

**TOWN OF KEARNY
REGULAR 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 MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 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	Sheila Stephenson

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery
Town Attorney	Steve Cooper
Chief of Police	Wallace Kenney

VISITORS PRESENT

Brian Coleman	Edna Lawrence
Amanda Kenney	Sam Hosler
Carol Lewis	Ron Buckley
Curtis Stacey	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

Bishop Brian Coleman - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 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 Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve minutes from the July 17, 2017 Special Meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Sommers announced call to the public. Town Manager Anna Flores introduced Wallace Kenney as the new Chief of Police on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kearny. She stated Chief Kenney brings many years of experience to the Town and looking forward to working with him. Chief Kenney thanked the Mayor and Council and the Town Manager for the

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opportunity to lead the police department for the Town. He will bring professionalism, leadership, and stability as he understands the Town has not had that for some time, and he is looking forward to working closely with the Mayor, Council and Town Manager Flores for the betterment of the community.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the Town received letters of interest from Rudy Flores and Curtis Stacy for the vacant council position of Councilmember Lana Dalton who passed away. Both candidates, Rudy Flores and Cutis Stacy, spoke and expressed their interest to the Mayor and Council. The Council appointed Rudy Flores to fill the vacancy and the oath of office was administered to Councilmember Flores by the Town Clerk Cathy Woolery. Councilmember Flores will serve on the Council until the term expires in November 2018. Mayor Sommers explained this will be a roll call vote alphabetically. Town Attorney Steve Cooper reminded the Council that if any candidate receives a majority vote the candidate will be appointed, and the Council will not go on to the next name.

Roll Call Vote by the Town Clerk: Vote for Rudy Flores: Mayor Sommers - Yes; Vice Mayor Radcliffe - No; Councilmember Bradford - No; Councilmember Hinojos - Yes; Councilmember Stephenson - Yes. **Results: Majority Vote - 3 Yes Votes and 2 No Votes.**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF NEW STREET NAME

Town Manager Anna Flores stated Pinal County had called the Utilities Clerk and notified her that a street needed to be named regarding a loop between 519 Greenwich Road and 519 Hartford Road. The County recommended it be called "South _____ Way". It is recommended the Council name the section of the street for safety purposes. Councilmember Stephenson expressed she personally feels it would be really nice to name the street after Councilmember Lana Dalton since she served on the council for many years; either South Lana Dalton Way or South Lana D Way for recognition. Councilmember Bradford stated she feels that is fine, and South Lana Way would be good.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Stephenson to name the section of the road between 519 Greenwich Road and 519 Hartford Road; South Lana Way.
Vote – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH COLBY & POWELL FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information for this item. She stated each year the Council authorizes an independent audit of the Town's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30th. Colby & Powell submitted a proposal for \$20,500 to include the audit, expenditure limitation report, cash to accrual/modified accrual adjustments, depreciation schedules update, GASB 68 pension adjustments, and supplemental reports if required as part of the Single Audit Act. It is recommended for approval. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if this amount is fairly close to what they charged last year and if the \$20,500 would be the maximum.

Town Manager Anna Flores said yes and usually they do not charge the \$3K for the Single Audit. Councilmember Hinojos asked if this is just for the Town or does it include magistrate. Town Manager Anna Flores stated this is just the Town and the magistrate is done every two years.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve the contract with Colby & Powell for the annual financial audit. **Vote** – All members voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED.

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROVIDING DISPATCHING SERVICES FOR SAN MANUEL FIRE DISTRICT

Town Manager Anna Flores summarized the background information for this item. San Manuel Fire Department is requesting possible dispatch services for their fire district. They have a radio dispatch which was purchased last year which can be used to provide services along with radios, mobiles, and repeater. They receive approximately 480 calls per year and had paid Mammoth Police Department \$7,500 to dispatch calls. Deadline for the project is October 1, 2017. Town Manager Anna Flores has provided two quotes from Creative Communications which are: 1) Use of San Manuel existing infrastructure at \$2,541.29 and 2) Purchase of a new consulate by the Town of Kearny which is \$4,938.50. Chief Stanford is here to answer any questions. Councilmember Bradford asked about the long distance between Kearny and San Manuel and would that work with dispatchers having to know the street layout. Chief Stanford said yes there is work to be done. This is a proposal. He has done preliminary radio testing on his own and looks like Kearny can hit their repeater as well as Mammoth can right now. He was advised recently by the Chief of Police that dispatch may change in Mammoth as of October 1st. He needs something that is secure and works. Currently they have been out of dispatch services from Mammoth for almost two months, and it is not working for him. He stated a repeater can even be moved if that is something that needs to be done, but it appears that it is almost a plug and play. He can go up to the dispatch center and use his car radio which works really well to his people in San Manuel. Councilmember Bradford asked if the 480 calls are medical and fire calls. Chief Sanford stated that primarily San Manuel responds to backup medical calls that go to the local ambulance company, so a lot of the are going in to help evaluate patients. Councilmember Bradford asked if the local ambulance company could not provide dispatch services. He said they can provide that, but it would be on a frequency with two other organizations which would mean his people would have to listen to a radio all night long. He wants to have his own radio with the Kearny dispatch center which would mean they would only have to listen during the day. Councilmember Bradford asked Chief Kenney how he feels about dispatch taking on another agency. Chief Kenney expressed he does not see an issue with it as it is just adding more call numbers and learning the streets of San Manuel which should not be that difficult. Town Attorney Steve Cooper asked for clarification from Chief Stanford if he is looking for the Town to explore this or is he wanting the Town to move forward. Chief Stanford stated he is ready for them to move forward. Councilmember Stephenson asked Chief Stanford if he said that Mammoth may change their mind and continue dispatching. He said that is something he cannot answer as he really does not know. In listening to what the new Chief has to say it is almost certain at some point they want to get rid of dispatch. He is not speculating on

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that, and he is ready to do something different. Councilmember Bradford stated that from the letter the Council has it appeared they will be turning their police dispatch over to Pinal County, so eventually they won't have any dispatchers there is what it looks like. He said that is what he is thinking also. Councilmember Stephenson said she doesn't see anything wrong that couldn't be worked out and seems like it is nice and clear from here to San Manuel. She also said the ambulance has been used as backup when ours breaks down. Chief Stanford stated that is TriCity ambulance which is now AMR. Mayor Sommers asked if the Town is requesting San Manuel to pay \$7,500 or is that something that is still being negotiated. Town Manager Anna Flores stated that the fee is up to Council to decide, and Pinal County was charging \$18.71 per call which comes out to \$8,900. Councilmember Bradford stated we are already dispatching Hayden and Winkelman fire and asked what do they pay for that. Anna said it is \$22,000 per year and that includes all ambulance calls for two communities. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if the \$7,500 is sufficient to cover all costs including the \$2,541.29. Anna stated Chief Stanford and she were discussing that and he just received the two quotes today. He will need to go back to talk with his board on those costs. Vice Mayor Radcliffe questioned on the quotes if maybe the whole amount would have to be paid for by the Town. Town Manager stated yes. Chief Stanford is hoping that his radio equipment will be fine with putting up an antenna after plugging it in. It is looking fine, but he can't say for sure until the radio people will do the final test. Councilmember Bradford asked if San Manuel's 911 goes through Pinal County. Chief Stanford said yes for fire and rescue it will go to Pinal County. For ambulance, it will go to 911 to Florence and then to AMR. They are the backup for ambulance. Councilmember Bradford asked who dispatches Duddleyville fire and it was answered they have their own. Councilmember Hinojos asked Chief Stanford if he feels this would work as a good partnership. He stated yes communities working together. He has been to many brush fires around Kearny as a backup. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked the Chief if it is fine to be approved at the September meeting, but if something comes up sooner we could have a special meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to direct the Town Manager to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the fire district to bring back to the Council for approval. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SERVICES CONTRACT

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the administrative services agreement with Central Arizona Governments (CAG) for the CDBG program is being submitted to the Council for authorization. The agreement outlines the scope of work which will be completed at the cost of \$62,659 paid from the CDBG program. The Town has previously contracted with CAG to administer and manage the agreement with the state agency, the Town, and various vendors. This is for the sewer system which was previously authorized for the Community Block Development Grant (CDBG). This services agreement is recommended for authorization.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to authorize the administrative services agreement with Central Arizona Governments to add to the CDBG program. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores stated they reached out to Pinal County for repair of the road up to Well #8 and Well #6. They will repair the road but have been very busy with road work. Ray received a call today, and they will be up there tomorrow. We are very excited to get Well #8 online and begin working on Well #6 in the near future. Also, two representatives with Arizona Parks and Trails along with Public Works Director Ray Camacho assessed the ATV campground and trails to help the Town with grant funding. The grant will help fix the damage done by vandals, and the Town will apply for a law enforcement grant to help patrol the campground once it is repaired. The Town is real excited about the grants. FEMA and Arizona State Forestry met with the Mayor, Public Works, and Town Manager regarding the salt cedar Tamarisk Mitigation Project along the Gila River. The crew toured the Gila River along with a biologist and she will pass along the report of findings once it is received. Town Manager Flores summarized all the accomplishments that have been obtained: Waterfall and Drip System – thanks to Chris Misita and Curtis Stacy repaired at no cost to the Town and ASARCO buying pumps; approval of contract for solid waste collection services with fee the same for all residents and added recycling and bulky pickup; five year budget forecast completed with approval of the budget for fiscal year 2018; adoption of a property tax levy which reduced the property tax; updated the Caselle software; approved 2% increase for all employees; completed 10 Year General Plan; approved CDG contract for the sewer system; refurbished the Teen Center – repaired the doors and locks with more painting and clean-up to be done; repaired Well #8; hired a new Chief of Police; installed new computers at the Kearny Police Department; applied for several grants with the Diamondbacks, the campground, the USDA; created Proclamation for the 2017 Ray High School Girls Softball Team; and ordered a new ambulance. Town Manager Anna Flores congratulated the Mayor and Council, Town Staff, and everyone who has been hard at work. Councilmember Bradford asked if the new ambulance will be here in November. Anna stated yes. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked about chlorination plant once the wells across the highway are up. Town Manager stated maybe next week as all components have to come together – APS for the panel, chlorination system, the pump, and the well. Councilmember Bradford explained once we get Wells #6 and #8 going then we will not have to depend as much on Well #2 and #2A. We will have better water and will not have to depend on the Indians. The tank will stay full all the time, so then we will not have to pump from the other two. Anna also explained with the USDA grant we will repair the water tanks, the booster tank, and Well #3 which will result in having four wells up there. That will be our solution for Kearny for water. Councilmember Stephenson announced library will get \$500 from the Elks for Lego's and \$500 for the Little League for speakers. Councilmember Bradford also announced the Hand Me Up Shop awarded two defibrillators to the school for the medical kits which go out with the sports teams.

REPORTS

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

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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