



**TOWN OF EAGAR**  
**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING &**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

July 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 22 WEST 2ND STREET**

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**MINUTES**

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Mayor Steve Erhart called the regular meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Erhart requested that the record show all Councilmembers are present except for councilman Phelps and Vice-mayor Tucker. Mayor Steve Erhart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ray Hamblin offered the invocation.

**5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mayor Steve Erhart stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was nice, and that the manager can give an update on that.

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager stated that for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade we had 82 entries and of the 82 17 of them participated in any water majority of the participants in the parade did not want to be in water. Butler Street is moving right along, they are knocking out the last bit of the driveway pans and will be paving the last 2 inches of asphalt hopefully next week. The pond looks very nice and we got our first mowing of grass done, and the Racquetball Courts siding is being done and looks nice we have been receiving a lot of compliments. There was a house fire on Sunday. Our response times were excellent and had assistance from Greer and Alpine. The owner of the house was transported and released sadly a dog was lost. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July went exceptionally well the rodeo went very well and all were heavily attended for it being a Tuesday.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk stated that we are getting ready to plan more events we have started on the Scarecrow contest and Halloween-ie. I will be working with Springerville on Halloween and will give the council an update at the next meeting. Also wanted to let the council know that I have officially received my certificate for Municipal Clerk.

Dayson Merrill, Police Chief stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade went well we had a few isolated incidents with water balloons and one complaint on Facebook overall, I think it went well. Staffing at PD we are up to 7 sworn officers and just started a lateral last Monday and another starting the academy, we are also looking to hire a lateral in the next couple of weeks.

## **6. OPEN CALL TO PUBLIC**

Terry Shove stated that the Boys & Girls Club chamber closes in a month and that John Goldshot that normally did our advertising couldn't this year. The stolen ATV has been replaced and the Boys & Girls Club did acquire the old pack shack building by donation. August 8<sup>th</sup> school starts, and the first football game will be against Morenci.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 2023
- B. APPROVAL OF MAY 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF MAY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Bryce Burnham  
Ray Hamblin

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. DISCUSSION OF FINAL BUDGET AND ADDENDUM FOR FISCAL 2023-2024

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to go into Public Hearing at [at 6:10 p.m.]. Councilor Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Ray Hamblin  
Bryce Burnham

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to go back into Regular Session at [at 6:13 p.m.]. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Bryce Burnham  
Ray Hamblin

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2023-2024

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal 2023-2024. Councilor Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Bryce Burnham  
Ray Hamblin

### B. PRESENTATION FROM ROUND VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING A BOND

Slade Morgan, School Superintendent stated he and Cass Pond are here to discuss the bond.

Cass Pond stated that the school is wanting to go out for a bond that will be on an upcoming mail in ballot. We are going out for a \$15 million bond the last bond the school went out for was in 2008 ad 2009 it takes 20 years to pay off. It will be paid off at the end of this month. We are needing to do some critical building repairs, provide updated technology, purchase school busses, improving school grounds and updating the HVAC system. The plan is pay the new bond in two payments we will do \$8 million in 2024 and \$7 million in 2027. Taxpayers will go up to approximately \$37.39 per 100,00 per capita in market value.

### C. DISCUSSION INSTALLING STOP SIGNS ON HAMBLIN STREET AND 2ND STREET AND HAMBLIN STREET AND 1ST STREET FOR NORTH AND SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager stated that Hamblin Street residents started a petition to have stop signs placed back at the intersections on Hamblin Street. I visited with the police department and Slade Morgan, and we do agree that for the safety of the kids the stop signs should be replaced.

### D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-07 GRANT ACCEPTANCE TO GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk stated that this resolution is to approve for the awarding of the ambulance from Gila River in the amount of \$249,219.00. It is a two-year phased grant, and I should start receiving paperwork and first payment by the end of August.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 for grant acceptance to Gila River Indian Community. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Bryce Burnham

Ray Hamblin

**E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-08 TO  
UPDATE AUTHORIZED SIGNORS TO THE NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS**

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 to update authorized signors to the National Bank Accounts. Councilor Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes:     Steve Erhart  
                     Debra Seeley  
                     Brandon Slade  
                     Bryce Burnham  
                     Ray Hamblin

**F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A BINGO APPLICATION FOR  
VFW POST 8987**

Jessica Vaughan stated that the VFW is wanting to bring back BINGO. By state statute the application has to be approved or denied by the local government.

Councilman Brandon Slade made a motion to approve the BINGO application for VFE Post 8987. Councilwoman Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes:     Steve Erhart  
                     Debra Seeley  
                     Brandon Slade  
                     Bryce Burnham  
                     Ray Hamblin

**G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GOING OUT TO BID FOR  
PROPANE SERVICES FOR TOWN FACILITIES**

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve going out to bid for propane services for town facilities. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes:     Steve Erhart  
                     Debra Seeley  
                     Brandon Slade  
                     Bryce Burnham  
                     Ray Hamblin

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to adjourn at [at 6:42 p.m.]. Councilman Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote:            Ayes:     Steve Erhart

Debra Seeley  
Brandon Slade  
Bryce Burnham  
Ray Hamblin

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on July 18, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk