

SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 10 2020, AT 25 SOUTH CENTRAL STREET, COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Joseph Allred.

Roll call showed present: Mayor Joseph Allred and Council Members Alma Hammon, Ralph Johnson, Joanne Shapley, Anthus Barlow, and Jeffery Jessop, Donald Richter (by phone)

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2020 executive and regular meeting were presented with no corrections noted.

Motion was made by Alma Hammon to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 executive session and regular meeting. There was a second from Jeffery Jessop, and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INFORMATIONAL SUMMARIES

Dalton Barlow addressed the Council and expressed his concern about the many non-working vehicles that are being parked on the side of the streets. Staff assured him that they are working on that issue, and that Taylor Barlow will be looking in to it.

Darlene Stubbs addressed the Council and wondered if it is ok to remove the campaign signs along the roadside now that the election is over. Vance replied that now the election is over they can be removed, but seven days are allowed for the candidates to remove them themselves, then after that we can take them down. He also said we must leave the signs of those who have qualified for the general election.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, AT 5:30 P.M. FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL ADVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARS 38-431.03.

Anthus Barlow made a motion to set an executive session in advance to discuss pending or contemplated litigation, claims and demands to be held Monday, September 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. MDT in Accordance with ARS 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) for discussion and consultation with legal counsel for legal advice and/or for negotiations. The motion was seconded by Jeffery Jessop and passed unanimously.

PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department

Building Official Andrew Barlow reported that he has spent a lot of time walking applicants through the applications. He said most permits are running smoothly through the Citinspect software, and there were 44 different applications received in June and July.

He reported that the CDBG projects are going well, that the Mohave west project is nearly complete with the curb and the asphalt laid. The Mohave east project is moving forward with the installation of the curb, sidewalk, and handicap ramps. He said that our application for the 2020 SSP project was approved by ADOH, but they have run out of funding. He said it is possible our project could still be done if more funding becomes available, but if not, we will just update our application and re-submit it next spring. He said we will be looking for projects with community-wide benefit that will qualify.

Public Works/Landfill

Public Works Director John T. Barlow informed the Council that the Mohave west project is complete, and the Mohave east project is ready for asphalt. He said they have generated a lot of road base material for the projects, and they have finished the second layer of chipseal on Barlow, Carling, and Maple St. projects, and completed the parking lot project for the Water Canyon School.

They are now working on the trailer park project and the Hammon St. project and will begin doing chipseal next week. The crew will also begin the Uzona Zion Lodge project the coming week.

John reported that the new garbage truck we purchased a year ago for the landfill is still being fixed, and we have not had one day of work on it yet. He said there is something wrong with the computer program, and they are working with the factory to get the issues resolved.

Utilities

Utilities Manager Harrison Johnson reported that he has been busy with water quality improvements and maintenance. He said they have shifted some of the duties of the staff within the department as a cost saving measure. Athena Cawley will replace Vincen Barlow as Town Recorder, but they will be under the necessity of hiring one more administrative assistant.

Harrison reported that they have been reviewing the sewer rates, which are high compared to surrounding communities. They are considering using a yearly average to calculate the monthly rates so there is not so much fluctuation in the billings.

He was asked if they are still pursuing the use of canyon water. Harrison replied that the UEP Trust is willing to donate some water rights. He said that the engineers are still doing a review trying to determine where the water is and the quality of the water, but we will have to drill a pilot well to really know. Mayor Allred expressed his concern of the obstacles in drilling in the canyon and expects there will be some protest to developing in the canyon area.

Administration

Town Manager Vance Barlow reported that we have begun the audit process for this year and will be doing field work next week. He has been in contact with the AMRRP regarding re-entry into the pool for our insurance coverage. He said it is looking promising, but we still have a lot of work to do, including a complete review of the IGA's with Hildale, which we are currently working on.

Vance reported that most of the normal trainings scheduled for the summer and fall have been canceled due to covid-19, but many of these trainings are available online. He reported that the Planning Commission and staff are continuing a detailed review of the Land Division Ordinance and will be working on some clarifications and updates as well as looking for potential conflicts with the zoning ordinance. He has spent a lot of time on land use issues and working with the citizens on complying with the zoning and other codes as we move into the future with the development in the community.

He said the staff under the direction of Mayor Allred is continuing a review of the Personnel Policies Manual and will be bringing some recommended changes to the Council at a future meeting when the review is completed.

Police Department

Police Chief Robb Radley informed the Council that the work on the new Marshal's Office building is now focused on the exterior of the building with the outside doors recently being painted and the fencing in the front being removed. He said they are working on the sprinklers as well and will soon be able to begin landscaping.

At this time Deputies Shear, Wilkinson, and Erb are currently working through the waiver process and have just a couple items left to finish in the process. Deputy T. Barlow has been able to return to light duty after the dog bite incident.

Chief Radley reported on an agency assist call out to Cane Beds on July 26, 2020 in which a resident pointed a handgun at the officers, which ended in one shot being fired by one of our Deputies. The resident was transported to the hospital and released after his injury was determined to be non-life threatening. Once he was released, he was booked into jail on felony assault counts. At this time the investigation and internal investigation are near completion.

CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC

Chief Radley explained that the Marshal's Department has a critical need to update and increase the availability of tasers to the officers. He said it is important to have a less lethal option for the officers to use in the field and the taser option has proven to be a very effective solution. The Department currently has a few obsolete tasers that are not functional.

In researching the options and pricing it appears that the Taser 7 is the best choice for the Department to acquire and implement. The total cost to outfit the department is \$29,885.97 which includes the units with accessories and training. Axon Enterprises will finance the purchase over 5 years which is the expected life of the units. Chief Radley said he has secured some grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will cover the initial payment, and he indicated that it is likely that we can obtain more funding in the upcoming years that will help cover the cost.

There was some discussion, and Robb explained that Axon will train us and certify a trainer for us which will be a help as the officers must receive training every year.

Motion was made by Anthus Barlow with a second from Jeffery Jessop to approve financing the tasers from Axon Enterprises, Inc. There was unanimous approval

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL FOR TRAFFIC & ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

Chief Radley presented again and reported that he has been working on a concept for dealing with traffic and animal complaints. He explained that most of the complaints involve dirt bikes (ATV's) and dogs, and it is difficult to intervene when the incidents are taking place as they often happen fast those involved quickly move on.

Robb introduced a concept for using an internet portal where citizens can upload images with a brief description of the incident, and the officers can then follow up. The concept would also use social media to try to get identification on individuals or animals.

There was considerable discussion, and it was suggested that this include a designated bike route in order to give people the opportunity to comply.

Darlene Stubbs was invited to express her thoughts, and she asked if the submission would go on facebook. Robb replied that any complaint would go to the Department's website initially. Darlene expressed her willingness to work with the dirt bike club and encourage the young people to be in compliance.

Robb explained that this item is for discussion and direction at this time as the staff does not want to invest a lot of time and energy into developing the portals, etc. unless it is agreeable to the Council. The Council expressed their approval of the idea and suggested sending out a flyer with the utility bills so that the parents would be aware.

BUDGET REPORT AND ORDER TO PAY DUE CLAIMS

The Council reviewed the budget report and a detailed report of the due claims. We are at the beginning of a new fiscal year.

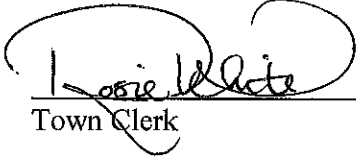
Motion was made by Joanne Shapley to pay the due claims as they become due and as funds become available. It was seconded by Alma Hammon, and all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of Colorado City held on the 10th Day of August, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2020.


Town Clerk

