

**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, APRIL 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
Town Fire Chief	Kenneth Piggott

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Diana Herrick	Carol Lewis
Edna Lawrence	David Wade
Gwen Dinwiddie	Jay Wernett
Angela Wernett	Isabella Wernett
James Simmons	

**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 of the 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 Misita, **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting March 19, 2018 and Special Meeting April 10, 2018. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-13 AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA, AND THE KEARNY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Town Manager Anna Flores provided background information. She explained the resolution and service agreement between Fire Recovery USA, LLC and the Kearny Volunteer Fire Department will provide for performance of billing services for the fire department in connection with motor vehicle incidents and other emergency incidents when the Kearny Fire Department performs emergency services. Schedule A is provided which lists company services and Exhibit A lists hourly rates. Chief Piggott is here to answer questions. Councilmember Bradford asked if we had this in the past. Chief Piggott explained the software was not in place to correctly bill and only billed a couple of times. This does not affect any calls within the city limits and this is just for road accidents and car fires. Councilmember Misita asked if this has been available for us to bill all along but we haven't. Chief Piggott explained that without the proper software we were unable to bill correctly with their requirements. It has been about 10 years ago. This is something that Superior Fire uses and they have collected \$59K since they have started with this system. This year they have billed for \$11K. Councilmember Bradford asked what the charge is for recovery. Chief Piggott explained they will charge 20%. We do not have to buy software since it is web based. Vice Mayor Radcliffe commented that this is similar to what we do with the ambulance which was outsourced and ambulance returns increased. Councilmember Misita asked why we have not done this before. Chief Piggott expressed he found out about this service about six months ago and started checking into it because Superior was doing it. He received information from Tim Gotto. Councilmember Stephenson asked if we could bill back to 2017. Chief Piggott stated he thinks can only go back 60 days.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Hinojos to approve the Resolution No. 18-13 service agreement with Fire Recovery USA and Town of Kearny Fire Department.  
**Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR REPAIRS TO AIRPORT VEHICLE AND AIRPLANE ACCESS APRON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,505.00 DOLLARS**

Town Manager Anna Flores presented a quote from Impact Asphalt for repairs to the airport vehicle and airplane access apron which has huge cracks. Pilots have been complaining for a long time and this is a huge liability for the Town as the rocks could hit one of the propellers to cause damage to the planes. Excise tax funds can be used to repair the airport vehicle and airplane access apron which is part of the CIP and the RTA project. This is an emergency repair and will not be able to wait until RTA funds come in. Councilmember Misita asked if these repairs have already been completed. She also inquired if the Town gets any money for people landing or taking off at the airport and what does the Town get for having the airport. Vice Mayor Radcliffe explained we have two businesses at the airport. Also, we have minimal amount of hanger fees. Town Manager explained we have the airport for tourism and economic development as they use our businesses here. Councilmember Bradford also explained the Army

and Air Force uses our airport for practice landings. Also, local people do have airplanes. Councilmember Misita asked is it worth having the airport if no one in town uses it and it costs us money. Vice Mayor Radcliffe stated that six local people do use the airport. Councilmember Bradford stated that the airport very seldom costs the Town money. Town Manager Anna Flores said she thinks the last repairs were in 2009. Vice Mayor Radcliffe said the airport has been resealed one time since the airport was built in 2001. Diane Herrick said there are sometimes 10 airplanes coming in with 20 to 30 people spending money at the restaurants on the weekends, and this is a focal point of Kearny. Vice Mayor Radcliffe and Mayor Sommers stated a lot of people love to come to Kearny. Councilmember Misita asked again if there is anyway to get a revenue stream from the airport for use of the runway. Attorney Steve Cooper said you can charge fees but would need to get a consultant to come in and look at that because it requires any fees to be nondiscriminatory. Also, there may be some restrictions on it and historically when you get funding for airports the Federal government will give you 90% of the cost, 5% from the State, and the other 5% is matching to build it or to do improvements on it. At one time the Town of Kearny was in line but he does not know if it was for night lighting. He does not know the timeframe. Town Manager Anna Flores stated that will be in 2020. Steve said then we will be in the position where they may be able to do that. Vice Mayor Radcliffe said we used to get money from the state aeronautic division, but the fund was swept and was never reinstated. This airport does not qualify for Federal aviation funding. Councilmember Misita asked about registration of planes. Vice Mayor Radcliffe said it goes to the state as part of ADOT aeronautical at one time. Gwen Dinwiddie stated that she believes if the Town starts trying to charge then they will go to San Manuel airport instead. Mayor Sommers explained that the money used currently for the repairs will be replaced with the RTA funds once we receive them hopefully in July. Vice Mayor Radcliffe explained the cracks were very wide and deep which can destroy a plane. He and Roger Stern maintain the sweeping of rocks from the runway.

**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve emergency expenditure for the repairs to the vehicle and airplane access apron in the amount of \$21, 505. **Vote** - All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF ONE CANDIDATE TO THE TOWN OF KEARNY  
LIBRARY BOARD**

Town Manager Anna Flores explained a letter was received from a candidate for approval to serve on the Town of Kearny Library Board. There are currently three board vacancies. The candidate is James Simmons who is here tonight for the meeting. James Simmons stated that he was a principal at Ray High School and at that time he was on the library board as the school representative. They also had a student on the board at that time. He said he had seen Mayor Sommers a few months ago and she said there were some openings on the library board. He sent a letter requesting the possibility of coming back on the board. Town Manager Anna Flores explained there are also two other vacancies which will be advertised in the Copper Basin and can also hopefully get a student liaison back.

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**Motion** by Councilmember Stephenson, **second** by Councilmember Misita to approve James Simmons for the Town of Kearny Library Board. **Vote** - All members voted in favor.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Town Manager Anna Flores thanked everyone for volunteering at the Easter Egg Hunt, especially Mayor, Council, staff, and Bella Wernett. It was a huge success and everyone had fun. The Town of Kearny pool will be opening on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 which will be free swim for everyone. We have received pool donation of \$8K from ASARCO and donations of \$500 for the pool and \$500 for fireworks from Resolution Copper. Also, thank you to everyone, especially Mayor and Council, who helped and attended the dedication of the Pinal County Building to Kelley Haddad. It was a wonderful dedication and Councilmember Bradford said some beautiful words and thank you to all for attending.

**REPORTS**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to adjourn. **Vote** – All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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