1. CALL TO ORDER—Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

 2. ROLL CALL/THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM MEETING. Mayor Wood present, Vice-Mayor Stabile present, Council Members Finch & Claverie present and Council Member Reibslager present via zoom.

 STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Robinson

 PUBLIC PRESENT: Debbie Robinson, Linda Shore, Carolyn Shafer, Robert Gay, Marilyn Majalca, Joni Stellar, Kate Peak, Lt. Peña & via zoom George Wysopal, Sarah, Philip Brister, Georgette Laurouy.

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

 4. CORRECTION AND OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:

A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

**MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to approve the minutes from A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE TIME SET BY THE COUNCIL 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. Lt. Peña of Santa Cruz County Animal Care and Control clarified non-domestic impounds. He explained that when a wild animal is on your property and you call, their response will be handled on a case-by-case basis. They will work out the details with the caller. They have had a lot of calls concerning skunks. If they know there is rabies they will respond immediately. Game and Fish have jurisdiction over wildlife, however when it is difficult for Game and Fish to respond, SCC Animal Care and Control have the equipment to respond to animals such as skunks, snakes, foxes, and coyotes. There were questions asked and answered. One was about a no kill shelter. Lt Peña said that they are at 75% now and need to be at 90% to be a no kill shelter. They are receiving State funds and are working toward that end. His goal is to become a no kill shelter before he retires.

 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. No one spoke.

 7. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES. In the books.

**OLD BUSINESS**

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT SCOTT STANLEYS BID OF .63 PER SQUARE FOOT OF A PORTION OF PITTSBURGH AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PARCEL NUMBERS 106-37-022 & 106- 37-025 IN BLOCK C AMENDED PATAGONIA TOWNSITE LOCATED AT 373 SANTA RITA AVENUE OWNED BY SCOTT STANLEY. THE PITTSBURGH SQUARE FOOTAGE IS 4500 SQUARE FEET (60’X75’) FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF $2,835.00. THE SALE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. §28-7204 & HAS BEEN POSTED FOR 60 DAYS AND THERE ARE NO CLOSING COSTS TO THE TOWN.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to ACCEPT SCOTT STANLEYS BID OF .63 PER SQUARE FOOT OF A PORTION OF PITTSBURGH AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PARCEL NUMBERS 106-37-022 & 106-37-025 IN BLOCK C AMENDED PATAGONIA TOWNSITE LOCATED AT 373 SANTA RITA AVENUE OWNED BY SCOTT STANLEY. THE PITTSBURGH SQUARE FOOTAGE IS 4500 SQUARE FEET (60’X75’) FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF $2,835.00. THE SALE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. §28-7204 & HAS BEEN POSTED FOR 60 DAYS AND THERE ARE NO CLOSING COSTS TO THE TOWN.

**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 Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS “BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN PATAGONIA.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS “BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” IN PATAGONIA.

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN PATAGONIA.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to APPROVE A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN PATAGONIA.

**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 Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR WOOD DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-21, 2023, AS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to APPROVE A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR WOOD DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-21, 2023, AS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK.

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**DISCUSSION:** Council Member Finch mentioned that current funding of the Library Budget is provided by Friends and is equal to 25% of the overall budget. Throughout the State the Town of Patagonia is in the top five libraries in funding per capita of population.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 12. PARA PRESIDENT CAROLYN SHAFER WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE COUNCIL AN UPDATE ON LEGAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT WATER AND BIODIVERSITY FROM REALITIES OF 21ST CENTURY MINING. Carolyn gave an overview of her handout explaining the issues PARA was objecting to. See attached.

 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN MAYOR SIGNING A LETTER TO EPA ASKING THAT THE AGENCY EXCERCISE ITS OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

**MOTION:** Mayor Wood moved to table this item.

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Wood said the County will have a Study Session with ADEQ at their Regular Board Meeting next Tuesday and she and the Town Manager will attend to gather more information.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TRADING PROPERTIES WITH THE LENON FAMILY PARTNERSHIP. THE LENON FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WOULD TRADE THEIR PARCELS 106-35-063 IN BLOCK F OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE AND PARCEL 106-35-064 IN BLOCK H OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE FOR THE ALLEY WAY BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES IN BLOCK P, PARCELS 106-37-035A & 106-37-035B OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE SOUTHWEST.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to APPROVE TRADING PROPERTIES WITH THE LENON FAMILY PARTNERSHIP. THE LENON FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WOULD TRADE THEIR PARCELS 106-35-063 IN BLOCK F OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE AND PARCEL 106-35-064 IN BLOCK H OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE FOR THE ALLEY WAY BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES IN BLOCK P, PARCELS 106-37-035A & 106-37-035B OF THE PATAGONIA TOWNSITE SOUTHWEST.

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion among members to clarify property locations.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY APPLYING FOR A USFS COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT TO BUILD FIRE BREAKS AROUND THE PATAGONIA AREA.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY APPLYING FOR A USFS COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT TO BUILD FIRE BREAKS AROUND THE PATAGONIA AREA.

**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 Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT TESS WAGNER’S RESIGNATION FROM THE FLOOD AND FLOW COMMITTEE. TESS’ KNOWLEDGE OF WATERSHEDS WAS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE COMMITTEE AND TOWN. SHE WILL BE MISSED.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to ACCEPT TESS WAGNER’S RESIGNATION FROM THE FLOOD AND FLOW COMMITTEE. TESS’ KNOWLEDGE OF WATERSHEDS WAS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE COMMITTEE AND TOWN. SHE WILL BE MISSED.

**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 Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

 17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW THE TRAILRIDERS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA USE PORTIONS OF DR. MOCK PARK FOR THEIR RV TOY HAULER PARKING.

 **MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to ALLOW THE TRAILRIDERS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA USE PORTIONS OF DR. MOCK PARK FOR THEIR RV TOY HAULER PARKING.

**SECOND:** Council Member Reibslager

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Reibslager moved to approve payment of accounts payable.

**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 Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

19. **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).

Item #13 to be placed on October 11, 2023, agenda.

 20. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mayor Wood moved to adjourn

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Finch & Calverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:36 PM.

 I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held September 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

 APPROVED:

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 Andrea Wood, Mayor

 ATTEST:

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 Ron Robinson, Town Clerk