

**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, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Sam Hosler
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Lana Dalton - Telephonically
Councilmember	Rudy Flores
Councilmember	David Herrera
Councilmember	Nancy Hinojos
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery
Town Attorney	Steve Cooper
Interim Chief of Police	Dave Blue

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Carol Hosler	Officer Johnson
Gwen Dinwiddie	Audra Michael
Tino Flores	Debra Sommers

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Carol Hosler of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Coolidge delivered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera to approve minutes from Special Meeting October 6, 2015, Regular Meeting October 19, 2015. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No persons addressed the Council.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT AND EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information stating Matt Bingham will be presenting the Annual Financial Audit and Expenditure Limitation Report. Matt summarized the audit process and the opinions for governmental financial statements are given for several opinion units and Kearny has seven units. The Town of Kearny received all clean and unmodified opinions for the audit FY 14/15. Matt also explained they do review the internal controls to look for any weaknesses. Audit findings for the Town included Segregation of Duties which was a repeat finding and Preparation of the working trial balance. The Town remained within the alternative expenditure limitation approved by the voters. Matt also explained this year, GASB 68, which is related to pensions, is a new statement this year within the audit. The Town of Kearny has a liability of approximately \$1.5M which is now being reported on the financial statements which has never been previously reported. This liability includes PSPRS and ASRS. Also, Matt explained the Net Position of the Town of Kearny has decreased which indicates the financial position of the town is deteriorating. Net position has changed from a positive \$75K last fiscal year to a negative \$143K this fiscal year. Councilmember Herrera asked if the PSPRS has been accumulating over the years and what things affect it; such as an officer leaving and family members. Matt explained that yes it has been, and the assets are short-funded, and the assets stay with the Town but the liability moves with the officers. Matt stated he understands that when an officer leaves the liability also goes with the officer to the new employer. With newer officers the liability is smaller and with officers that have been employed for a while the liability is larger. Matt stated the actuary factors into age but does not know if they factor in family. Mayor Hosler asked about the lump sum liability the Town has. Matt explained that the pension is underfunded and the rates also change.

**PRESENTATION BY OFFICER JOHNSON FROM PINAL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information introducing Officer Johnson and Audra Michael, Director, from Pinal County Animal Control. Officer Johnson explained there are various resources available to the Town at no cost or low cost. He is here to offer assistance to the Town in any way he can as he knows the Town does not have resources or funding for animal control locally. He has donated collars and has set up a January 23rd clinic in Kearny at Pioneer Park for rabies vaccinations and microchipping. Councilmember Herrera asked about the microchipping process. Officer Johnson explained the process and will also look into options for donating the microchip scanner. He also suggested the Council could adopt a pet licensing requirement for pets, and the revenues would all go to the Town of Kearny. Rabies is a large issue in the area and more vaccinated animals you have the better it is. The Kearny veterinarian is also available to use for the public. Councilmember Herrera inquired about stray and roaming cats. Officer Johnson stated that cats are actually free domain and can run at large. Audra

Michael explained cats are free roaming and possibly can get TNR grants for wild cats, which alters the cat so they cannot reproduce but can still roam free. She stated the county no longer has an IGA with the Town of Kearny, the bill for 2014/2015 was approximately \$2K, and wants to talk about the Town getting revenues through licensing so that could relief Kearny from using Pinal County unless it is really needed. She is here to help with the Town possibly setting up an ordinance for required licensing. They can have the mobile unit come out and offer vaccinations and \$10 microchips and require licensing at that time if that is an option the Town wants. They will always come out though and are willing to work with us. Councilmember Herrera asked if a citizen calls on an animal how does that work. Audra explained they will usually come out if it is aggressive. They will charge for mileage. Audra asked if the Town would like to look into the option of licensing by the Town and getting possible revenues Town Manager Anna Flores stated that is something we would like to look into.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM NCS ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO RENEW THE TOWN OF KEARNY'S ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,400**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Ram from NCS Engineering explained this was a required permit and it needs to be in 180 days before expiration date. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked how long the permit is for. Ram stated it is a five year permit, but it should actually last longer with the renewal being done now because their processing time is lengthy; so the permit could possibly even be for seven years.

**Motion** by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos for approval of proposal from NCS Engineering to provide the renewal for the Town of Kearny's Arizona pollutant discharge elimination system permit for wastewater treatment plant for \$17,400. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER JOYCE CAMPBELL**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information stating new appointee will serve on library advisory board until June 30, 2016. The new members will be appointed during December 21, 2015 Council meeting.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to accept Joyce Campbell's letter of resignation from Library Advisory Board. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PINAL COUNTY TO CONDUCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County to conduct elections. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN HOME TO BE USED AS SLEEPING QUARTERS BY POLICE AND EMS PERSONNEL**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Councilmember Herrera asked if the out of town employees need somewhere to sleep. Interim Chief Blue explained all officers live outside of town and many EMS employees also live outside of town. This is a way to attract new officers to work for the Town, a way for the officers to stay within the Town for backup for the officer on duty, and a recruitment tool for officers coming right out of the academy. This is a viable option for incentive for officer hiring. Vice Mayor Radcliffe stated the housing must be considered part of salary for taxes. Chief Blue stated an option is the officers can pay some rent with a rental contract. Councilmember Herrera asked how many people would be able to live there. Chief Blue stated it is a four bedroom house. Mayor Hosler asked if that would fit the need, and Chief Blue stated yes for now. EMS is still looking at the possible option of the Pinal County Building for quarters. The EMS quarters now has no kitchen and is quite small with two bedrooms. Councilmember Stephenson expressed it is a good idea as long as they pay rent and have guidelines. Chief Blue stated there will be quality control checks with parking of only one patrol car and officers not hanging out. It is there for officers to sleep there. Quality control checks will be set by the Town Manager and Chief with high standards and expectations of maintenance and cleaning which will be defined in the rental agreement. Councilmember Dalton asked who would be responsible for cleanliness and sanitary issues for health concerns. Chief Blue stated that would be set up in the rental agreement for the renters, but maintenance and upkeep would be the Town's responsibility for items such as plumbing, air conditioning. Councilmember Hinojos asked if the Town house is ready to be rented. Town Manager Anna Flores stated a refrigerator is needed.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the Town home to be used as sleeping quarters by police and EMS personnel. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Town Manager Anna Flores submitted the Invasive Plant Grant last week. ASU will help design the project with the restoration of the Kearny River Fire. The project will be given to two students next semester, and the graduate student who is working on her dissertation for her doctorate degree. Bryant Smith with SmithCo also toured the sight with the fire chief, and ASARCO will pay for the clearing out of the salt cedars. There is also a weed control company who can help to take care of the salt cedars. Mayor Hosler thanked Bill Dunn and the National Resource Conservation Service for all the help.

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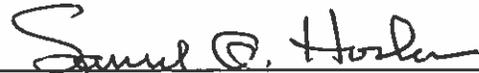
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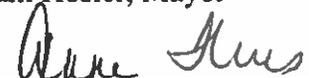
Mayor Hosler expressed to Chief Blue that he appreciates all the information he puts into the police report.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to accept the reports. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

  
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Sam Hosler, Mayor

  
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Anna Flores, Town Manager

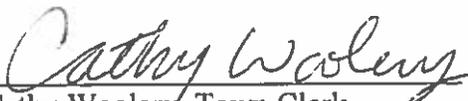
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Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Kearny held on the 16th day of November, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2015

  
Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk