TOWN OF PATAGONIA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

7:00 P.M. - SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER--The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wood at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL/THIS MEETING WILL HAVE PARTIAL REMOTE PARTICIPATION WITH LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

PRESENT: Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting,

Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Robinson and Marshal Patterson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Debbie Robinson, Robert Gay, Kevin McKay, via Zoom Meeting, Jenny Fiore, Brent Musslewhite, Denise Bowden, David Budd, Pat Risner, Sarah Richman, Jennifer St. John, J. Sun, Philip Brister, Bruce Bracker.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Mayor Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. CORRECTION AND OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M. WITH PARTIAL REMOTE PARTICIPATION WITH LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Stabile moved to approve the minutes from The REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M. WITH PARTIAL REMOTE PARTICIPATION WITH LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO REASONABLE TIME AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS. THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5- 6. PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION.

No one spoke.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

6. MAYOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS. AT THIS TIME THE MAYOR MAY WISH TO CALL UPON THE COUNCIL OR STAFF FOR CURRENT EVENTS OR MONTHLY REPORTS.

Mayor Wood reported that the decision to open the Public Bathrooms will wait a little longer. Everyone’s safety is a priority. Road construction will be put into two phases, one beginning mid to end of October and the second phase mid April 2021. Town Manager Robinson recognized Kevin McKay and thanked him for the artistic work done on the new Council/Court Chambers Bench with a round of applause.

7. STAFF REPORTS ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES WITH POSSIBLE DIRECTION BY COUNCIL:

* FINANCIAL REPORT--IN BOOKS
* POLICE REPORT: Marshal Patterson met with Mayor Wood Vice-Mayor Stabile and Town Manager Robinson to discuss use of force policy and from that discussion more training and more certifications are occurring. Our Marshal’s Department is constantly working on policies to operate by and keep all safe.
* PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS: David Budd wants to stay close & in touch with The Town Council in regards to having a Workshop Meeting to discuss proposed changes to The Town Plan. He also said the P & D Committee is looking at SEAGO’s website under economic Development and determining what parts will work for us to put an Economic Development Plan together for our Community. Mayor Wood asked if including local business owners on advisory council would be good. David Budd said it’s a consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. SOUTH32 WILL PROVIDE DATA IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER RECEIVED AUGUST 12, 2020 FROM MAYOR WOOD. THEY WILL ALSO PROVIDE DATA ON A USB DRIVE. SOUTH32 WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED AS WELL AS A PROJECT UPDATE.

Pat Risner responded to Mayor Wood’s letter of August 12, 2020. He said that they would provide what is and is not included in the response. Letter attached. He also mentioned South32 was working on a new means of communication. They are restarting activities onsite and have 2 drilling rigs active. They are working on COVID safety controls. There is no Federal EIS statements needed and there is not a wastewater treatment plant onsite. They use portable restrooms. They are starting a well monitoring program focusing on neighbors in a 3 mile radius of their site. Mr. Risner also talked about their upcoming Open House at the Football field of PUHS on October 20, 2020. He also mentioned South32’s grant opportunity window is closing

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September 30, 2020. It is to help non-profits that have been adversely effected by COVID-19. No strings attached, they are just here to help. Mayor Wood asked if their protocols for the open house would include a signup sheet. In case of a COVID outbreak it would make back tracing quicker. Melanie Lawson said they would.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE FLOOD & FLOW COMMITTEE SIGNED BY CAROLYN SHAFER, TO THE ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & FORESTRY MANAGEMENT FOR THE LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF BORDERLANDS RESTORATION NETWORK.

**MOTION:** Mayor Wood moved to approve A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE FLOOD & FLOW COMMITTEE SIGNED BY CAROLYN SHAFER, TO THE ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & FORESTRY MANAGEMENT FOR THE LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF BORDERLANDS RESTORATION NETWORK

**SECOND:** Council Member Finch

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

**MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to approve THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

**SECOND:** Vice-Mayor Stabile

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DECLARING OCTOBER AS "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH".

**MOTION:** Council Member Murrietta moved to approve THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DECLARING OCTOBER AS "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH".

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**MOTION:** Council Member Reibslager moved to approve PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

13. **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 TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA CODE. 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).

There were no topics.

14. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Council Member Reibslager moved to adjourn

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 5-0 vote, with Council Members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Member Finch, via Zoom Meeting, Council Member Reibslager and via teleconference, Council Member Murrietta

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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The meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

I hereby confirm the forgoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held September 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

APPROVED:

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Mayor Andrea Wood

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk/Manager Ron Robinson