

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSIONS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, AT 5:30PM IN THE BISBEE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SMITH AT 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III
Councilmember Joan Hansen, Ward II
Councilmember Frank Davis, Ward I
Mayor David M. Smith
Councilmember Bill Higgins, Ward I
Councilmember Douglas Dunn, Ward II , Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Gabe Lindstrom, Ward III

STAFF

Richard J. Marsh Jr., City Manager
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk
Keri Bagley, Finance Director

CITY ATTORNEY

Britt Hanson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THESE MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith stated that there were items for call to the public.

Susan Blackford spoke about the time allowed to speak during call to the public. She went on to say how can you say you do not have money for the forensic audit when the City spent over \$40,000 on the Sonoran Festival. She asked where the money was coming from. She said that this budget process was the worst we have ever seen in her opinion stealing from the taxpayer who you are to serve. She spoke on the Fire Department and the reasons they were unsustainable. She also commented on the proposed increase to the City Managers budget.

Donna Pulling said that she missed the bus budget when it was up for review. She noticed that there was no budgeting for things like printing of bus schedules. She said that riders would like to see bus schedules in a variety of different places. She wanted to also draw the fact that there were many stops that didn't even have a bench available for the bus riders.

Joni Giacomino said that a few meetings ago the subject of fees for public events came up. The Sonoran Fest vendors were not being charged anything and the Vietnam Wall event was charging vendors one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per vendor. She said that per City Code 8.215 section A(9) that it's four dollars per vendor for special multi-vendor events. She questioned why she was paying one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the Vietnam Wall event when the vendors up town were paying nothing.

1. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018- the Presentation of the Community Development, Culture & Rec Funds.
Richard J. Marsh Jr., City Manager
Keri Bagley, Finance Director

Ms. Bagley listed the changes to the Community Development budget had changed since it was originally posted.

Mayor Smith explained that he and Mayor Pro Tempore Dunn met with Mr. Marsh and Finance today and took the liberty of discussing some line items. They came to a consensus agreement that they would eliminate the proposed Community Development Director position. He discussed additional changes to the Community Development budget. He discussed funding the Animal Shelter at \$70,000 per year, that amount would be reevaluated in 6 months.

Councilmember Dunn wanted to point out some items for public information. He said that there was \$20,000 budgeted for economic development specifically for the iBisbee Committee. He explained that there was a line item for Professional Fees in the amount of \$1,000.00 these funds have been allocated for planning assistance from the County Planning office. He encouraged the City Manager to submit the Community Development Director in next year's budget.

Councilmember Hansen requested more information on the Welcome Packages, where they would be going and what was trying to be done with them.

Mayor Smith said that Welcome Packages would be sent to Border Patrol, the Prisons, Copper Queen and other large employers. They would be sent to large employers when they bring employees in, it would welcome new residents and offers some information on housing and also have some discount tickets for downtown.

Ms. Bagley went on to the Building Inspector budget. She explained that there were some small increases in this budget to upgrade software and additional personnel cost.

Councilmember Dunn said that he was the liaison to the planning and zoning commission. He said that the current budget does not allow our building inspector to drive around every day looking for violations. He said that we were very fortunate to have Joe with us.

Ms. Bagley went on to the visitor center budget. She explained that there was a decrease in revenue and expenses in the amount of \$61,000.00, due to not using as much cashcarry forward.

Mayor Smith said that there were the following changes. Business travel was reduced to \$1,000.00, printing and reproduction was reduced by \$2,000.00 and printing and reproduction overnight was reduced by \$2,000.00, contract services was increased by \$5,000.00 which made the bottom line the same.

Ms. Bagley went on to the Bisbee Arts Commission budget. She explained that cash carryforward would be increased to \$18,000.

Mayor Smith explained that if we do not show the cash carryforward amount into the budget it would not be there to spend by the Bisbee Arts Commission.

Ms. Bagley went on to the miscellaneous donation budget. She said that the estimated revenue and expenses were decreased by \$500,000.00 to come up with a more realistic number. She said included in this budget was a \$10,000.00 donation by the Bisbee Foundation for cemetery

software, adopt a tree, and an informational kiosk. She said that money was also added to the library for donations.

Ms. Bagley went on to the Queen Mine budget. She explained that there was a decrease in revenues in the amount of \$92,000.00 based on a lower amount of tours due to the new restrictions. She also discussed the cash carryforward.

Ms. Bagley went over the Miscellaneous Grants Budget. She said that a bus was budgeted for from ADOT. She said that the amount would be changed to \$200,000 in case there were some grants that came up.

Ms. Bagley said that nothing had been changed in the Youth Fund.

Mayor Smith said that the Youth Commission needed to let us know how much they thought they would be spending in the upcoming fiscal year.

Marco Flores, Youth Council Chair said he had one concern. He questioned the amount of \$55,000 being taken out of the Youth Fund.

Ms. Bagley explained that no money had been taken out of the Youth Fund. This was the same amount that had been budgeted for the past two years.

Luche Giacomino explained that the account started with \$113,000. The Youth Fund was able to spend the accrued interest. She said that the money was supposed to be for the kids.

Ms. Bagley moved on to the Bisbee Bus budget. She said that there was a decrease in expenses in the amount of \$17,665.00.

Mayor Smith said in reference to Ms. Pullings concerns regarding bus schedules was their money in the budget for printing of the schedules. Ms. Bagley responded that it would go under operating expenses. Ms. Bagley explained that these were all reimbursable expenses.

Councilmember Dunn commented on the Parks and Recreation budget, specifically the donation line item. He said that the amount of \$2,507 was raised by Maggie Ferguson and friends for a lawnmower. He said that there was an opportunity to follow Maggie's leadership and donate to a lawnmower.

Mayor Smith said that this had been a process in attempt to provide the citizens as much information as we could and to also give them an opportunity to ask questions. He said that next week there would be a vote on the preliminary budget. He said that there would be discussions about to take a vote or if they needed to meet again to further discuss it. Mayor Smith asked the Council how they felt.

Councilmember Cline said that she would like one more meeting to firm up before the preliminary vote was taken. All members of council agreed.

2. Discussion on the overall budget presented to Mayor and Council.
David M. Smith, Mayor

Mayor Smith said that this item was a moot point since there would be another meeting.

Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Bagley and her staff for all their hard work on this budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Davis

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 6:40pm

David M. Smith, Mayor