

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JUNE 24, 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 6:57 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor King then introduced Nui and Adam Gilbert from the Bahai' Faith who gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

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

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| Tuesday, July 2, 2019 | – Planning & Zoning Worksession, 7:00 p.m., Community Center |
| Monday, July 8, 2019 | – City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Center |
| Thursday, July 4, 2019 | – Holiday – City Offices will be closed |
| | – Benson's Annual 4th of July Celebration – Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. with the parade and will run all day long at Lions Park. The City's fireworks show will begin at 8:30 p.m. followed by a dance until 10:00 p.m. concluding the celebration. For a full schedule of the event go to www.cityofbensson.com under "City Events". |
| Saturday, July 12, 2019 | – Dive in Movie "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG) Gates open: 7:00 p.m. Movie Starts: 7:30 p.m. Capacity : 100 |
| July | – Summer Recreation Programs – The Recreation Department offers many activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let's Cook Camp• Volleyball Camp• Wrestling Camp• Tennis Camp• Kartchner Caverns State Park• Dance & Cheer Camp• Arts & Crafts |

More activities and programs are in place. Information on activities and camps are available at www.cityofbensson.com under "City Events".

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- 1a. Minutes of the May 20, 2019 Special Meeting
- 1b. Invoices processed for the period from May 30, 2019 through June 12, 2019

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Diaz. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 18-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving and authorizing the extension of a Court Consolidation Agreement with Cochise County (“County”)**

City Manager Vicki Vivian stated this resolution approves and authorizes the one-year extension of the 2016 Court Consolidation Agreement by and between the City of Benson and Cochise County to continue as a consolidated Municipal Court and Justice Court, adding the Court Consolidation agreement reflects a full definition of roles and responsibilities and there are no changes to the agreement. Ms. Vivian also stated that during the course of the year, all cities and counties will be meeting to discuss getting a full report on how revenues and expenses are attributed to each city, so for that reason it is only a one-year extension.

Vice Mayor Konrad asked if the agreement is usually a three-year agreement with Ms. Vivian stating it has varied in the past, adding in 2012 was a one-year term, then in 2014 it was a two-year term, and in 2016 a three-year term, noting the agreement is typically a multi-year agreement. Ms. Vivian then stated the contract was only extended for one-year so cities could get more information.

Councilmember Maldonado moved to approve Resolution 18-2019. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 5-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 19-2019 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, adopting the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) pension funding policy and accepting the City’s share of assets and liabilities under the PSPRS actuarial valuation report; and directing the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Finance Director, or their duly authorized officers and agents to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution**

Finance Director Seth Judd stated as part of House Bill 2097 which the legislature passed on April 3, 2018, each city or town in the State of Arizona is required to adopt a policy to address the unfunded portion of their liability with the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Mr. Judd then stated a recommended policy was put out by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns along with the amounts of the unfunded liability for the Police and Fire Departments across the State. Mr. Judd then stated the recommended policy is what has been brought before Council which sets the City’s goal at the end of Fiscal Year 2036, adding the plan states that the City will continue to pay the recommended amount provided by the state each year because the state includes the amortization of the unfunded liability in the rates they charge. Mr. Judd also stated this is not something that is set in stone, adding it will be brought before Council every year.

There was no Council discussion.

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to approve Resolution 19-2019. Seconded by Councilmember Diaz. Motion passed 5-0.

4. **Discussion during and/or after presentation by City staff of City Finances, with emphasis on April 30, 2019 financial results, current year budget process, and the City’s financial position at April 30th, 2019**

Finance Director Seth Judd stated he will be going through the numbers for April, 2019 and will be comparing Fiscal Year 18 (FY 18) and FY 19, adding for a point of reference, 83% of the fiscal year has passed as of April 30th. Mr. Judd then stated for the month of April, the City brought in \$1,017,090 compared to \$1,202,739 last year, which is a decrease of \$185,649, adding there were grant funds that attributed to that. Mr. Judd then stated year-to-date the City brought in \$10,269,702 compared to \$9,695,926 last year, which is an increase of \$573,776. Mr. Judd then stated expenses for the month of April last year were \$750,299 compared to this year \$762,489 which is an increase of \$12,190; then stated year-to-date expenses were \$8,538,432 compared to last year \$8,201,078, which is an increase of \$337,354, noting there were grants and capital expenses that took place this fiscal year. Mr. Judd then stated the net position in April, 2019 is \$254,601 compared to \$452,440 last year, which is a decrease of \$197,839. Mr. Judd then stated year-to-date,

there was an increase of \$236,422, noting this year was at \$1,731,270 compared to last year of \$1,494,848. Mr. Judd then stated the budget has been passed and is ready to go, adding the property tax will be discussed at the July 8, 2019 Council meeting.

There was no Council discussion.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Tricia Gerrodette, Eagle Ridge Drive, Sierra Vista, said she would like to congratulate Ms. Vivian for the wonderful way of reporting information that is happening in the City, adding all the information was enclosed in the packet. Ms. Gerrodette stated she would like to make sure there was something on record for the public in the future, adding she believes the community is wondering what is going on with the Villages at Vigneto. Ms. Gerrodette stated there has been a lot of back and forth with the 404 permit, adding the Fish and Wildlife Services have recently upheld their approval from last year, and she believes the Corp of Engineers will be reissuing the 404 permit. Ms. Gerrodette stated as part of legal action regarding the 404 permit, the attorneys have asked to be notified 30 days ahead of the Corp of Engineers reissuing the permit, noting they would like the opportunity to protest before any dirt gets moved because it causes irreparable harm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Konrad moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Maldonado. Motion passed 5-0.

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk