

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor David Maxson of the Christian Joy Church of the Nazarene to deliver the invocation. Council Member Shutts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

HUMAN SERVICES/TRANSIT DIRECTOR: Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Pawan Agrawal

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Presentation to the Bullhead City Girls ASA Fast Pitch Group from Arizona Amateur Softball Association Commissioner Don Fishel.

Mayor Brady welcomed Don Fishel, and said their group traveled from Prescott to attend the meeting. Don Fishel thanked the Bullhead City Parks and Recreation Division and the Bullhead City Youth League Association for their participation in the program. He introduced Steve Ersland, who had the dream to start a girls' softball program in Bullhead City, and said Steve helped the program become what it is today. He presented a check from the profits from this year's program to the Bullhead City Youth League in the amount of \$2,075.98. Michelle Basso stated the funds would be put towards the addition of home run fences on two fields. Dale Poole, Tournament Director, presented certificates of appreciation to field maintenance employees Gary Williams and Steve Schweigert. He said they looked forward to coming back every year to play on the good fields in Bullhead City.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Jamie Starr stated she would re-double her efforts to clean up blight in the city next year. She said she would like better advance notice on hearings of importance to residents. She suggested that the block grant funding be used to benefit the greater general public. She said the two city-wide

priorities should be street repair and blight abatement. She asked for an update regarding when Marina Boulevard would be repaved.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend a fundraising event for the Mohave County Sheriff's K-9 Unit to be held at Tractor Supply on Friday and Saturday.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady closed the call to the public.

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None

### **WAIVER MOTION**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Duvall made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### 1. Winter Festival

City Manager Cotter thanked the individuals, businesses, and organizations that contributed to the great parade and holiday events at the Riverview Mall on December 5 and 6.

#### 2. Workshop for Streets

City Manager Cotter stated the City Council would discuss street reconstruction, paving, and a plan on how to move forward at a work session scheduled to be held on January 6. He said they would discuss the priority projects and finances, and said the same information the Council received would be available to the public when the meeting was posted.

#### 3. 2014 Year in Review

City Manager Cotter stated 2014 was a historical year for the city. He said some of the high points and accomplishments were as follows: upgraded city's technology structure and website for increased transparency; offered free Wi-Fi in the city parks, increased interaction on social media; and beautified the city with monument signs and streetscapes at city parks. He said the city's finances were on solid footing, but said there were roads and infrastructure to be maintained, along with many other unfunded needs. He said the general fund reserve increased from \$6.3 million to \$7.2 million due to sales tax collections and spending prudence. He said code enforcement was very active, and said the city tore down 33 homes and several commercial structures in the community. He said the abatement budget for this fiscal year was practically used up. He said all permits were up from last year. He said attendance at the community pool increased by nearly 25

percent, and said the addition of the Kiwanis Splash Park helped bring more people to the pool. He said BATS ridership increased 7.3 percent, and said they anticipate providing 165,000 rides next year. He said the number of 9-1-1 calls amounted to nearly 60,000 in the past 11 months. He said the bar and restaurant tax increased by more than 25 percent in 2014 from 2013. He said they installed the new water well at Ken Fovargue Park which paid for itself within one year. He said they purchased three new police motorcycles, a new transit bus and a wastewater cleaning truck. He said the city completed the Chaparral and Via Arroyo Flood Control project, and added new recreation fields at Rotary Park through community donations. He thanked city staff for their efforts in working tirelessly for the residents.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Brady stated he attended the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Newly Elected Officials training in Mesa, Arizona last week, and said it was very educational with excellent topics and presenters. He said he brought back some new ideas and was appreciative of the training they received. He said he was amazed at the number of kids lining the route this year during the Boombox Parade. He thanked the Colorado River Women's Council for all of their hard work.

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilor D'Amico stated he also attended the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Newly Elected Officials training, and said it was a great learning experience. He said Mayor Brady, City Manager Cotter, Public Works Director Agrawal, and he recently took a tour of city facilities and parks.

Councilor Shutts stated that the majority of the current council members were veterans. She said she recently had the pleasure of seeing Mayor Brady speaking to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Councilor Ring wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Great New Year.

Councilor McClure invited the public to participate in a tribute to veterans through a Christmas Wreath fundraising program. He said the wreaths would be up until the middle of January and placed at the Veterans Memorial. He said a large granite monument was recently dedicated on December 7 for the north peninsula. He said a private contributor donated an original USS Arizona monument from Hawaii.

Councilor Clark stated he attended the annual Colorado River Users' Association meeting last week in Las Vegas. He said one of the main points discussed was the fact that Lake Mead and Lake Powell potential water shortage levels in 2016 have dropped considerably due to the winter forecast and the additional amount of precipitation received. He said additional shortages could occur in 2017. He said Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were signed to help conserve more water behind Hoover Dam in order to eliminate future shortages. He said Mexico participated in the conference for the first time this year.

### **ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor McClure made a motion that Item No. 1 on the consent agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Councilor and without further discussion. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting/Work Session held on December 2, 2014, and the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 2, 2014. (City Clerk Stein)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to either approve or deny the Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Kimberly A. Miles on behalf of Miss Rodeo Arizona, Inc. for an event to be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce located at 1251 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Councilor Ring made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Kimberly A. Miles on behalf of Miss Rodeo Arizona, Inc. for an event to be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce located at 1251 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Councilor McClure seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to either approve or deny the application for an Interim Permit and new Series 10 Liquor License #10083293 submitted by Misty Kay Haller on behalf of Cedar Landmark, Inc. (River City Chevron), a retail business located at 1626 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Councilor Shutts made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for an Interim Permit and new Series 10 Liquor License #10083293 submitted by Misty Kay Haller on behalf of Cedar Landmark, Inc. (River City Chevron), a retail business located at 1626 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Councilor D'Amico seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Building, Planning and Zoning Items**

None

**Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases**

None

**Other Business**

None

**COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2014-27 adopting the "2014 Amendments to the Bicycle Code," by reference; and approving RESOLUTION NO. 2014R-53 declaring the "2014 Amendments to the Bicycle Code" a public record. (Council Member Clark)

City Manager Cotter stated Councilor Clark asked staff to pursue modifications to the City Code to eliminate the mandatory registration and transfer requirements, and to allow bicyclists to ride on sidewalks. He said the Police Department would continue to allow registrations on a voluntary basis, and said those fees would be eliminated. He said sidewalk riding would be allowed as long as the bicyclists yielded to pedestrians.

Councilor Clark stated he was a bicyclist, and said he discussed the issue with other cyclists throughout the community. He said he felt the modifications were more appropriate for the community. He said it would mean less government because the city would take away the requirement for mandatory registration.

Vice Mayor Duvall asked if Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) Title 28 classifies bicycles as vehicles, and said he would not want to have a conflict with the state. City Attorney Emery stated that section of ARS was previously amended, and said there would be no conflict.

Councilor Shutts asked if a petty offense was a warning. City Attorney Emery stated petty offenses carried a fine only, with no jail sentence.

Councilor D'Amico stated that he was in favor of less government, and was in favor of amending the code.

Mayor Brady stated that he agreed with the code modifications, and said it was much safer to put a bicyclist on the sidewalk rather than riding on the roads.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Eva Corbett asked if the ordinance applied to wheelchairs. City Attorney Emery stated wheelchairs were not specifically prohibited.

Jamie Starr stated she was in favor of the ordinance, and said it was safer for bicyclists to ride on the sidewalk. She said that licensing might give public safety personnel an opportunity to check out the "drug bikes."

**MOTION:** Councilor Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-27 adopting the "2014 Amendments to the Bicycle Code," by reference; and approving Resolution No. 2014R-53 declaring the "2014 Amendments to the Bicycle Code" a public record. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Duvall made a motion to adjourn. Councilor McClure seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

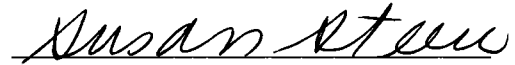
**MOTION CARRIED**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 16th day of December 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of January 2015.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk