

**TOWN OF KEARNY  
SPECIAL 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 TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018, 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
Councilmember	Sheila Stephenson

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery
Town Attorney	Steve Cooper

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Ron Buckley	Robin Barnes
Tino Flores	Geneva Richardson
Joe Palmer	Gwen Dinwiddie
Alan Urban	Sam Hosler
Ginger Chester	Veronica Bracamonte
Mona Benavides	Casandra Wade

**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 Misita, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting December 18, 2017. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**REQUEST OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ASARCO-BLM RAY  
LAND EXCHANGE**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained Robin Barnes, Corporate Manager of Land Management, is here to address questions regarding the request from ASARCO for the Letter of Support for

the proposed ASARCO-BLM Ray Land Exchange. Robin stated the public comment period for the ASARCO-BLM Ray Land Exchange ends on February 16, 2018. She is here to support the Town and cannot make the decision, but hopes the Town will support the land exchange issue.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson to offer support to ASARCO/BLM for the land exchange and amend it to include the addition of roadway access to the Chilito Parcel. Robin Barnes explained that access to the Chilito Parcel over BLM land is not something ASARCO can provide. BLM would have to provide the right away, and the Town of Kearny could reach out to them. She wants to work with the Town of Kearny on important concerns to make sure there is access around it so that happens, but they do not have any control over the Resolution Copper exchange. Motion was withdrawn. Councilmember Misita stated this is also support for BLM not just for ASARCO. Robin suggested a possible motion regarding commitment to providing public access for climbing Tam O'Shanter Peak and hopeful in working with ASARO and BLM to provide that access. Attorney Steve Cooper stated the motion as - ASARCO and the Town of Kearny will fully cooperate with the BLM in acquiring appropriate public access to the climbing Tam O'Shanter area.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos that ASARCO and the Town of Kearny will fully cooperate with the BLM in acquiring appropriate public access to the Tam O'Shanter climbing area. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **REQUEST OF KEARNY LITTLE LEAGUE TO USE PIONEER PARK AND BALL FIELDS**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the Kearny Little League is requesting the use of Pioneer Park, the ball fields, and concession stand for the 2018 season for no fee. The Town will continue to irrigate fields, provide field lighting, and mow. The Little League Organization will pay for the use of lights and solid waste disposal. Cassie Wade and Mona Benavides answered questions. Councilmember Bradford asked if they are able to pay for the solid waste and lights. They stated yes. Cassie Wade asked about getting couple of broken sprinklers repaired. Town Manager Anna Flores stated she will let public works know.

**Motion** by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Misita to allow the Kearny Little League to use the Pioneer Park and ball fields for their 2018 ball season. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR PAT WALKER CONSULTING, LLC**

Town Manager summarized that Pat Walker, budget consultant, of Pat Walker Consulting, LLC has worked with the Town for the past six years in developing and presenting the budget. She has extensive knowledge and reasonable cost for the work she performs. She has experience with other communities in the area. The scope of work presented includes February Initial Budget Review meeting; development of FY18/19 budget with a five-year forecast; and presentation and meetings to include May Draft meeting, June 4, 2018 Tentative Budget Adoption meeting, and June 25, 2018 the public hearing for the Final Budget Adoption and Property Tax Levy/Truth in Taxation. It is recommended the scope of work for Pat Walker consulting, LLC be approved in the amount of \$10,500. Councilmember Misita commented she

thinks she does a very good job of explaining things and finds out answers to questions that she doesn't know. Mayor Sommers agreed.

**Motion** by Councilmember Misita, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve the scope of work for Pat Walker Consulting, LLC. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST FOR PIONEER DAYS**

Town Manager Anna Flores expressed the Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for use of Pioneer Park for Pioneer Days on Thursday, March 15, 2018 to Sunday, March 17, 2018. Also, the parade on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. will start at the Laundromat, head up Tilbury to Alden, and end by the General Kearny Inn. The Chamber is requesting assistance with road closures from Police and assistance for grounds/building maintenance from Public Works. They are also requesting permission to keep the road closure on Alden Road from the crosswalk by the Kearny Health Mart to the ARC crosswalk for a street dance scheduled at 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. They thanked the Town Council and Town of Kearny employees for generosity with the Chamber. It is recommended approval for use of Pioneer Park and road closures for Pioneer Days and Parade. Ginger Chester, Chamber Board President, and Veronica Bracamonte, the Chamber Director were present for questions. Councilmember Bradford asked if the dance is from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. and if they will be charging admission. Ginger explained they have two separate events during that time period 5 to 8, with break from 8 to 9, and second band from 9 to 2. They will be charging admission on each ends of the crosswalks and hope to acquire fencing to monitor traffic. Councilmember Misita stated she thought the fencing was a sure thing and a done deal. Ginger stated it has to be there, and it will be there. Councilmember Bradford asked if they are selling alcohol. Ginger stated no. Mayor Sommers asked if they are monitoring as far as people bringing alcohol in. She answered they will have a security team that will have a lead and security officers. They also spoke with the Chief and the team will be working along with the police. Councilmember Bradford asked if they had talked with the merchants along the street and would the street closure be all day. Ginger stated she had talked with some. They are asking for the closure all day from the crosswalk by Norms to the crosswalk by ARC. Councilmember Misita stated there was a meeting with quite a bit of discussion with the businesses up town. Councilmember Bradford said that years ago in the past some of the businesses had complained about the streets being closed off for too long of a time which would affect them, such as the Kearny Drug Store and ACE Hardware. Vice Mayor Radcliffe said the drug store is closed on Saturdays. Ginger explained they definitely understand that, and the closure will still allow access to those businesses. They hope with Pioneer Days for the opportunity to be open with the street dance there. Councilmember Stephenson clarified they are talking about closure just between the ARC and ACE Hardware not the entire road. Ginger stated the crosswalk that is being blocked off is from the ACE Hardware to the ARC. They are not allowed to block the crosswalk, so the full entrance to Norms is open. Councilmember Misita stated the parking spaces in front of ACE would not be accessible and did they talk with ACE Hardware. Ginger stated the consultant told them that she had talked with everybody. Councilmember Misita commented they were not at the meeting she was at. Councilmember Bradford asked if there was going to be a bandstand entertainment all day. Ginger said yes in front of Norms and hoping to also have the food vendors come in. Councilmember Misita stated that property is not Town property and cannot give permission for use of that. Councilmember Bradford said they will

have to go through Osselear and asked if they would still have vendors at Pioneer Park. Ginger said they have option to set up a second booth at a discount price and other vendors wanted to be uptown because they feel they can't compete. Councilmember Bradford expressed she is glad to see the new staff and hopes the event is well organized wishing them the best. Councilmember Misita is not comfortable with not knowing that all vendors were contacted and also need permission to use the property. Mayor Sommers agreed and said we need to know that all vendors were talked with. Mayor Sommers suggested tabling the item. Vice Mayor Radcliffe expressed appreciation for the Chamber coming in advance to get everything done.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Misita to table this item until a February meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Town Manager Anna Flores announced that ADEQ came out and inspected Well #8 and passed it with flying colors. Ray is just going to use the well intermittently and not 24/7. This will help us alleviate the wear and tear on the filtration plant and Well #2. Councilmember Misita asked if everything is done on the rebuild on Well #8. Councilmember Bradford asked about Well #6 and Anna Flores said Well #8 is complete and work will begin on Well #6. Also, she met with APS today and we may be able to get a rebate for the pump. Come and enjoy Pioneer Days with good food and good company.


**REPORTS**


Mayor Sommers asked if there was any discussion on the reports. Councilmember Stephenson complimented the new center the library is running from the old Teen Center, which is now called the Kearny Library Activity Center (KLAC). She also likes the report presentation.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Councilmember Bradford, **second** by Councilmember Radcliffe to adjourn. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Debra Sommers, Mayor

  
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Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Woolery, Town Clerk