

MINUTES OF THE PIMA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Call to Order:

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

Prayer:

Councilmember C.B. Fletcher gave the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Brian Paull led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Paull, Vice Mayor Sherrill Teeter,
Councilmember C.B. Fletcher

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Lucas Hoopes, Councilmember Teresa
Bailey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Manager, Vernon Batty; Town Attorney, Jon Paladini;
Public Works Director, Jimmie Lofgreen; Town Clerk, Cody Marshall

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Town Meeting held October 10, 2023. **Action**

Vice Mayor Teeter motioned to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting and seconded by Councilmember C.B. Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

- 1- Dan Rose stated he has lived in Pima on Tripp Canyon road for 20 years. He has witnessed much growth in the Town and especially in his area of Tripp Canyon road and Patterson Mesa road causing high traffic. These roads have been identified as residential roads with the speed limit posted at 25mph. However, the speed limit seems to be ignored and the high traffic at high speeds on a residential road has become very dangerous. He would like to see more speed limit signs posted and more police patrol.

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Wreaths Across America: (Leslie Cunning & Kat Sticklin)

Councilmember Teeter motioned to approve donating \$500 to Wreaths Across America and seconded by Councilmember C.B. Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2023 Audit: (Nick Large, Colby & Powell Audit Services)

Nick presented the Audit results for FY 2023 commenting it was a clean audit this year, yet some improvements still needed and praised the Councilmembers for their oversight of the Town's finances and office procedures.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding amending Article 2-6 of the Town Code (Planning & Zoning): 2nd Reading: (Jimmie Lofgreen)

Public Works Director Jimmie Lofgreen explained the 2nd Reading of amending Article 2-6, had an adjustment made from the first reading recommended by the Council.

Vice-Mayor Teeter motioned to accept the 2nd reading of amending Article 2-6 of the Town Code, Ordinance 2023-08 and seconded by Mayor Brian Paull. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to re-invest money in another CD: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Manager Vernon Batty explained that the current CD investment will mature during this month and asked for permission to re-invest \$250,000 into another CD.

Councilmember C.B. Fletcher motioned to approve Vernon to re-invest into another CD and seconded by Vice-Mayor Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action for getting an archeological survey done to be able to put in for a Grant for the Recreational Park: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Manager Batty explained that an archeological survey has to be done in order for him to be able to apply for the Recreational Park Grant that he wants to use to develop the 80-acre area out by the roping arena and could possibly use it to resurface the swimming pool.

Councilmember C.B. Fletcher motioned to approve an archeological survey and seconded by Vice Mayor Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the IGA between the Town of Pima and Pima Unified School District: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Manager Batty informed the Council that the School is asking for help with a road and stop light per the IGA.

Councilmember C.B. Fletcher motioned to accept the IGA between the Town of Pima and Pima Unified School District and seconded by Vice Mayor Teeter. Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion and possible action about the new Circle K needing collateral from the Town: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Manager Batty explained that he hired a financial advisor to analyze our finances and assets for advice on putting up 50% collateral of the 200% needed for the new Circle K development. He was advised it would not be a risk for the Town. Mayor Paull and Councilmembers agreed to allow Vernon to move forward with the process to put it in writing.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Quit Claiming property for Mitchell Beals: (Manager, Vernon Batty)

Manager Batty explained this item was tabled from the last meeting. The Beals have surveyed the property and on the southern boundary it would be a simple swap. On the western boundary, the Town owns into the Beals property, so it would not be an exact equal trade but would clean the boundary lines up.

Vice-Mayor Teeter motioned to approve to quit claim a piece of Town property to (Beals) Trust LBar 7 and accept property quit claim to the Town with stipulation not to accept responsibility of Judd Lane and seconded by Councilmember C.B. Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding the acquisition of real property to /from Mitchell Beals, instruct the Town Attorney regarding the Town's position regarding the purchase contract with Mr. Beals that is the subject of negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation, and/or settlement discussions, and discussions with designated representatives of the Town in order to consider the Town's position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property generally located at 200 East and 800 South.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Batty stated he was pleased with the turn out of the ribbon cutting for the new soccer field and expressed appreciation to United Way for helping make it possible to expand and have several games going at the same time.

He also stated the Smart Fund Grant is in the works and is confident it will pass.

Batty also informed the Council that the two railroad crossings have been approved and the time frame for the Patterson Mesa will be May 2024 and Tripp Canyon will be November 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

POLICE REPORT – Chief Cauthen stated that the department has had two officers move on, but we have just hired a new officer.

LIBRARY REPORT

PLANNING AND ZONING

FIRE DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL REPORT – Vice Mayor Teeter stated that the Wish Tree Project is in the works. There is a tree displayed at the Town Hall and the Library. Councilmember Fletcher stated that he was thankful the Town could contribute to the Lion's Club to help display Flags on Main Street in Safford for Veteran's Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember C.B. Fletcher motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Teeter. Motion carried unanimously.