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, MARCH 4, 2020, AT 5:30 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

MayorDebra SommersVice MayorDaniel RadcliffeCouncilmemberRose Bradford

Councilmember Nancy Hinojos (Absent, Excused)

Councilmember Rudy Flores

Councilmember Samantha Misita (Telephonically)

Councilmember Sheila Stephenson

TOWN STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Anna Flores
Town Clerk Martina Burnam
Public Works Director Raymond Camacho

VISITORS PRESENT Ror

Ron Buckley

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sommers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Debra Sommers requested Town Clerk, Martina Burnam, to call the roll. Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

Special Meeting February 18, 2020

Motion by Vice Mayor Radcliffe, **second** by Councilmember Bradford to approve the Minutes for Special Meeting February 18, 2020. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF BID FROM IMPACT ASPHALT FOR NEW ASPHALT OVERLAY FOR TILBURY ROAD AND UPTON ROAD ALONG WITH UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,275.

A "Call for Bids" was placed in the Copper Basin News on February 5, 2020 and February 12,2020 with only Impact Asphalt responding to the call. The bid is for a total amount of \$280,725. The new asphalt overlay will cover Tilbury Road and Upton Road, along with the 8 valves, 7 manholes on Upton and 15 valves and 9 manholes on Tilbury Road.

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The Town was awarded \$197,000 in HURF Funds and under the Transportation Sales Tax Fun for Street Repair and Maintenance, there is \$1,575,235.66.

Councilmember Misita asked why only one call for bids in one paper. She has nothing to compare it to. Town Manager Flores stated we have done in the past for this type of bid in other papers and we still only receive the 1 bid. Councilmember Bradford clarified only 1 bid still even using Copper Basin News.

Town Public Works Director Camacho stated it is not a lot of money for they work being done. Councilmember Misita asked why the price difference for the two streets. Public Works Director Camacho explained Upton Road will have to be milled and more material will be removed and replaced with thicker asphalt. Vice Mayor Radcliffe asked if it is because it's on a steeper hill that is why the more money. Public Works Director Camacho stated yes, it will be thicker.

Town Manager Flores stated there is a meeting she and Mayor Sommers will be attending on March 17th that she hopes to be informed of funds that is to be reimbursed pending a court appeal case with Goldwater Institute.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, second by Councilmember Misita to approve the bid from Impact Asphalt Overlay for Tilbury Road and Upton Road along with Utility Adjustments in the Amount of \$280,725. Vote – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL RATE INCREASE FOR THE KEARNY AMBULANCE SERVICE FROM \$1279.00 TO \$1924.69

The Ambulance Fund has been decreasing in revenues because of a reduction of ambulance calls, decreased transports, increased refusals, along with an increase in overtime and the increase in the minimum wage.

The general rate increase will help in balancing the Ambulance Fund. According to our audited financial statements, there is a net decrease in cash of \$164,168. The Town is hoping the general rate increase will be approved and the ambulance will be able to sustain on its own revenues and expenditures.

The current ambulance rates are as follows: Basic Life Support (BLS)=\$1,279

Advanced Life Support (ALS)=\$1,279

Mileage=\$14.51 Standby=\$319.75

The new proposed rates are:

BLS=\$1,924.69 ALS=\$1,924.69 Mileage=\$15.92 Standby=\$481.17

The Department of Health Services is requesting additional information before a decision is made. The Town needs to provide the most recent financial statements, the long form of the Ambulance Revenue and Cost report, and a copy of the Town's meeting minutes to confirm the proposed rate changes.

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Martina Burnam, the Town Clerk, has been working diligently on this report for several months. The Department of Health Services is requesting approval from the Town Council for the general rate increase.

Councilmember Bradford asked if it was a comparable rate. Town Manager Flores stated yes. Town Manager Flores informed the Town Council that ASARCO is assisting the Town with hiring a grant writer for Ambulance Services.

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson, second by Councilmember Bradford to approve the General Rate Increase for the Kearny Ambulance Service (BLS and ALS) from \$1279.00 to \$1924.69, Mileage from \$14.51 to \$15.92 and Standby from \$319.75 to \$481.17. Vote — Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ANNA FLORES, TOWN MANAGER

A letter of resignation from Anna Flores, Town Manager, was submitted. The Town Manager is a required officer of the Town pursuant to section 3-2-1.

Mayor Sommers asked Town Manager Flores if she was sure about this. Town Manager Flores stated she was certain. She wants to spend more time with family and take care of her health. Town Manager Flores stated she was proud and thankful to have worked for the Town of Kearny and this Town Council.

Mayor Sommers informed Town Manager Flores that if she wants to change her mind, to let them know as soon as possible.

Motion by Councilmember Bradford, second by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to Approve the Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Anna Flores, Town Manager. Vote – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores, Rose Bradford and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Stephenson **second** by Vice Mayor Radcliffe to adjourn the Special Meeting. **Vote** – Mayor Debra Sommers, Vice Mayor Daniel Radcliffe, Councilmembers Samantha Misita, Rudy Flores and Sheila Stephenson all voted in favor of the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Debra Sommers, Mayor

Anna Flores, Town Manager

ATTEST:

Martina Burnam, Town Clerk