



Mayor James L. Deermer called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, lead the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor James L. Deermer, Vice Mayor Emma Q. Moser and Councilmembers Cecilia C. McCollough, Alejandro M. Bejarano and Lisa J. Jameson establishing there was a quorum present.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Rodney L. Rinehart, Deputy Town Clerk Becky J. Hopkins, Interim Police Chief Jeff Philpot, Judge Russ Jones, Fire Chief Mark Rivera and Public Works Director Joseph Grant.

**Guests:** Ed & Sally Hawley, Juell & Vera Barker, Frank & Vickie Bornt, Johnnie Altstatt, Frank Hibbard, Ginger Hammack, Carol Finrock, Sal Garcia, Alejandro Frann and Rafael Cortez.

- **Call To The Public** – Ginger Hammack, candidate for Yuma County Supervisor, encouraged our residents to attend the Rail Corridor meeting tomorrow at 9:00 presented by YMPO. She also complimented our Local Law Enforcement agencies on keeping our school zone safe, referring to a recent incident reported in the Yuma Sun.
- Mr. Barker inquired about how to get an item placed on our agenda. He wants the purchase of a tanker truck to be placed on our agenda often because if you aren't reminded of the issue, it get lost in the shuffle. He also asked that the Council direct the staff to look into cost and funding for a pumper truck so we can make it a priority in our next budget sessions.
- Mr. Barker was thanked by the Council for a very flattering Letter to the Editor he wrote to the Yuma Sun which was published.
- **Department Head Reports**
  - A. Police Department
  - B. Magistrate & Court Department
  - C. Fire Department
  - D. Public Works Department

The Police Department, Town Magistrate, Fire Department and Public Works Department heads gave the Council a summary of their Department's current activity.

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. For the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2012
  - B. For the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2012
  - C. For the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2012

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emma Moser, seconded by Councilperson Jameson to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of August 7, 2012, April 3, 2012 and June 5, 2012 as corrected. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

**2. Discussion and possible action to accept Gila Ranch Road into the Town's street system with the provisions that Mr. Dallas Self will maintain the road.**

Mr. Dallas Self addressed the Council in regards to the Gila Ranch Road. Mr. Self explained the improvements he has made to the road. Eventually he plans to ask his neighbors along this road to help him form a Community Facilities District which will evenly distribute the cost to property owner in this area.

There was a suggestion to install End of Town/County Maintenance signs.

Mayor Deermer wants to see the agreement drawn up by an attorney. Vice Mayor Moser commented that she wants our attorney to reassure the Council about the extent to which the Town will be liable if we accept Gila Ranch Road into our street system.

Mr. Self informed the Council that his agreement assures the Council that if he happened to sell the property or if he should die, this agreement and the responsibility goes with the property.

Councilmember Jameson asked how many neighbors he has and do they support this proposition. He told Councilmember Jameson that he has 75 – 80% support.

Vice Mayor Moser still wants our attorney to sign off on this agreement.

Fire Chief Rivera said the Town's Fire Department recently responded to an accident in this area and it took them over 15 minutes to get on site because of the condition of the road, mainly the hills and dells which are very close together and there a distinct possibility the ladder truck would get high watered between the hills and dells due to the length of the truck.

Council wants an agreement before they approve this request.

**3. Overview of new Election Law and the upcoming Election in March/May 2012.**

Deputy Town Clerk Becky Hopkins handed out a print out on the 2013 Primary and General Election Information.

This printout summarized when our Primary and General Elections will take place, what terms will have to be filled, terms of Office and when Candidate Packets will be available.

**4. Discussion and possible action to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance's request to hold their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit at the Community Center on Saturday, October 20, 2012 and to review and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bejarano, seconded by Vice Mayor Moser to approve Tri-Valley Ambulance's request to hold their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit at the Community Center on Saturday, October 20, 2012 and to review and approve their request for a Special Event Liquor License as required by Arizona Liquor Control. Voice vote 5-0, motion carried.

## **5. Other Reports**

Vice Mayor Moser reported on a cooperative program between the elementary schools and the Yuma Food Bank called the Food Backpack Program. The Town has volunteered to return the backpacks the first of each week to be refilled for return to the schools on Fridays.

Mayor Deermer reported the Wellton Branch Library Friends have raised money to purchase a shade for the employee parking. The Main Branch Library as said no. Mayor Deermer asked Town Manager Rinehart to take another run at it.

## **6. Manager's Report**

Town Manager Rinehart informed the Council that the front office is going through a transition phase. We are upgrading our financial, water billing and cash receipting software. He also informed the Council he is working on getting County 11<sup>th</sup> Street pushed through from Avenue 31 at 11<sup>th</sup> street west to the intersection of Avenue 29 (William Street), across the street from Jack in the Box. He is trying to acquire all the right-of-ways along 11<sup>th</sup> street. He also noted that the Border Patrol has offered to help by applying water to the road until it can be surfaced.

## **7. Executive Session**

**A. For legal, real estate or personnel Matters pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03, Section A (1), (3) And (7).**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting reconvened to regular session and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

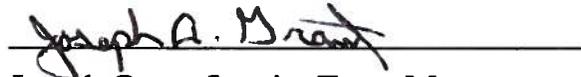
Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2013



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James L. Deermer, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held August 21, 2012 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



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Joseph Grant, Interim Town Manager