

TOWN OF PATAGONIA
SPECIAL COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M. MARCH 22, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR ISAKSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT; Mayor Isakson, Council Members Murrietta, Stabile and Reibslager. Vice-Mayor Wood arrived during the budget discussion.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Town Manager Teel, Deputy Clerk Van Nest, Marshal Patterson,

Public present included Klein, Montoy

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF ON DRAFT 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mr. Teel conducted a review of the draft budget and current situation:

State shared revenue: State shared revenues include an increase of \$12,042 in general fund items and \$7,087 for the HURF representing a total increase of 4.4% in shared revenues. Comparative figures are as shown below:

Item	VLT	HURF	SALES TAX	INCOME TAX	TOTAL
2017	70,940	\$92,105	\$83,814	\$183,606	\$430,464
2018	\$77,541	\$99,192	\$84,593	\$188,268	\$449,594

This compares favorably with the current consumer price index increase which is 2.74% for the 12 months ending in February. Unfortunately there are several areas of the town revenues that are not doing as well and have the potential to offset the good news.

Town Revenues: These include Fines which are currently running \$20,000 behind last years level,

Building permits are very slow and show little likelihood of increasing in the coming year and franchise fees are continuing a downward slide as a result of increasing energy efficiency with no growth in customers.

The present draft still shows an optimistic number for Fines and for building permits and a cautious increase for our town sales tax and these figures will probably need adjustment prior to final adoption.

Town Expenditures: All expenditures have been held at a minimum level except for the 3% salary increase previously discussed. This represents an increase of \$14,904 excluding any amount for the Judge and Manager. I have included replacement of one marshal vehicle (we really need 2) but none of the other capital items on our wish list. Judge Bracamonte has reported we have to pay \$3,500 for a court audit this year, apparently required every 3 years

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The end result: With those caveats, the draft budget is presently out of balance by \$22,000 in the general fund and the HURF fund has a shortfall of \$6,000 which may increase as we get more refined numbers from the county on repaving costs.

One item that Marshall Patterson and I are currently exploring is going to the county for some assistance. The basis for our request will be the amount of assistance that we provide to the Sheriff's department in the form of back-up and support. They frequently have only one officer patrolling all of the area in the northeast part of the county and all other officers are many miles away. We believe our back-up is a very significant safety factor for their department and one which contributes greatly to the wear and tear on our vehicles.

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL MAY BRING FORTH TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, AND IF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE MAYOR, THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE ON WHETHER TO PLACE THOSE ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-5-5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA ARIZONA. THE COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TOPICS OTHER THAN TO VOTE TO INCLUDE THEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA. A.R.S. §38-431.02(H).

4. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Mayor Isakson moved to ADJOURN.

SECOND: Council member Stabile

VOTE: The Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 with Council Members voting as follows:

AYES: Mayor Isakson, Vice-Mayor Wood, Council Members Murrietta, Stabile and Reibslager

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes of a Special Council Budget Workshop Meeting held March 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2017.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST _____
Town Manager
