



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

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HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00^{PM} THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

- A. The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- B. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor: Ken Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem: David A. Perry

Council Members: Johann Wallace
Christy Hirshberg
Donna Johnson
Anna Gonzales
Walter Welsch

Town Clerk/Administrator: Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Town Attorney: Thomas Benavidez

Absent:

- C. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 26, 2016 and February 13, 2016 Workshop.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 26, 2016 and the Workshop held on February 13, 2016, seconded by *Councilmember Johnson*.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the minutes, seconded by *Councilmember J. Wallace*.

6-0 Motion Carried

- D. Call to the Public [3 minute limit] Agenda Items Only. (See below)

1. Robert Foster: Speaking about raising taxes.
2. Janice Foster: Not against paying some tax increase, but 61.4 is high. It will hurt the lower income people.

3. Stuart Jensen: We discussed that it would be good to have a budget briefing. We have not yet had one.

E. Reports by Council Members and Officers:

1. **Councilmember Welsch - Library/Senior Center-** Grasshopper Landscaping and Sierra Vista Gardening Club have graciously agreed to donate everything needed to great and complete the Discovery Garden on the side of the Library. Director Norris met with a gentleman who opened a bike park in Sierra Vista and he will be donating bicycles to the back to school event. He will also be hosting a BMX bike build for the summer reading program.
2. **Councilmember Johann-Wallace-Planning and Zoning-** Councilmember J Wallace reported that the P & Z discussed and approved the Metal Building for Mr. Fix It and the RCC Track for Mr. Ortega. Dr. Johnson commented that he has canvassed the entire town for the new RV codes and tagged them. We issued 16 notices to vacant properties and we have 12 responses and 12 clean ups. We have had a very good response.
3. **Council Member Hirshberg-Parks and Recreation-**Council Member Hirshberg reported that the prizes for the 4th of July have been purchased. The board wanted to thank Ray's for donating the food for those few days. Summer Splash is in full swing, June 18 is our picnic day and the Little League is over and the closing day is this weekend.
4. **Councilmember Johnson - Public Safety-**Councilmember Johnson gave the report presented by the Police and Fire Department. Chief Thies commented that with the two that will be leaving the city we have two candidates for the police academy. Brett Platt and Kyle Arnett introduced themselves.
5. **Mayor Pro Tem Perry - Public Works-** Councilmember Perry reported that the garbage has had problems getting everything picked up. We had our garbage driver who got hurt and our Supervisor took the garbage route. So be patience your trash will get picked up. Our Fire Chief Allmon fell through a porch and that is why he is hobbling around. With the land fill we had a few people dumping in the wrong place and we got that corrected also, with the dust blowing Clerk Mitchell went out there and made sure they were using the water truck.
6. **Councilmember Gonzales - Finance-** Clerk Mitchell commented that we will have meeting for the budget. This year every department came in under budget, also real property taxes collected this year was \$31,855.96.
7. **Mayor Taylor -Mayor** Taylor said he had nothing new at this time.
8. **Tammy Mitchell - Town Clerk's/Administrator Report-**Clerk Mitchell reported that she is working on the election candidate's packets with the county, CDBG Block Grant application (due July 1, 2016), and the budget.

F. Unfinished Business: Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Implementation and timeline for new taxes.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*. Mayor Taylor conveyed that the new accountants will be looking into this. Attorney Benavidez stated that you will have to post any new sales tax 60 days on your web site.

Mayor Taylor Postponed Agenda item until next meeting

G. New Business:

1. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Pro Tem Perry]: Truth and Taxation Hearing for Tax Increase at 7:15 pm.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

- a. Neil Josephson: With the school taxes, they realized they were in debt before the school year started. Now you want to raise taxes here. Now we also have Cochise College raising taxes. This is happening because someone can't add 2 and 2.
- b. Robert Foster: Home value has dropped because of the state of the city. Look at the whole picture before raising taxes, from the college to the county. People are being driven out of the town due to the condition. Look at the big picture, you're driving people out.
- c. Jane Jonas: I've been talking to some people around town. There are a lot of people who live here that can't afford more on the taxes. What has the council done in four months to cut back? People want to know.

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* in accordance with section 42-17052(A) of the ARS that the Town of Huachuca City raise the primary property taxes to 61.4%, **seconded** by *Councilmember J. Wallace*.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry – AYE
Councilmember Wallace – AYE
Councilmember Gonzales – AYE
Councilmember Welsch – AYE
Councilmember Hirshberg - NO
Councilmember Johnson - NO
Mayor Taylor – AYE

5-2 Motion Carried

2. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Public Hearings for proposed Alternative Expenditure Limitation-Home Rule Option.**

Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*. Clerk Mitchell informed the council we will be having two public hearings for the Home Rule Expenditure Limitation. June 16 at 6 p.m. and June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

3. **Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Wallace]: Ortega Conditional Use Permit (CU2016-02) Radio Control Car Track at 685 N. Huachuca Blvd.** Please include the following recommendation from P&Z to Council "*Planning and Zoning Commission held the required Public Hearing for this Conditional Use Permit Application on June 1, 2016 and the Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend approval to allow Mr. Ortega to begin his Radio Control Car Track operation, but with the **Condition** that should he sell any portion of his property then a separation wall is to be constructed between the Commercial and Residential uses"*

Motion made by *Councilmember Wallace* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Taylor*.

Motion made by *Councilmember Wallace* to approve the conditional use permit for a Radio Control Car Track, **seconded** by *Mayor Taylor*.

7-0 Motion Carried

4. **Discussion and/or Action [Councilmember Wallace]:** Mr. Fixit Metal Building to be constructed at 317 N. Huachuca Blvd. Please include the following recommendation from P&Z to Council "*Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the site plan for the new Mr. Fixit metal building at the June 1, 2016 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend approval to allow Mr. Fixit to continue with the process for construction of the new building*" **Motion** made by *Councilmember Wallace* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Mayor Taylor*.
Motion made by *Councilmember Wallace* to approve the building construction of a metal storage building, **seconded** by *Mayor Taylor*.

7-0 Motion Carried

5. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]:** Present WLB proposal to Council to assist the Planning and Zoning Commission with the completion of the General Plan update.
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to direct staff to engage WLB as per their proposal, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*.

7-0 Motion Carried

6. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Schedule for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 Budget Hearing.**
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*. It was decided to have the Public Hearing on July 9, 2016 at 10:00 am.
7. **Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Taylor]: Update for Elections on August 30, 2016.**
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** *Mayor Pro Tem Perry*.

- H. **Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$80,645.09**
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to open for discussion and/or action, **seconded** by *Councilmember Gonzales*.
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to approve the payment of \$80,645.09, **seconded** by *Councilmember Johnson*.

7-0 Motion Carried

- I. **Call to the Public: [3 min. limit] ARS38-431-01 Public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.**
None

- J. **Discussion and/or Action [Town Clerk]: Items to be placed on the next agenda. Councilmember Welsch: Recapture of payments made to the previous account for work not performed.**
- K. **Adjournment:**
Motion made by *Mayor Taylor* to adjourn, **seconded** by *Councilmember Wallace*
Adjourned at 9:05 p.m. **7-0 motion Carried**

Approved by Mayor Taylor on June 24, 2016

Mayor, Kenneth Taylor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Town of Huachuca City held on June 9, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and a quorum was present.

Tammy J. Mitchell, MMC, Town Clerk/Administrator