

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD MARCH 26, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor King then introduced Pastor Kirk Sorensen of the First Assembly of God church to offer the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Larry Dempster, Lupe Diaz, Levi Garner, and David Lambert. Absent was: Vice Mayor Joe Konrad

Mayor King stated Vice Mayor Konrad had a personal issue and was unable to attend the meeting and he was excused.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: None

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor King read a proclamation declaring the month of April as "Fair Housing Month".

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Donald L. Buchanan, N. River Rd., St David, was there to talk about a safety concern. Mr. Buchanan stated his background is in manufacturing of hazards and explosive items and thirty years of his career were safety, adding there had been no fatalities while he was on the job. Mr. Buchanan then stated his safety concern is that City Hall has no exit door on the west side and that with all the gates locked, there is only one exit for City Hall. Mr. Buchanan then stated walking out in the yard with prevailing west winds is not a safe place to be in case there's a fire. Mr. Buchanan then stated he was told the door is holding up the building and that if the door is opened, the building will fall down, adding if the door is the only thing holding up the building, there should be barricades to keep the dog walkers and the little kids at the park away from the building. Mr. Buchanan stated its hogwash and he doesn't know who made that decision but if he was sitting on a Council seat, he would fire the guys that made that decision and he would make it stick in court. Mr. Buchanan stated if the City is going to barricade the door, the gates should be unlocked, adding there's only one exit and that is not enough if the room is full of people. Mr. Buchanan thanked the Council for listening.

Ms. Tricia Gerrodette, Eagle Ridge Drive, Sierra Vista, said she wanted to express her gratitude and thanks to Interim City Manager Vicki Vivian for an awesome packet, adding the packet is full of information about what the City is doing and Ms. Gerrodette has been looking for that for a couple of years. Ms. Gerrodette then stated she thinks it's wonderful and Ms. Vivian should be praised for her efforts, adding she appreciates being able to know what's going on.

Mayor King stated he wanted to respond to Mr. Buchanan's comment; then stated the safety concerns were brought to his attention and he wanted to let Mr. Buchannan know the safety concerns are not being overlooked, adding they will be addressed at a future Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

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

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| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | – Community Watershed Alliance, 6:30 p.m., City Hall |
| Tuesday, April 3, 2018 | – Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Cancelled |
| Monday, April 9, 2018 | – Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall |
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| Saturday, April 7, 2018 | – Benson City Grille, San Pedro Golf Course
will be hosting a Wine Tasting from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Zarpara Vineyards from Willcox, AZ |
| Saturday, April 7, 2018 | – Opening Ceremonies for San Pedro Little League
At Lion’s Park
207 W. Pearl St. Benson, AZ |

Ms. Vivian then stated for a full list of events, activities, locations and times, the public could view the City’s website at www.cityofbenson.com

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda

- 1a. Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting
- 1b. Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting
- 1c. Invoices processed for the period from February 15, 2018 through March 1, 2018

Councilmember Boyle moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Garner. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 10-2018 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the Transit Specialist to change the Fixed Route and Schedule and add the Flexed Deviated Route and Schedule

Interim City Manager Vicki Vivian stated Staff is seeking approval and authorization from the City Council to change the Fixed route and schedule and add the Flexed Deviated Route and Schedule (i.e. BAT). There was also a public hearing for the grant application and the schedule changes. Ms. Vivian stated there were no comments at that time, adding Ms. Kathe Williams, Transit Specialist, is here to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilmember Boyle asked if flexed meant it can change it if we needed. Ms. Williams stated it means that there’s no fixed stops, adding the BAT picks people up at their house and delivers them to Wal-Mart or picks them up at Wal-Mart and takes them back to their houses, noting it is during fixed times and fixed areas, but not fixed stops. Mayor King stated he is excited that the BAT is going to be serving St. David again and thanked Ms. Williams for her work on this.

Councilmember Garner moved to approve Resolution 10-2018. Seconded by Councilmember Diaz. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding the “Brighten the Path – the New Face of Benson” event to be held on March 31, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to noon to clean up trash in Benson

Interim City Manager Vicki Vivian stated Mr. Elton Bowman and Ms. Pam Masters met with her a few weeks ago, proposing a beautification event they wanted to start, encouraging people to pick up litter in Benson whenever they are walking their dogs or even going for a walk. After referring them to Benson Clean &

Beautiful, they met with her again and asked if the City would be interested in supporting their effort by providing supplies, such as gloves and tools to pick up trash. Ms. Vivian stated with City beautification by cleaning up trash through a roll-off program being approved and put into the budget last year, she engaged the Public Works Director and had him purchase gloves, vests and trash grabbers for use during this event, adding these supplies will also be used in future cleaning events the City may host. Ms. Vivian then stated the Administration office contacted Wal-Mart and they will be supplying the trash bags and will be adding a sign to the City trash receptacles, so participants know where they can dispose of the bags they fill, adding another call was made to the City's contracted sanitation provider, Southwest Disposal, and they graciously offered to place 2 trash receptacles near Goodwill for use in that section of the City. Ms. Thompson, the Administrative Assistant also contacted the San Pedro Valley Chamber of Commerce and any business that would like to participate by allowing trash bags to be disposed of in their trash receptacle will be emailed a sign distinguishing it for use during the event. Ms. Vivian then stated Mr. Elton Bowman and Ms. Pam Masters have requested additional support of the event by providing food for the participants, who will be identified by bracelets (provided by Mr. Elton Bowman and Ms. Pam Masters) they will be given at the start of the event, adding they believe they will have approximately 30 participants. Ms. Vivian then stated for anyone who would like to participate, the event will take place on Saturday, March 31 from 7:00 a.m. to noon, they will be meeting in Lions Park and will be given instructions at that time.

Mayor King stated he had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Bowman and Ms. Masters and thinks it's going to be an exciting project. Ms. Vivian stated they will focus on public streets and not go into private property or areas that are fenced and will not be picking up hazardous material or anything heavy. Ms. Vivian then stated Mr. Bowman and Ms. Masters hope this becomes a popular event and their hope is to try to do this every spring and every fall.

Councilmember Boyle asked if Mr. Bowman and Ms. Masters came up with this idea on their own and if they were representing anyone one but themselves with Ms. Vivian stating this is completely their own idea.

Mayor King approved to spend up to \$100 to purchase food for the participants. Seconded by Councilmember Dempster. Motion passed 6-0.

4. **Update regarding the Council direction to Staff to proceed with the AEPCO (Arizona Electric Power Cooperative) Revolving Loan Application with final application approval to come before Council in March, 2018**

Interim City Manager Vicki Vivian stated at the February 26, Council meeting, Staff was instructed to proceed with the AEPCO revolving loan application for the possible purchase and installation of fuel tanks at the Benson Municipal Airport. Ms. Vivian then stated the City was notified that Mr. Oldfather, who administers the program was busy for the next few weeks, and that Mr. George Scott would be assisting the City through the process. Ms. Vivian then stated, in addition, Pat Walker, the City's financial consultant, has been working on gathering the necessary financial information for the packet. Ms. Vivian then stated Staff also met with the City's airport consultant who provided additional information on fuel tanks and referred Staff to Mr. Paul Sundby, of American Environmental Aviation, who has provided specs and has constructed almost 1,000 fuel farms. Ms. Vivian then stated Mr. Sundby is also a member of the NFPA 407 Technical Committee. Ms. Vivian then stated she contacted Mr. Sundby and requested specs to be written up so Staff could have the information needed on the different types of tanks and equipment and when the specs are received, the Public Works Director/Airport Manager will be able to contact different suppliers to gather estimates on the equipment and installation costs. Ms. Vivian then stated in conversations to update Mr. Oldfather and Mr. Scott, they suggested that as soon as the financial information is gathered, an application should be completed to request the full \$300,000, and that the application can be amended to a lower amount once the City receives the specs and ensuing estimates. Ms. Vivian then stated since this item was slated to be brought back to Council in March, she wanted to give an update, but no action is required at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No comments from Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Boyle moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Garner. Motion passed 6-0.

ATTEST:

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk