

MINUTES OF THE PIMA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

Call to Order:

Mayor Brian Paull called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Prayer:

Councilmember Lucas Hoopes

Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice-Mayor Sherril Teeter led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Paull, Vice Mayor Sherrill Teeter, Councilmember Lucas Hoopes, Councilmember Teresa Bailey

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember C.B. Fletcher

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Manager, Vernon Batty, Town Attorney, Jon Paladini (via phone), Public Works Director, Jimmie Lofgreen, P&Z Administrator, Evan Stringfellow, Town Clerk, Cody Marshall

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Town Meeting held November 14, 2023. **Action**

Vice Mayor Teeter motioned to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Regular Town Meeting and seconded by Mayor Brian Paull. Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- 1- John Millsap stated that most of his concerns were addressed by the Police Chief regarding the Town's police cars being unmarked He also stated that he has lived in Pima for quite a while and has concerns with his address. He is not able to have things delivered to his address because it keeps coming up as unrecognizable and would like someone to fix it.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding new Fire Department Chief: (Manager, Vernon Batty)
Manager V. Batty explained that the Fire Chief is voted on every year and Terry Earp had been voted in as the New Fire Chief on Jan. 2, 2024.

Councilmember L. Hoopes motioned to approve Terry Earp as the new Fire Chief and seconded by Mayor B. Paull. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager V. Batty stated to the Council that per attorney, Jon P. that he would like to jump to agenda item #8, and it was brought to his attention that item #7 should actually be addressed before #8. So agenda item #7 became item #2 and #8 became #3.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Planning & Zoning Applications: (P&Z Administrator, Evan Stringfellow)
Evan S. stated that there are 3 seats up on the P&Z Board and there are 5 applications in the packet for review.

3. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session pursuant to TITLE 38, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3.1 KNOWN AS ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW but only for the purposes authorized under A.R.S. § 38- 431.03: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) Personnel matters; (3) – Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body; and 38-431.03(A)(4) Discussion or consultation with the city’s attorneys on the town’s position regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation.
 - (a) The Fire Dept. personnel
 - (b) P&Z applications
 - (c) Luster v. Pima

Pursuant to (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), the Council may vote to recess into executive session for discussion. No action will be taken during the executive session.

Councilmember L. Hoopes motioned to adjourn regular meeting to executive session at 7:12p.m. and seconded by Vice-Mayor S. Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor S. Teeter motioned to adjourn executive session to regular meeting at 8:04p.m. and seconded by councilmember L. Hoopes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor S. Teeter motioned to approve (per agenda item #2) Daryl Weech, Moriah Saline, and Lori Talavera to fill the 3 spots on the P&Z Board and seconded by Teresa Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Firetruck IGA with Safford and attached Resolution 2024-01: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Councilmember L. Hoopes motioned to approve the IGA with Safford per Resolution 2024-01 and seconded by Vice-Mayor S. Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to remove Scott Howell and add Terry Earp as a signer on the Town of Pima Bank Accounts and as a credit card holder: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Vice-Mayor S. Teeter motioned to approve to remove Scott Howell and add Terry Earp as a signer on the Town of Pima bank accounts and as a credit card holder and seconded by Mayor B. Paull. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Court IGA and attached Resolution 2024-02: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Vice-Mayor S. Teeter motioned to approve the Court IGA per Resolution 2024-02 and seconded by councilmember L. Hoopes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Department of Revenue IGA with the Town of Pima and attached Resolution 2024-03: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Vice-Mayor S. Teeter motioned to approve the Dept. of Rev. IGA per Resolution 2024-03 and seconded by Councilmember Teresa B. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action for an RFQ for Engineering: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Councilmember L. Hoopes motioned to approve to enter into a contract with Bowman for engineering and seconded by Councilmember T. Bailey. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Batty stated that we did receive the Smart Fund Grant and excited to use the monies for widening and fixing up Main Street. He also mentioned that the Town is keeping on eye on the bridge on 300 South to make sure it doesn't sink as it is in bad shape and may possibly need to be reconstructed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

POLICE REPORT – Chief D. Cauthen stated that the department is doing well.

LIBRARY REPORT

PLANNING AND ZONING

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL REPORT

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember L. Hoopes motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:19 p.m. and seconded by Vice-Mayor S. Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.