

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SMITH AT 7:04PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Louis Pawlik, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Joni Giacomino, Ward II
Councilmember Bill Higgins, Ward I
Mayor David M. Smith
Councilmember Leslie Johns, Ward I
Councilmember Joan Hansen, Ward II
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III

STAFF

Theresa Coleman, City Manager
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk
Keri Bagley, Finance Director
Joelle Landers, Personnel Director
Jesus Haro, Public Works Director

CITY ATTORNEY

James Ledbetter

INVOCATION: Mayor Smith said that the covid numbers were rising and the City of Bisbee still had its mask requirement in place. Mayor Smith asked for a moment of silence for those who are, have been and unfortunately who will be ill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Smith read the Extra Mile Day Proclamation.
- Mayor Smith announced that he will be accepting the resignation of Councilmember Pawlik as Mayor Pro Tempore and appointing Councilmember Hansen as Mayor Pro Tempore.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Margo MaCartney spoke strongly about the Animal Control Issue.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED AND/OR DECIDED UPON AT THIS MEETING:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Subject to availability of funds

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$159,882.43.
SECOND: Mayor Smith

Councilmember Cline asked about the charges for the police and fire departments Coronavirus test and why were they were so different.

Ms. Landers stated that the difference was the dates and the number of tests done for the two departments.

Councilmember Cline asked about the operational expense for the cemetery, Site Industries, LLC Annual License \$840.00.

Mr. Haro stated that it was the software they use for the cemetery.

Councilmember Cline asked about the Sewer Fund Contract Services Paid in Full \$2,384.64.

Ms. Bagley stated that Paid in Full was the collection agency that we send the delinquent accounts too. Sometimes people pay directly to the city and we have to pay them back their commission.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution R-20-24; a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Bisbee, Approving the transfer of Budget Funds within the City of Bisbee Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Keri Bagley, Finance Director

Ms. Bagley said that as in years past this was just moving numbers from various departments and funds that went over. They expected to borrow money from other departments that had excess funds. This had to be done per state statute.

Mayor Smith gave examples of why this was done.

Councilmember Cline wanted to know how the fire department could give this money, where did this money come from.

Ms. Bagley stated they just ended up with money they didn't use.

Mr. Ledbetter stated that the extra for the legal services budget was generated by lawsuits from outside of the work that they perform for the city.

Councilmember Hansen wanted to clarify that because it was in the general fund we did not have a reserve set up.

Ms. Bagley said that it was for the general fund as a whole

MOTION: Councilmember Higgins moved to approve Resolution R-20-24 approving the transfer of budget funds within the City of Bisbee Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget.

SECOND: Mayor Smith

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Pawlik, Higgins, Johns, Hansen and Mayor Smith.

NAYS: Councilmember Giacomino and Cline

MOTION PASSED: AYES -5 NAYS -2

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Park, Facility and Right of Way Use permit for the use of potential locations: Downtown Area, City Park, Scenic View at Lavender Pit (including Bisbee sign) and Vista Park on two days within October 25th-November 7th to include the use of a Drone.

Theresa Coleman, City Manager

Ms. Coleman said that they would not be requiring any road closures, this was approving their presence. If it turned out that they require city services, we would charge them accordingly.

Councilmember Higgins spoke about the project and the synopsis that was provided. He stated that this had nothing to do with the City of Bisbee. The City of Bisbee was probably one of the safest places in the United States. He didn't think that Bisbee should be part of their story.

Mayor Smith asked if we knew what their angle was?

Ms. Coleman stated that other than what was in their application, no. They had indicated that they were looking for additional footage/background shots for their piece.

Mayor Smith asked if they had spoken to our law enforcement?

Ms. Coronado stated that we had not had a meeting with them. She didn't know if they had directly reached out to our law enforcement.

Mayor Smith questioned if the dates had changed and if we couldn't get more information. He suggested that at the next meeting having them provide clarification on their angle that they were after. He had an issue with portraying Bisbee as having crime. We didn't want to be a part of a negative connotation that will keep tourist the life of Bisbee away from spending their money.

MOTION: Mayor Smith moved to table this item.

SECOND: Councilmember Hansen

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

5. Discussion and Possible Approval to enter into a Service Agreement with Ripple Industries, LLC to upgrade the Tintown Lift Station

Jesus Haro, Public Works Director

Mr. Haro said that with this proposal they were not only upgrading, they would completely overhaul it. The current condition of our control system in TinTown had failed. We had to go and manually turn on the pumps so that we could empty out the lift station. They have attempted to repair it unsuccessfully.

Councilmember Johns asked what a lift station was?

Mr. Haro explained that it lifts up our wastewater to be more efficient.

Councilmember Johns asked why it needed to communicate with the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Haro said if the lift station failed it would communicate that so that maintenance could be done.

Councilmember Giacomino asked what the general life expectancy of this was.

Mr. Haro said that he would expected that they would last longer than what we currently had. It was the control system that had failed.

Councilmember Cline asked how old it was.

Mr. Haro stated that he didn't know, but they had the plans and could go back and look.

Councilmember Pawlik wanted Mr. Haro to explain why he was sole sourcing this work and not going out to bid.

Mr. Haro said that Ripple Industries LLC was on a cooperative contract with the City of Tucson. They did the construction for our SCADA system. They knew the equipment and it would be a streamlined process.

MOTION: Councilmember Pawlik moved to enter into a service agreement with Ripple Industries, LLC to upgrade the TinTown lift station.

SECOND: Councilmember Hansen

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Pawlik, Giacomino, Higgins, Johns, Hansen, Cline and Mayor Smith.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED: AYES -7 NAYS -0

6. City Manager's Report:

- Other Current events (No Discussion)
- Ms. Coleman spoke regarding the RFP for the Shared Use Path. They would interview the top two and would bring the recommendation/ contract to Council at the next meeting. Also, at the next meeting there will be a presentation of the Bisbee Master Mobility Plan.

COUNCIL COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS: (Council members may suggest topics for future meeting agendas, but Council will not here discuss, deliberate or take any action on these topics.):

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilmember Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Pawlik

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43PM

David M. Smith, Mayor