

**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, JULY 17, 2017, AT 7:30 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Debra Sommers
Vice Mayor	Daniel Radcliffe
Councilmember	Nancy Hinojos
Councilmember	Samantha Misita (Telephonically)

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager	Anna Flores
Town Clerk	Cathy Woolery

VISITORS PRESENT

Robin Barnes	Rudy Flores
Joe Weller	David Wade
Carol Lewis	Diana Herrick
Nancy Johanne Meyer	Gwen Dinwiddie
Jeremy Browning	Pat Walker (Telephonically)

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 David Wade, Lighthouse Assembly of God 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 Radcliffe to approve minutes from the June 5, 2017 Special Meeting and June 26, 2017 Special Meeting. **Vote** - All members voted in favor.

MOTION PASSED.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

VACANCY ON COUNCIL

Town Manager Anna Flores explained that a vacancy on the Council exists as Councilmember Dalton passed away Saturday, June 24, 2017. The Town Code, Section 2-1-4 states: The Council shall fill by appointment for the unexpired term any vacancy that may occur for whatever reason. Councilmember Dalton's term will expire in November 2018. The Council is being asked for approval to direct the Town Clerk to advertise the vacant Council position.

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Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to direct the Town Clerk to advertise the vacant Council position. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Town Manager Anna Flores provided the background for this item. State law requires that the tax levy necessary for funding the adopted budget be established by ordinance and be adopted fourteen (14) days following the public hearing and the final adoption of the budget no later than the third Monday in August (8/21/17). Ordinance No. 17-04 establishes a tax levy of an estimated \$124,319 set in the 2017-18 budget, and establishes the intent of the Council to direct the County of Pinal to levy the amount allowed by law. The total tax rate will be \$2.2209 per \$100 of assessed valuation. It is recommended the Council adopt Ordinance No. 17-204.

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve the tax rate of \$2.2209 and adopt Ordinance No. 17-204. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION OF BLIGHT BY MILA BESICH-LIRA MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR

Mayor Sommers introduced Mila Besich-Lira who is here to do a presentation on "Blight". She had attended a conference in Minnesota and is sharing the information she gathered from the conference. Mila stated she attended the conference to bring back information to all the communities in the Copper Corridor. She explained the delinquent tax enforcement and the Clean and Lean Program that Superior has started. In order to avoid the problems with delinquent tax enforcement she learned that it is important to have regular code enforcement programs. Community beautification and code enforcement has to be full circle and cannot just be one department or one code enforcement person. For example, schools can be involved and citizens can be involved in being aware of properties that are distressed and reporting those. It should be a whole community approach. Also, she learned about how important data is and the software to collect that data, and also using groups in the community to assist those who cannot take care of their properties. Landbanks are also an option which are usually nonprofit and self-funded and they go in and buy homes that are not salvageable. These are properties that they cannot get off of the tax roll. She stated research is being done to see if Arizona is a state in which Landbanks are possible. Center of Community Progress has grants, and she is hoping they can apply as a community. The grants are usually geared toward serving a large audience such as both Pinal and Gila Counties. Mila thanked the Town of Kearny for support and helping her to attend the Blight Conference. A big Blight Forum will be planned for September or October for sharing of resources. Mila stated she provided Anna with resources of Power Point Presentations and anyone wanting those can contact her to get the information.

PRESENTATION FROM ASARCO REGARDING THE ASARCO-BLM LAND EXCHANGE

Town Manager Anna Flores introduced Robin Barnes, Corporate Land Manager for ASARCO, who is providing an overview of the project and update on the current status of the Ray Land Exchange. Robin summarized the legal history of the Ray Land Exchange which started with an initial application to exchange lands with BLM in 1993 at the urging of the Secretary of the Interior. There were several appeals during the process and resulted in BLM preparing a draft SEIS in 2011 which was completed in 2015. The property in the land exchange is Selected Lands – Pinal and Gila Counties: 28 parcels of surface and/or mineral estate near Ray and Hayden operations and 3 parcels of mineral estate near

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Casa Grande; Offered Lands – Mohave and Pinal Counties: 18 parcels of environmentally sensitive land. The Selected Lands are 10,796 acres within the Copper Corridor near Hayden, Winkelman, and Kearny. These are Gila River – Cochran Parcel, Knisely Ranch Parcels, McCracken Mountain Parcels, Sacramento Valley Parcel, and Tomlin Parcels. Offered Lands wanted by BLM are 7,304 acres within or adjacent to Wilderness Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental concern, and/or contain riparian areas and habitat for endangered and other special status species. These are Ray and Hayden Operations, Chilito, and Copper Butte Parcels. Ray Operations have a large open-pit mine with one concentrator and a leach-solvent extraction-electrowinning plant. Hayden Smelter has one concentrator, and INCO Oxygen Flash Smelter, oxygen plant and a metallurgical acid plant. Economic benefits of both Ray and Hayden include \$98M in wages/salaries and benefits; \$11M in property, severance, and sales tax; \$200M in total materials and other spending. They currently employ approximately 1100 people. BLM looked to several resources to update the environmental analysis (SEIS – Supplemental Environmental Impact Study) to include areas of review in air quality, biological resources, land use, recreation, socioeconomics, water resources, cultural resources/Section 106 Consultation, and mineral evaluations. BLM felt these were all pertinent to the process. ASARCO is ensuring development of Cultural Resources Work Plan, Tribal Consultation with Tribes, and reaching out to the public to educate the communities. Also, they are conducting public involvement to comply with Federal Laws and communicating key benefits of the land exchange to the public. If the land exchange does not go through they will have to go through the entire NEPA process again. BLM has a 15-step process in Washington D.C. that has to be completed before the public comment period. They are hopeful this will be approved in the next six weeks or so. After approval then the 90-day comment period will start. Public meetings will be held in Kearny, Kingman, Mesa, and Tucson to get all the public comments they can. At some point, they will approach the Town of Kearny to provide a written comment letter of support.

PRESENTATION BY CHRIS POSTEL REGARDING VETERAN'S WALL OF FAME

Chris Postel did not attend the meeting; therefore, this item was not presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-06 OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KEARNY, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UPDATED PINAL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2016

Town Manager Anna Flores explained the Pinal County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 is presented for approval and adoption. This has been a very long process and the plan can be downloaded. This plan was last adopted in 2010 by the Council. This is a multi-jurisdictional plan that was developed to provide certain types of Federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation grant funding, and the plan includes Pinal County, Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, and Superior.

Motion by Councilmember Hinojos, **second** by Councilmember Misita to approve Resolution No. 17-06. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Town Manager Anna Flores stated Pinal County has paid the Town for the transfer station costs that they owed from the past and also a donation was provided from a donor for some of the town's portion. This totaled over \$27K. Family Fun Nights at the pool have been a success. The first night

the Copper Chamber of Commerce donated backpacks to all children. The second night the children received glow in the dark bracelets which were donated to the Town. Family Fun Nights will be offered again on July 18, July 22, July 25, and July 29, 2017. The last day of the pool season is July 29, 2017. Also, as a reminder please make sure your yards are clear of dry weeds, grass, shrubs, and trees. This is fire season, and we need to protect our community and loved ones from the dangers of wildfires.


REPORTS


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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Misita, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 17th day of July, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2017


Cathy Woolery/Town Clerk