**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  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Debra Sommers
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Rose Bradford
Councilmember	Rudy Flores
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 (Telephonically)
Town Public Works Director	Ramon Camacho

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Diana Herrick	Carol Lewis
Gwen Dinwiddie	Dawn Camacho

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$4,799 MONTHLY WHICH INCLUDES THE DAILY ROUTINE TESTING ALREADY  
INCLUDED**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the submitted proposal from Robert Hanus, Owner, of Western Environmental Technologies, Inc. He has proposed to supervise, operate, provide staff for minor maintenance and be the operator of record for the Town's wastewater treatment facility. The cost to the Town would be \$4,799 for all duties listed in scope of work. He is currently the courier for the Town of Kearny for transporting daily water samples to the lab and has done this for over 10 years. He will also have two additional employees to help with the plant. The Public Works Director will still be in charge of the plant along with the Town of Kearny but the operator will solely operate the plant. Currently the Town pays the vendor \$26,302.51 per year for lab testing. The new amount include operation of the plant would be \$31,285.49. The Town would need to pay a full-time operator approximately \$20/hour plus benefits which would be \$51,600. The amount of \$31,285.49 is equivalent to approximately \$15/hour and includes testing. The Town currently has a liability when the certified operator is away at trainings or on vacations. Also, additional savings of \$18,000 would result from the operator applying for permits and submitting ADEQ applications which the Town has in the past had to hire an engineer to do. Total savings would be approximately \$38,000. Ramon Camacho, Public Works Director, explained that this company already has

experience so the transition would be less time and Vice Mayor Radcliffe commented this is a cost savings and said we would have a certified operator on site if Ramon is not here. He also asked and asked if he already knew the system. Ramon expressed he does not know our system but will learn it within the year by working with him. He is certified and ADEQ will no longer accept not having a certified operator available at all times. Councilmember Misita asked if this is just paying for one person or are we hiring the company. Ramon stated he has a total of five operators and three of them will be focused on the Kearny plant, so at all times there will be someone available for us. The work under Bob. Councilmember Hinojos asked where the testing takes place. Ramon stated we are required to take a daily sample from the effluent water and it has to go daily to Legend Technical services in Tucson or Mesa whichever direction the operator is coming from. Councilmember Hinojos asked if the cost of the testing is already covered. Ramon explained there is still a charge for the courier service which is about \$85 per trip. Town Manager Anna Flores stated we are looking at paying the \$31,285.49 which includes the permitting/ADEQ applications that we normally pay \$18,000 for every five years. Ramon stated we must have a reliable company doing this for the Town and Bob has been doing this for the Town for a little over 10 years. Councilmember Misita asked when this would start. Ramon said realistically July 1st.

**Motion** by Councilmember Misita, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Proposal. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION/CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND/OR TOWN STAFF CONCERNING CONTRACTS, POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3), (4), AND (7)**

Mayor Sommers entertained a motion at 7:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to enter into Executive Session for 20 minutes. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Sommers reconvened regular session. The Mayor entertained a motion to go back to Executive Session for an additional 20 minutes.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to enter into Executive Session for additional 20 minutes. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:55 regular session was reconvened by Mayor Sommers. Staff was directed to proceed as discussed in executive session. No further business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Flores to adjourn. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Debra Sommers

Debra Sommers, Mayor

Anna Flores

Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

Cathy Woolery

Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk