

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, February 4, 2020, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Wegmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Tim Eighmy of Community Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Shutts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady (via telephone), Bruck, Clark, D'Amico (via telephone), Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter
CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery
CITY CLERK: Susan Stein
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE: Dennis DeSantis
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera
INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Tom Hixson said the recycling issue needed to be re-addressed. He said he would like to have basic information on the proper way to recycle inserted into the monthly wastewater billing envelopes.

Jamie Starr said it seemed liked no work had been done on the Corwin Road traffic signal project. She said the new pool tarps had blown off and said the pool was too cold to use. She asked if the pool status and water temperature could be posted online. She asked if the encampment sites could be cleaned up citywide. She asked about the law enforcement cost to manage the many crimes that took place at the Wal-Mart location.

Scotty McClure said vehicles were hitting the new barrier on the highway near the Corwin Road project. He said the Chamber of Commerce and American Legion agreements needed to be looked at. He said the roof on the American Legion building needed repair.

Gene Quitmeyer said he was asked to leave a local civic organization because he was too politically controversial. He said as a citizen he requested transparency and accountability. He said it was a federal offense to inhibit him from his constitutional first amendment rights.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend S.A.I.N.T.'s "Bowling for Pets" fundraiser on February 9th. She said the Republican Club would host a fundraiser at the Riverside Casino on March 14th and Community Lutheran Church would hold a chocolate fundraiser on February 8th.

Julie Hassett informed the public about the upcoming Colorado River Concert performances. She said the champions of "America's Got Talent" would perform at their next concert.

Chris Giley said he was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He said it was a religious organization, and it should be a spiritual organization. He said church/religion should be separated from the state.

Nick Parsons said January 18th was the best day to fly a kite in Rotary Park on Slab-O-Rama weekend. He suggested the homeless shelter prioritize their assistance by age.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Census 2020

Kate MacDonald from the U. S. Census Bureau provided a report on the 2020 census.

2. New Bridge

City Manager Cotter said McCormick Construction would begin construction on the bridge infrastructure on the Arizona side of the river in March. He said the intergovernmental agreement with Clark County had been executed by all parties. He said a Clark County Commissioner said the project was currently in the hands of the U. S. Coast Guard. He said the project would go out to bid shortly and break ground within one year.

3. Recycling

City Manager Cotter said Republic Services and the city had discussed modifications to the franchise agreement about recycling. He said a joint meeting with the City Council and the

Franchise License Commission would be held in March regarding the options for recycling. He said one of the options would be to end recycling in the city.

4. Acquisition of EPCOR

City Manager Cotter said the final appraisal report and a resolution authorizing the city to move forward with the legal process to acquire EPCOR's assets would be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

5. Transit System Modifications

City Manager Cotter said the transit hub was moved from the City Square Center to the Riverview Mall due to the re-development of the K-Mart building.

6. Parks and Recreation Awards

Vice Mayor Wegmann presented awards to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dave Heath that recognized the Parks Department's outstanding accomplishments and support of sports programs.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Wegmann invited the public to attend a Chamber Mixer hosted by Findlay Automotive to be held on February 6th.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Clark made a motion that Item No. 1 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann 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 held on January 21, 2020; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 21, 2020. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Bullhead City Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a partial term beginning immediately upon Council approval and expiring on June 30, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said the position was advertised on social media and in the newspaper. She said the city received one application from David Lipinski.

David Lipinski said he was interested in doing more to serve his community by serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to appoint David Lipinski to serve on the Bullhead City Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a partial term beginning immediately upon Council approval and expiring on June 30, 2021. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

3. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a new Series 12 Liquor License No. 80705 submitted by Pitak Siamsakoon for the Sabai Thai Bistro located at 2580 Highway 95, Suite 109, in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said staff had reviewed the application and recommended approval.

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

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a new Series 12 Liquor License No. 80705 submitted by Pitak Siamsakoon for the Sabai Thai Bistro located at 2580 Highway 95, Suite 109, in Bullhead City. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a new 2019 Chevrolet 3500 2WD Truck and Morgan Stake Platform Bed from Findlay Chevrolet of Las Vegas, Nevada, in the amount of \$35,434.00 plus \$438.25 freight, and applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and resultant payment. (Interim Public Works Director Johnson)

Interim Public Works Director Johnson said bids were advertised in January and one bid was received from Findlay Chevrolet. She said the new vehicle would replace the current 17-year old Isuzu truck.

Vice Mayor Wegmann asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one from the public spoke.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2019 Chevrolet 3500 2WD Truck and Morgan Stake Platform Bed from Findlay Chevrolet of Las Vegas, Nevada, in the amount of \$35,434.00 plus \$438.25 freight, and applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and resultant payment. Council Member Clark seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve an emergency procurement and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with and approve resultant payments to Premier Backhoe of Fort Mohave, Arizona, for the replacement of ductile iron pipe on Phyllis Drive in the total amount of \$240,424.88. (Interim Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said this item had emergency status and the project required immediate attention.

Utilities Superintendent Jeff Wileman said city crews placed a camera in both ends of the line and discovered extensive corrosion, with a possible collapsed pipe. He said a delay in repairing this condition could threaten the public's health, safety, or welfare. He said they did their due diligence that included requesting quotations from seven vendors, but only Premiere Backhoe had submitted a bid for the work.

Vice Mayor Wegmann asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Scotty McClure asked about the cause of the problem and the reason why 840 feet had to be dug up.

Utilities Superintendent Wileman said the city had a ductile iron pipe replacement program. He said after a video inspection, it was determined that if repairs were not made within a very short period of time, the ductile iron pipe involved would be at a significantly increased risk of failure.

Billy Pershing asked about the length of time the line would be out of service.

Utilities Superintendent Wileman said there would be a temporary loss of service for a minimal amount of time. He said the entire project would take about four weeks to complete.

Council Member Clark asked how deep the pipes were placed underground.

Utilities Superintendent Wileman said the pipes were placed approximately 18 to 20 feet underground.

MOTION: Council Member Clark made a motion to approve an emergency procurement and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with and approve resultant payments to Premier Backhoe of Fort Mohave, Arizona, for the replacement of ductile iron pipe on Phyllis Drive in the total amount of \$240,424.88. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the lease purchase of six mowers with accompanying equipment from Deere and Company in the amount of \$321,706.47 under a four-year lease purchase plan with Wells Fargo at \$5,915.67 monthly as outlined in the Quote Summary/ID #20766784 and the Wells Fargo Lease Payment Schedule; and direct the City Manager to finalize the transaction with Deere and Company and execute any lease purchase agreement and instruments with Wells Fargo necessary to complete the transaction. (Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath)

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said Parks Maintenance had previously leased five mowers and the lease was nearing its end. He said staff would like to return those mowers and lease six new mowers starting March 1, 2020. He said leasing the new mowers would allow them to keep up with the growth in the park system and reduce maintenance of old and worn out mowers. He said the city was quickly approaching an average of two sports tournaments per weekend. He said, in order to keep up with and continue to grow sports tourism, it was important that Parks Maintenance staff had quality equipment. He said it was important that they were mowing fields on a regularly scheduled basis and not struggling with maintenance. He said the John Deere Equipment lease quotation was the lowest of three vendors from whom quotes were requested on state bid. He said feedback on equipment performance was provided by nearby organizations. He said since the start of the current mower lease, Bullhead City parks had added 25 acres of grass; and said that did not include the new turf on Firebird Field. He said the new equipment was essential to keep up with and provide optimal maintenance for all the grass surfaces.

Vice Mayor Wegmann asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Gary Genovese asked if John Deere Equipment would perform the maintenance on the mowers.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said city staff would perform routine maintenance and all equipment came with a four-year warranty.

Steven Lee asked if the city would keep the old mowers or sell them.

City Manager Cotter said the equipment was not worth much over four years as the environment was brutal to mowers. He said the equipment would be sold at a public auction.

Harvey Pryor said a \$53,000 expense for a lawn mower was much more than a regular \$12,000 mower, and asked for an explanation.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said it was important to use larger industrial equipment that could more efficiently handle the expansive amount of grass than a residential mower.

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VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

7. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 2020R-07 authorizing submission of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Grant Application to fund a portion of the annual administrative, operational, and capital expenses for the Bullhead Area Transit System for the period starting October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his duly authorized designee to execute the application, agreement, certifications, amendments, payments, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of any resultant grant award. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said the city had applied for and received FTA Section 5311 funding for public transit since 2000. He said the 5311 program reimbursed transit agencies for a portion of expenses using a variety of match ratios for administrative, operating and capital costs. He said overall, the grant would reimburse the city for approximately 75 percent of eligible expenses. He said the local match was comprised of sponsorships, advertising revenue, in-kind

contributions, and general fund subsidy. He said the fare revenue was used to reduce operating costs.

Council Member Bruck asked for a breakdown of the grant funds received.

Transit Manager Michael Peluso said the grant was approximately \$1.5 million which generally was the amount the city budgeted for operational costs. He said capital item grants, such as new buses, were awarded up to 90 to 93 percent.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 2020R-07 authorizing submission of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Public Transit Grant Application to fund a portion of the annual administrative, operational, and capital expenses for the Bullhead Area Transit System for the period starting October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his duly authorized designee to execute the application, agreement, certifications, amendments, payments, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of any resultant grant award. Council Member Clark seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the additional allocation of a portion of Bullhead City's water rights in the amount of 4 acre-feet per year for the ponds at the Colorado River Nature Center increasing the allocation to 70 acre-feet per year for the completion of a backwater pond project for wildlife and fish habitat located in the Colorado River Nature Center Section 10. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the additional request was due to an increase in the amount of fill needed to complete the maintenance road and berm for the second bridge project. He said the additional fill needed would increase the amount of water needed for the pond from 66 to 70 acre feet. He said the proposed allocation would allow for the completion of a backwater pond project for the wildlife and fish habitat located in the Colorado River Nature Section 10 as part of the new bridge project.

Vice Mayor Wegmann asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Eva Corbett asked for the address of the Nature Center.

City Manager Cotter said it was located at the end of Richardo Avenue.

Steven Lee thanked the city for providing information on this city amenity.

Gene Quitmeyer asked if it was 100 percent positive that the bridge project would go to completion.

City Manager Cotter said both Clark County and Bullhead City were committed to the project.

Scotty McClure asked if reclaimed water could be used to fill the pond, and suggested adding spaces for RV parking.

City Manager Cotter said the city had to use fresh water to fill the pond, and said their agreement with the Bureau of Land Management was for use as a nature center.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to approve the additional allocation of a portion of Bullhead City's water rights in the amount of 4 acre-feet per year for the ponds at the Colorado River Nature Center increasing the allocation to 70 acre-feet per year for the completion of a backwater pond project for wildlife and fish habitat located in the Colorado River Nature Center Section 10. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Vice Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 4th day of February 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of February 2020.

Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk