

**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 21, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Sam Hosler
Vice Mayor	Dan 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

VISITORS PRESENT

Edna Lawrence	Larna Warren
Joe Weller	Bill Loehr
Justin Chavez	Margaret Gaston
Diana Herrick	Arlene Elliott
James Hosea	Darlene Hosea
Edna Lawrence	Mike Orose
Gwen Dinwiddie	Mark Nipp
Tino Flores	Debra Sommers
Barbara Carrell	Dawn Rienbold
Mike Dinwiddie	Erin Keeney
Joe Palmer	Diane Palmer
Mary King	Carol Lewis

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

Pastor Joe Palmer of the Fellowship Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve Regular Meeting, August 17, 2015 minutes. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Interim Chief Dave Blue offered appreciation to Darrell and Stormie Wallace for service during the recent fire and helping with a citizen situation, and presented movie tickets to them from himself.

PRESENTATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COALITION, BY MAJOR OROSE, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Major Orose presented an option of Law Enforcement Coalition as a possible alternative for police services for the communities of Kearny, Mammoth, Hayden, and Winkelman. These towns are in close proximity to each other and this structure could work well. The program is not intended to be a cost savings program but will provide an increased level of service to the towns. An IGA would be set up according to each town's expectations to include coverage, funding, operational/administrative support, budget, crime statistics, staffing, renewal, and establishment of an Oversight Board. The Oversight Board would need to be comprised of perhaps two representatives from each town and then a representative from DPS or the sheriff's office. Oversight Board will ensure service level, actions of the coalition, budget control, and quality control. The distribution of resources will be allocated throughout the towns to include vehicles, equipment, personnel services, and administrative expenses. The structure could be set up to have one Chief of Police, three Sergeants, Officers for each community, and one administrative person. Costs of the coalition could be based on two factors: 1) amount of law enforcement coverage each town is wanting and 2) amount of salary paid to the Chief, Sergeants, and Officers. Other options for the communities is to continue with each town having own police department, one or more towns combining resources to form the coalition, contracting with the sheriff's office for services, or towns contracting with a neighboring town for services. Arizona Department of Public Safety can come in and set up the infrastructure of the coalition at no charge if communities decide to move forward. Major Orose reiterated this is just an offer from the Arizona Department of Public Safety and they will proceed from direction of the Council, but could have another agency other than DPS help. Councilmember Herrera clarified that the police services would ultimately be run by the towns, and having help with transition from another agency to provide uniformity with a Chief of Police with uniform policies and procedures would be really important for the small towns. Councilmember Herrera also commented on the advantage of having the three Sergeants and a Chief for delegation of duties, and feels the existing model that each town has doesn't seem to be working. Mayor Hosler said the positives would be a unified structure underneath a board representing the towns with clarity, and disadvantages would be the differences between the communities and financial capabilities and time constraints. Major Orose explained each community could have a different level of service based on funding. Mayor Hosler also expressed consideration for our EMS and fire departments, and salary discrepancies between town departments. Councilmember Stephenson said we need to find out what the public wants and thinks uniformity is needed. Vice Mayor Radcliffe stated many questions need to be answered. The public had comments and concerns regarding the logistics of location, dispatch being centralized, inclusion of fire services, keeping police services at the local level, Kearny already dispatching for Hayden, better quality of officers, better training, better pay structure for less turnover, radio frequency capabilities, replacement and cost of new repeater, having officers on the Brady List, uniformity of town codes and citing. Pinal County Attorney General Lando Voyles stated any officers that are on the Brady List are public and can be obtained from the Pinal County Attorney's Office.

LANDO VOYLES, PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY, WILL BE PRESENTING THE TOWN OF KEARNY WITH A CHECK FOR SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500, FROM THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S RICO COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND

PRESENTATION OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF KEARNY AND THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles presented a \$2,500 check for the swimming pool from the RICO fund. Lando Voyles summarized what the County Attorney's office does, its jurisdiction, and also training they have offered free to officers that has consistently resulted in a decrease in crime in Kearny of 42% over the last few years. The purpose of the RICO fund is to take the resources used by criminals to turn around and use for positive uses such as the Family Advocacy Center in San Tan Valley. The Family Advocacy Center provides all services in one place for sexually and physically abused children which simplifies and expedites the process within 24 hours. The facility has approximately 50 to 60 children every month. Lando Voyles expressed he has enjoyed working with all the Chiefs in Kearny and hopes to continue the good working relationship.

PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION OF FEMA TRAINING BY MARC WALKER, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONSULTANT

Marc Walker telephonically presented an overview of the FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program and the importance of elected and appointed officials having understanding of the roles in emergency management and incident response. The training is typically a four hour course and prepares officials for an emergency incident. The goal of the training is to train the Council to be prepared for emergency situations such as a flood or a fire. Currently the class is not required, but the federal government has started to make compliance a requirement for some federal grants. Mayor Hosler asked when training could be set up. Marc stated he could schedule the training to be set up with the Town Manager with dates and a format that works for the Town.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A DONATION OF A SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLE TO THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

Motion by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Councilmember Flores for approval of the donation of a surplus police vehicle to the Town of Superior. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

COPPER BASIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR DATES FOR COMMUNITY SWAP MEET AND FARMER'S MARKET

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Councilmember Herrera commented the event was very well organized with some nice ideas.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the monthly dates and closures for the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce community swap meet and farmer's market. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO TRI CITY EMP ALLIANCE

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the pieces of equipment are equipment that we use. Town Manager Anna Flores replied this is equipment that has been there a while and we do not use.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of the donation of a compressor, a trailer, a tank, and a generator/light station to be used for search and rescue to Tri City EMP Alliance. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

REQUEST OF AMERICAN SOCCER ORGANIZATION TO USE PIONEER PARK AND BALL FIELDS

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Councilmember Herrera commended Amanda Kelley for taking on the soccer organization.

Motion by Councilmember Herrera, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe for the use of Pioneer park and ball fields by the American Soccer Organization. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

RAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL REQUEST FOR HOMECOMING PARADE STREET CLOSURE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Herrera for approval of Ray High School Student Council request for homecoming parade street closure on Friday, September 25, 2015. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY, SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF STEVE STRATTON TO THE TRANSPORTATION BOARD IN THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK AND MAYOR TO INFORM THE GOVERNOR OF THIS SUPPORT

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. Mayor Hosler commented the resume of qualifications for Steve Stratton is attached along with Resolution No. 15-721.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Flores for approval of Resolution No. 15-721. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores reported the Council has an invitation from Mila Lira to attend the joint chamber mixer on September 30, 2015 at the Arboretum and reminded them to RSVP. Also, a reminder that the Kearny Clean-Up Day will be held on October 17, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mayor Hosler commented there will be some new and good things with the Kearny Clean-Up Day this time.

REPORTS

Mayor Hosler asked if there were any questions or comments on reports. Councilmember Stephenson asked how long the AeroMed invoices need to remain open because they are going

back to 2010. Town Clerk Cathy Woolery responded by stating the process for insurance companies and the medical billing industry is quite a long process but will get clarification from AeroMed as to what timeframe they use for write-offs. Mayor Hosler asked about the rate going up or down, and Town Clerk Cathy Woolery stated she will find out from AeroMed. Interim Chief Blue stated the ASJGS migration will be complete on September 23, 2015 as Glenn will come up to do the IT process.

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 Stephenson to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

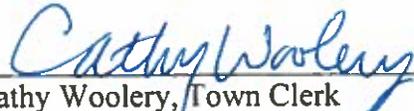


Sam Hosler, Mayor



Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:



Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk