

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD MARCH 25, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE BENSON COMMUNITY CENTER, 705 W. UNION STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Joe Konrad, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Larry Dempster, Lupe Diaz, Barbara Nunn and Nick Maldonado.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** None

**PROCLAMATION:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

City Manager Vicki Vivian addressed Council, giving the dates of upcoming meetings and events.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Planning and Zoning Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Community Center  
Monday, April 8, 2019 – Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 – Library Advisory Board, 4:00 p.m., Library

Mondays,  
April 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2019 – Free Parenting Workshop – Library  
First 5 Years 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, April 6, 2019 – Opening Ceremonies for San Pedro Little League  
At Lion's Park, 420 N. Adams St. Benson, AZ

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda**

- 1a. Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 1b. Amendment to Section 2 and Section 9 of the City's Human Resources Administrative Policy regarding Employee Appeals
- 1c. Invoices processed for the period from March 1, 2019 through March 14, 2019

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Nunn. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding becoming a member of SAEDG Southeast Arizona Economic Development group**

City Manager Vicki Vivian stated she received a letter from the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group requesting the City become a member of their organization. Ms. Vivian then asked for a letter outlining the benefits of membership, which is attached.

Some of the benefits of membership are:

- Member only tours of local and regional projects and businesses
- Priority invitations to all networking luncheons at the member price; networking luncheons feature speakers focusing on commercial development and projects in Southeast Arizona
- Features spot on their website – each month one member will be in the spotlight
- Use of the conference room located at 168 E. 4th Street

Should Council choose to join SAEDG, the motion should include the level of desired membership.

Ms. Carol Treuber, Associate Director, Economic Development Group stated they have worked on a lot of things with the City and help make improvements for instance the quiet zone, the Villages at Vigneto and Benson City Airport. SAEDG has networking luncheons with speakers from Benson as well as people from the Southeast Arizona. Ms. Treuber stated it's a good way to network and a good way to show that the City is involved with the economic development of the City. There is an annual event for all members as a "thank you". The SAEDG office has a conference room that could be used as long as its scheduled ahead of time. Member to Member connections, there is currently 66 SAEDG members. Ms. Treuber stated they have a packet that list commercial land and buildings. They work with all the local realtors. The City would receive a monthly newsletter. Ms. Treuber stated the price depends on the size of the business and how many employees, the lowest level is \$150 for an associate member, next level is \$250 to \$500 and the top level is \$15,000. SAEDG is requesting that the City pay \$10,000 because they do more for the City then any of the other members.

Mayor King asked what fund would the membership coming out of? Ms. Vivian stated the community enrichment fund. Mr. Judd stated that the economic development line item has not been used. Ms. Vivian stated it was funded with \$20,000. Vice Mayor Konrad stated the staff recommendation states Council pleaser, Vice Mayor Konrad asked staff is this something the City will benefit from? Ms. Vivian stated she thinks it is, a few years ago the Council approved an agreement with (TREG) Tucson Regional Economic Organization. Ms. Vivian stated the City would benefit from the networking luncheons, from knowing the projects that are coming to town. They promote Benson not only Southeastern Arizona, there home is here in Benson, so their hearts are here. Mrs. Vivian stated they worked with her on a proposed project which ended up not coming to Benson, but they helpful in creating the letter that need to go to the Arizona Commerce Authority. Ms. Vivian stated she thinks it very beneficial to be a part of the economic development group.

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve SAEDG membership at the platinum level \$10,000. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 7-0.

### 3. **Discussion and possible action regarding becoming a member of the Benson Chamber of Commerce**

City Manager Vicki Vivian stated the Chamber of Commerce contacted the City about becoming a Chamber member. The attached request briefly talks about the events the Chamber has recently held or will be holding in the near future, as well as activities they are hosting. Ms. Vivian stated in the past, the City has not been a member of the Chamber but has funded different events through individual requests.

Ms. Vivian stated a healthy Chamber of Commerce benefits the City in many ways through a healthy business climate; they promote local businesses and offer them networking opportunities and promote the community through the events they hold.

Councilmember Diaz stated he would like to recuse himself since he is a board member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Najayyah Many Horses, Office Manager, Benson/San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce stated the cost to become a member is \$1015.

Mayor King asked Mr. Judd where would the money come out of for this membership? Mr. Judd stated the economic development line item there has been \$20,000 budgeted and none of that has been spent.

Vice Mayor Konrad stated he is happy with it, in a town this size, the Chamber of Commerce and the schools

really need to work hand and hand.

Ms. Many Horses stated last year their membership went up to 140 members.

Vice Mayor Konrad asked Councilmember Boyle if he was still a liaison for the Chamber of Commerce and how did he feel about it? Councilmember Boyle stated he hasn't been there in the last 6 months but yes they are great.

Mayor King stated Council has a liaison that was picked and also have a councilmember now that is a part of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will be something we need to bring up on another agenda.

Councilmember Boyle moved to approve Benson Chamber of Commerce membership for \$1015.00. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Diaz recused himself.

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 7-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving a schedule for fees relating to Golf Course Services**

Joe DelVecchio, Director of Golf Operations stated this is basically a fee structure that allows the Golf Course to get on board with other Cities in Southern Arizona. Basically, we want to get online with the City of Tucson. Mr. DelVecchio stated the Tucson City Council did set a maximum and minimum rates for the Golf Courses. Tucson is the Cities major competitor and we would like to stay in line with them.

Mayor King stated he discussed with Ms. Vivian and with Mr. DelVecchio that this would be good for the Golf Course. Mayor King Stated it gives them a flexed rate throughout the year where they can raise and lower the rates based on different things that are happening.

Mr. DelVecchio stated he wants to set a minimum rate. Since the City took over the Golf Course, the low rate has been affecting the Golf Course. Mr. DelVecchio stated the San Pedro Golf Course is not a \$25 Golf Course, so we would like the minimum rate to set during the certain points of the season for structure. Mr. DelVecchio stated Council will be setting the lowest rate and the highest rate the Golf Course can charge.

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve Resolution 7-2019. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Discussion during and/or after presentation by City staff of City Finances, with emphasis on January 31, 2019 financial results, current year budget process, and the City's financial position at January 31, 2019**

Seth Judd, Finance Director stated the presentation will summarize the City's financial position at January 31, 2019, he will compare FY 2018 and 2019 numbers. He will give a monthly and year to date comparison to last year and as of right now 58% of the fiscal year has passed. Mr. Judd stated for January 2019 to January 2018 there has been an increase of \$247,403. There was a lot of different components to that like grant money, and sales tax. Mr. Judd stated year to date there has been an increase of \$497,367 revenues overall. Month to month comparison there has been a decrease in expenses but year to date there has been an increase of \$247,370, there were a lot of grants that had to be paid for, especially with the new building at the park has contributed to a part of that. Mr. Judd stated the net position for the month of January 2019 is \$582,253 with a positive over last year of \$265,988. Year to date were at \$1,109,284 compared to last year \$886,286 so that is an increase of \$222,998 over last year. Mr. Judd stated he wanted to update Council on the budget, the department heads were given a worksheet to fill out their budget request for next year. The Department heads will be turning them in this week. Mr. Judd stated he will be having meetings with them next week and will have meetings with Ms. Vivian the following week to get them finalize to have to Council for the worksession in May.

There was no Council discussion.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Boyle moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Diaz. Motion passed 7-0.

ATTEST:

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Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk