

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR BUDGE AT 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Louis Pawlik, Ward III
Councilmember Joni Giacomino, Ward II
Councilmember Frank Davis, Ward I
Mayor Ken Budge
Councilmember Leslie Johns, Ward I
VACANT, Ward II
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore

STAFF

Stephen J. Pauken, City Manager
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk
Keri Bagley, Finance Director
Joelle Landers, Personnel Director
Jesus Haro, Public Works Director
Albert Echave, Police Chief

CITY ATTORNEY

Joseph Estes

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

1. American Rescue Plan Act allocation to the City.
Stephen Pauken, City Manager

Mr. Pauken explained that the City had received the first allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$872,532.11. He gave an overview of the list of recommendations/suggestions that staff had come up with (Attached as Exhibit A). He asked if Council had any additional suggestions.

Mayor Budge requested to include the railing outside of the library. We needed to look into how to make that area more user friendly. He also discussed making the post office doors a little more user friendly for ADA accessibility.

Councilmember Cline asked for some clarification on some of the listed items.

Councilmembers Johns thought it would be good to implement an application process for the Community Assistance for Non Profits. She also asked if money could be put towards putting lights around the Pit, it was dangerous.

Councilmember Pawlik said that he would like to see more money put into the emergency fund for Non Profits. He would also like to see funds put towards repairs at the Senior Center. He asked what opportunity the public would have to comment on this issue.

Mr. Pauken responded that the public would have whatever opportunity the Council wished them to have. Some of these items had come from the Public.

Mayor Budge said that all these items would come back to Council for final discussion and approval.

Councilmember Davis said that all these items on this list were legitimate and needed. He agreed with Mayor Budge on the need to upgrade the railing at the Library.

Councilmember Giacomino said that the life packs were very important. She also wanted to consider building a restroom at Garfield Park. This park was used by many families and would be a good investment.

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of a request of the Copper Queen Community Hospital Foundation for a grant of \$31,352.00 to purchase a Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) System.
Stephen Pauken, City Manager

Mr. Pauken said that Covid was hanging out for a while. This would help out the Long Covid Patients, the ones who had serious lung damage and needed some sort of therapy for a longer period of time. He felt this was a reasonable expenditure.

MOTION: Mayor Budge moved to approve the request of the Copper Queen Community Hospital Foundation for a grant of \$31,352 to purchase a Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) System.

SECOND: Councilmember Johns

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Pawlik, Giacomino, Davis, Johns, Cline, and Mayor Budge.

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED: AYES -6 NAYS -0

MOTION: Councilmember Davis moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Giacomino

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 PM

Anna Cline, Mayor Pro Tempore

Questions for Interviews

1. Mayor Budge- Bisbee is a small town. Our citizens expect their public officials to be available and accessible to them. How would you interact with citizens and the media, what would be your day-to-day interaction style with citizens?
2. CM Cline- What Challenges and or problems do you feel are most concerning currently in the City and how has your experience prepared you for dealing with these issues?
3. CM Davis- What do you hope to accomplish as a city council member? Or
4. CM Giacomino- What do you see your role as Council Person?
5. CM Johns- What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Bisbee, and do you have any preliminary ideas for addressing these challenges?
6. CM Pawlik- What do you think should be done with the old city hall?

Do you have any observations or closing remarks you would like to share with this Mayor and Council?