

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD AUGUST 14, 2017 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 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor King then introduced Pastor Kirk Sorenson with the First Assembly of God, who offered the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Joe Konrad, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, Levi Garner, David Lambert and Lori McGoffin. Absent was: Councilmember Crystal Lewie.

Mayor King then stated Councilmember Lewie had submitted her resignation. City Clerk Vicki Vivian then stated Ms. Lewie's resigned because she was moving out of town and she felt it would not be fair to remain on the Council. Ms. Vivian then stated announcement of the Council vacancy was on the City's website and would be published, adding anyone wishing to be considered for the appointment would need to fill out an application and an affidavit, with the deadline for filing being Thursday, August 17, at 4:00 p.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: None

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor King asked Councilmember Garner to read a proclamation of the Mayor and Council declaring the month of August, 2017 as "Child Support Awareness Month."

Mayor King then asked Councilmember Lambert to read a proclamation of the Mayor and Council declaring the month of August, 2017 as "Drowning Impact Awareness Month."

Mayor King then read a proclamation of the Mayor and Council declaring August 13-19, 2017, as "National Health Center Week." Mayor King then stated this proclamation was also read today at the groundbreaking of the new Chiricahua Health Center attended by the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

David Thompson, La Cuesta, Benson stated the Council has the opportunity to select a new Councilmember, adding he saw the ad in the paper, but he is not running so he's not promoting anyone, but he hopes the Council takes into mind who is involved with the City, who cares about the City, who comes to meetings and has things to say and not just show up once in a while to support their own agenda. Mr. Thompson then stated a Council position is for the City and if someone wants to be on the City Council, they need to pay attention to the City, to the other people on the Council and they need to bring some integrity and honor to the position. Mr. Thompson then stated he was asking the Council to carefully select this person. Mr. Thompson then stated on a different subject, he was working on 4th Street and saw a billboard that mentioned the Cornhole Association, adding he didn't know what it was, so he looked it up and found it was a bean bag tossing game and not a new midnight promotion of CAVE radio.

Tricia Gerrodette, Eagle Ridge Drive, Sierra Vista, stated she hasn't seen the Council for a while, but that will change over the next few months as things heat up on Vigneto. Ms. Gerrodette then stated for any Benson residents who may not know, County Supervisor Pat Call has a radio program he conducts every Friday and last Friday, City Manager Bill Stephens, was interviewed. Ms. Gerrodette stated if anyone wants to listen, they can go

to the website www.fridayfocusmorningshow.com, and find the City Manager's interview, adding it was a good interview.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager William Stephens addressed Council, giving the dates of upcoming meetings and events.

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| Tuesday, August 22, 2017 | – Community Watershed Alliance, 6:30 p.m., City Hall |
| Monday, August 28, 2017 | – City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall |
| Monday, September 4, 2017 | – Benson City Pool – Wrap up Pool Party! Monday, September 4 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Free Admission! Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary |

Pool hours and the pool activity schedule is available at www.cityofbenson.com

Holiday – City Offices Closed

Vice Mayor Konrad stated on behalf of several people who have reached out, he would like to express gratitude for the way the pool has been operated this summer. Mayor King then stated school recently started and there were no traffic incidents, adding he appreciated all the people involved, including the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda

- 1a. Appointment of David Garrett to the Board of Appeals
- 1b. Appointment of Scott Solares to the Benson Planning & Zoning Commission
- 1c. Reappointment of Joanne Sturgeon to the Historic Preservation Commission
- 1d. Invoices processed for the period from July 11, 2017 through August 4, 2017

Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 27-2017 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving the updated Intergovernmental Agreement supporting the continued operation of the Cochise County Tourism Steering Committee

City Manager Bill Stephens stated the City has been a participant of a regional tourism effort, known as the Cochise County Tourism Council (CCTC), led by Cochise County for close to 20 years and it includes all local governments in the county except Huachuca City. Mr. Stephens stated the work of the body is governed by the Cochise County Tourism Commission Steering Committee (CCTSC) consisting of the City/County Managers of each participating jurisdiction and since its inception, the County has served as fiscal agent for the cooperative effort. Mr. Stephens then stated the CCTC has traditionally hired an external consultant to develop and implement the regional tourism strategy, purchasing and placing ads, designing collateral materials and pitching stories about the County, but in discussions among members, it was determined that transferring the fiscal agent responsibility to the City of Sierra Vista would allow the program to take advantage of efficiencies and to access resources through Sierra Vista's more robust Marketing and Public Affairs Office staff to better plan and utilize the resources contributed by each of the participating jurisdictions. Mr. Stephens stated in addition to utilizing their in-house staff, the City of Sierra Vista would hire a part-time marketing specialist dedicated to the work of the CCTC, noting the revised IGA incorporates the change in fiscal agent, and also includes updated legal language, as well as a clearer description of the CCTSC to more accurately depict the policy level direction appropriate for the governing bodies. Mr. Stephens then stated the CCTC will then establish their own operating guidelines. Mr. Stephens then stated on July 13, the CCTSC approved the attached IGA for placement before the

governing bodies of each participating entity, and noted the contributions historically made by each of the jurisdictions have not changed. Mr. Stephens then stated Benson's contribution of \$10,011 will remain the same and is included in the FY2018 budget and noted the City's designated representative is Bob Nilson.

Mayor King asked the Mr. Stephens, the City Attorney and Tourism Supervisor Bob Nilson if they had any comments on the IGA with all stating they reviewed it and agreed with the terms. Councilmember Lambert then moved to approve Resolution 27-2017. Seconded by McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 28-2017 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, approving and authorizing the expenditure of Public Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$35,359.00, to allow Cochise County ("County") to proceed with the construction of improvements to City streets pursuant to the January 25, 2005, Intergovernmental Agreement with the County**

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated due to rainfall, it's almost impossible to make it into the wastewater treatment plan without a 4-wheel drive. Mr. Hamilton then stated this project would be to prep and chip seal Harvest Way from Darby to the Wastewater treatment plant, adding fixing the problems now while Cochise County is chip sealing Darby helps lower the cost of the project. Mr. Hamilton then stated the last time any work was done on the road was in 2002.

Councilmember Boyle moved to approve Resolution 28-2017. Seconded by Councilmember Garner. Motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No comments from Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST:

Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk