

**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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, AT 7:30 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

VISITORS PRESENT

Ron Buckley	Edna Lawrence
Carol Lewis	Diana Herrick
Joe Palmer	Patrick Smith
Gwen Dinwiddie	

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 Joe Palmer of the Fellowship Baptist Church 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 Hinojos, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting August 21, 2107. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Sommers announced call to the public. No persons addressed the Council.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE WALLACE KENNEY TO SERVE THE TOWN OF KEARNY

Town Manager Anna Flores stated the contract for the Chief of Police Wallace Kenney was effective August 21, 2017; however, it was signed and returned after the August meeting. The contract is being presented to Council for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe for approval of the contract for Chief of Police Wallace Kenney. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCE, ATTIRE, AND UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE KEARNY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Manager Anna Flores summarized the policy presented for the police department regarding personal appearance, attire, and uniform standards and the reflection of personal appearance upon the professional image. Personal appearance reflects on professional image with the uniforms being symbolic of authority and identity, tradition, and professional pride. Councilmember Hinojos commended Chief Kenney on his support for the staff and officers and how he is building professionalism. She expressed thanks for taking care of the officers. Councilmember Stephenson also expressed thanks. Mayor Sommers commented the policy is very well done.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve the policy for the personal appearance, attire, and uniform standards for the Kearny Police Department. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE IGA FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE SAN MANUEL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF KEARNY

Town Manager Anna Flores explained that an IGA is being presented for San Manuel Fire Department dispatch services with the Town of Kearny. The agreement is for the total amount of \$7,500 per year with quarterly installments on or before October 20th, January 20th, April 20th, and July 20th of each year in the amount of \$1,875. The agreement may be terminated by either party giving 60 days written notice. All fees must be paid within 30 days of termination. She explained the Town of Kearny agrees to pay for the equipment so that way it will be owned by the Town of Kearny. That way Kearny can provide dispatching services to other communities. Councilmember Bradford asked Chief Kenney if the project is workable. He replied that it is something we can look at and to see if it is something that can work and make sure it is doable. He said the radio communication expert will be called in. Councilmember Bradford asked why would the council consider approving it now if everything has not been worked out. Town Attorney Steve Cooper stated the agreement has 60 days for cancellation if it does not work for the Town. Councilmember Hinojos asked if there is a penalty for cancellation. Steve stated no. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked the Chief if he feels it is something feasible to do. Chief Kenney stated there has been no official testing but some testing on radio by the Fire Chief itself and it works. The Town just has not included testing yet by Creative Communications who is our communication company, but preliminary tests show that it should work. Councilmember Bradford

asked if it is like now where our dispatch just pages out the department and if it fails are we liable for that communication. Town Manager Anna Flores stated that is why Creative Communications needs to come out and let us know for sure before anything goes through. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if we can approve the agreement pending testing. Town Manager Anna Flores stated yes, and San Manuel knows that, Chief Kenney knows that, and Creative Communications know that. Councilmember Bradford asked when they are going to be checking. Anna said she is in contact with Creative Communications, and they will be scheduling, but she does not know exactly when. Councilmember Stephenson stated she thinks they should go ahead and okay it pending all communications work.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the IGA for Fire Department dispatch services for San Manuel Fire Department pending outcome of testing. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF IGA FOR THE TRANSFER OF A VEHICLE BETWEEN PINAL COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF KEARNY

Town Manager Anna Flores provided the background for this item. An IGA between Pinal County and the Town of Kearny is being presented for the transfer of ownership of a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria for \$1.00. The Town of Kearny agrees to complete the process necessary to secure legal title, physical possession, and to pay all costs associated with that. Mayor Sommers asked Chief Kenney if he will be going to check out the vehicle to make sure the vehicle is something we would want, because we have so many vehicles that are not in good condition. Councilmember Stephenson asked if we would have to get the Pinal County details taken off of the vehicle. Councilmember Bradford asked if there may be other vehicles such as a four-wheel drive because Pinal County mentioned they were getting rid of vehicles when Sheriff Lamb was previously here for a meeting. Town Manager Anna Flores explained Chief Kenney is already working on another vehicle.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve the transfer of a vehicle between Pinal County and the Town of Kearny. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FORM THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE FOR FUNDING OF THE AMBULANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,000

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the Town of Kearny would like to apply for a grant for \$260,000 to fund the ambulance which has been ordered to replace the town's 10-year old ambulance. The Apache Gold Casino Resort/Apache Sky Casino elected to meet section 12D of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 by distribution of funds through the cities, towns, or counties for government services.

Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked when would we know if we get the grant or not. Town Manager Anna Flores stated the application is due September 30, 2017, so she is thinking sometime in November. She also said they had called her and told her there had been no submissions so that may be a good

sign. The grant is also quarterly, so the town can also continue to reapply each quarter.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to adopt Resolution #17-07. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SAID APPLICATION

Town Manager Anna Flores summarized the resolution and grant application which is being presented to the Council for approval. The grant in the amount of \$140,000 is for repairs to the Mescal Mountains OHV Campground due to the vandalism several years ago. Repairs needed are water pump repairs, plumbing repairs, and replacement of garbage cans, metal fire rings, restroom windows, shade Ramada's, picnic tables and labor/overhead costs. If the grant is less than \$300K then no matching requirements are needed; but sponsors are encouraged to demonstrate commitment by providing matching funds. Also, available is the Town's insurance if the whole grant amount is not funded. The deductible would be \$1K. The in-kind match would be \$75K of insurance if needed and the grant request \$65K. She stated she spoke with one of the representatives, and it looks like the whole amount would be funded.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Misita to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Arizona State Parks & Trails funding opportunities authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in the application. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

RAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL REQUEST FOR HOMECOMING PARADE STREET CLOSURE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 AND REQUEST APPROVAL FOR BONFIRE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2017, AT PIONEER DAY PARK

Town Manager Anna Flores stated the Ray High School Student Council is requesting permission for street closure for Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 22, 2017 and also for a bonfire at Pioneer Day Park on Thursday, October 21, 2017. Certificates of insurance and parade map are presented.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to approve Ray High School Student Council request for Homecoming Parade street closure on Friday, September 22, 2017 and approval for bonfire on October 12, 2017 at Pioneer Day Park. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ROAD REPAIR TO WELLS 6, 7, & 8 FROM PINAL COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,547.55 (TAXES NOT INCLUDED)

Town Manager Anna Flores presented background information for this item with estimates for a low flow crossing with a concrete floor anchored into the cut off walls to protect from undermining so culverts do not wash away again as they did. This would include 4 people for 10-hour days for 4 days

per week for total of 4 weeks at \$19,200; a backhoe with jack hammer attachment; a backhoe trailer, a flatbed truck; a 4000-gallon water truck, an end dump, a utility truck, a plate compactor, and a concrete cut-off saw at \$12,206.30; materials of #6 rebar, 90 yards with Summerset #3 at \$21,141.25 totaling to the \$54,547.55 not including tax. The estimate included for grading with the water truck only four miles to the well site is \$5,451.71; however, this option is not a permanent solution. The Transportation Sales Tax Fund can be used for funding and has a total balance of \$194,000. Councilmember Misita asked about the last quote and Town Manager Anna Flores explained it was only for grading as an alternative.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve road repairs for Wells # 6, 7, & 8 from Pinal County in the amount of \$52,547.55 not including tax. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING KEARNY DISPATCHING PROVIDING DISPATCHING SERVICES FOR THE MAMMOTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Sommers asked if the Council would like to discuss this item since the Town Manager from Mammoth is not here. Town Attorney Steve Cooper explained the situation explaining Pinal County will not dispatch services for Fire and EMS. That is what prompted San Manuel to come to us to work on the IGA. The Mammoth would like to continue to provide dispatch services and they would purchase equipment to continue providing services. The Mammoth Fire District has not reached out to the Town of Kearny themselves and they would have to come to the Council and ask for the services. There could be some issues of compatibility with equipment and radio service. We don't know if it would work in Mammoth and if they would be happy with the Town of Kearny. Mayor Sommers thinks this item would need to be tabled unless the Mammoth Fire District comes to us and requests fire dispatch services.

Motion by Councilmember Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to table this item. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,200

Town Manager Anna Flores explained a grant application is presented for Firehouse Subs for two metal carports to protect two fire trucks and the 1999 ambulance from sun damage. She stated she received exact measurements from the application which came out to a total of \$13,200 of \$6600 each. Two fire trucks can be parked under one carport and the ambulance and another vehicle can be parked under another. They may also submit for two more carports for the police vehicles. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if this includes installation cost. Anna stated yes. Councilmember Hinojos asked if she had contacted APS for the solar. Anna said that is a good idea. Councilmember Bradford asked why the 1999 ambulance would be in the carport when we are getting the new ambulance and are we going to use that 1999 ambulance or just auction it off. Town Manager Anna Flores said it would be used as a third ambulance and housed in Duddleyville in case the casino wants to access it for the area there. Councilmember Bradford explained that the insurance cost of the 1999 ambulance is another cost that

we should look at and also what we are actually insuring. If the casino wants us to keep it and gave us the grant then she could see that, but she can't see us keeping anything that is that old. Town Manager Anna Flores stated that was how the grant was written with the casino having an ambulance out there, but she will look into it. Mayor Sommers stated you never know, but we might could even get another ambulance because the grant is offered quarterly.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Misita to submit the grant. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores reminded everyone of the Open House at the fire station on Tuesday October 10th at 6 pm. Come enjoy hot dogs and great company. Also, the Homecoming Parade is scheduled for this Friday, September 22nd at 4 p.m. and the bonfire is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th at Pioneer Park. Check out the Kearny library where they have great movies and books to rent at no charge. The 13th National Grow Your Library event will be visiting the town library on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. with a donation of 240 books which will be displayed at that time. The books are valued at \$3,144. This is a special event for the children and good things are happening at the library.

REPORTS

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

Motion by Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to accept the reports. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe 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

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 18th day of September, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2017


Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk