

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, January 4, 2022, 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 Council Member Wegmann to deliver the invocation. Vice Mayor D'Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri

Council Absent

None – Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee said it was important that public officials, when passing legislation, fully understand the implications of the measures before them. He said he felt this was not done at the last Mohave County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Gary Genovese said he was speaking on behalf of Sue DeMarco, a Bullhead City resident. He said she was forced to call the police department over the holidays. He said illegal fireworks and loud noises were a hazard to residents and pets. He said this was an ongoing problem and need to be resolved.

Jena Morga said she was representing the Mohave Health Coalition. She invited the public to attend the first Family Health Fair to be held at Mohave Community College on January 22nd.

Julie Hassett spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Concert Association performances and invited members of the public to purchase tickets from their website.

Scotty McClure asked why the sports fields were being watered when it was raining. He said resolutions passed by public bodies meant absolutely nothing. He said people should get vaccinated for COVID. He said parking at the Suddenlink Community Center would be an issue when both the tax preparers and Embry Health were operating at that location.

Regina Guarisco said she approached the Mohave County Board of Supervisors regarding possible mismanagement of ARPA funding. She discussed three possible funding violations.

Harvey Pryor said the Bullhead RC operators would meet on January 16th at Rotary Park and try to form a club. He said illegal fireworks were dangerous to the community.

Billy Pershing invited the public to attend the Tea Party meeting on January 8th at the public library.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend the Colorado River Women's Republican Club meeting on January 5th at Chaparral Country Club.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. December of Fun Overview

The Bullhead City Parks and Recreation Department staff provided a Powerpoint presentation on the events held at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse in December. The event was a huge success with more than 6,500 attendees; provided through a partnership with the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse and the city. Ed Catalfamo, manager of the Fieldhouse, thanked the city for their partnership in providing such a creative event for every member of the community.

2. Spring Sports Tournaments

Human Services Director Tipton provided an update on the numerous sports tournaments and other events scheduled to be held during the months of January and February.

3. Water Transition Update

Utilities Director Clark said there were three main line breaks since the beginning of 2022. He said they averaged 27.5 service calls per day. He said they would begin updating the water master plan next week.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht provided information on participation in two city clean up events, and said the Swap Meet would be held the second Saturday of each month at Mohave Community College.

Council Member Zehri thanked the health care workers and nonprofit organizations that worked so hard during the last year. He said the city lost two employees and two Council Members last year. He said there were many projects to look forward to in the upcoming year. He discussed the issue of a shortage of health care workers.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann 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. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
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 December 21, 2021; and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 21, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

2. Discussion and possible action to ratify the payment of, and all required actions, associated with Invoice No. 20125 from Empire Pump Corporation for the emergency repairs to Well 16-4 in the amount of \$182,946.90. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said expenses were incurred in replacing Well 16-4 in the Buena Vista area. He said this was a deep well with a huge motor, and said it took them a while to pull it out and repair it. He said there was water dripping through the wiring attaching the motor to the power source. He said the pump itself was in good condition and was placed back into service, and the well was currently in full operation.

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

Scotty McClure asked if the equipment could be replaced under a warranty. He asked if the city could sell any leftover copper wire.

Utilities Director Clark said there was water dripping onto the equipment, and said they would use the wire on other wells.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to ratify the payment of, and all required actions, associated with Invoice No. 20125 from Empire Pump Corporation for the emergency repairs to Well 16-4 in the amount of \$182,946.90. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

3. Discussion and possible action to designate and approve the city's legislative priorities for 2022; and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Assistant to the City Manager to advocate on the legislative priorities as approved by the City Council. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said it was important for the Council to discuss the legislative priorities for the upcoming Arizona legislative session. He said typically the Mayor, Manager, and City Intergov lobbied and advocated for those priorities. He said the list was a start to begin their discussion. He said the issues of traffic congestion relief on Highway 95, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) district office, short-term housing rentals, and the opposition of condemnation law changes were included. He said they would ask the state to install 18 right turn movement lanes on Highway 95 in the amount of approximately \$22.5 million in order to alleviate

congestion and accidents. He said they would ask the state to bring back the ADOT district office in Kingman in order to provide better service to the community. He said the city would support the efforts of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, and other cities and towns, in gaining legislative support to further regulate short-term rental housing. He said they believed the proposed fixes of the condemnation law were one-sided and not for the people of Arizona; and would oppose it.

Council Member Zehri said he agreed with the proposed legislative priorities. He said he would like to add affordable housing, assistance for patients that could not afford outpatient care, and increasing the operator age for watercraft to the list. He said he would also like to address the shortage of medical professionals.

Mayor Brady said the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission was to lobby the legislators to change the law to increase the watercraft operator age from 12 to 14. He said the citizens had also requested them to do this.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he spoke with the county legislators in the past but the matter never got any traction. He urged the Council to advocate for the roads and not push too hard on the jetski issue this year.

City Manager Cotter would support the affordable housing initiatives at this point, and said the issue could come back sometime in the future.

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

Steven Lee suggested they ask for additional traffic control technology.

City Manager Cotter said the technology was already installed, but ADOT had not programmed it yet. He said the right turn lanes really could make a difference.

Barbara Pape asked if speed control could be installed along the beaches.

Mayor Brady said the city was currently working on this.

Scotty McClure requested that no more median turn lanes be removed on the highway. He spoke in support of the proposed right turn lanes.

MOTION: Mayor Brady made a motion to designate and approve the city's legislative priorities for 2022, adding the priority of increasing the age of watercraft operators from 12 to 14 years of age; and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Assistant to the City Manager to advocate on the legislative priorities as approved by the City Council. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

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COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 January 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of January 2022.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk