



**TOWN OF PATAGONIA PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING I.D. 957-511-4862 PASSWORD 338501**

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 & Admin Assistant Summer Smith
PUBLIC PRESENT: Debbie Robinson, Robert Gay, Jon Tate, Keith Dennis, Cornelia O’Conner, Philip Brister, Maggie Urgo, Elvia Gallagher, Asterian Mosley, Patrick O’Neal, Meg Gilbert.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Mayor Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. CORRECTION AND OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:
A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2024, 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 JANUARY 24, 2024, 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 & Claverie 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. No one spoke.
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 reports



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

NEW BUSINESS

8. CALL TO ORDER THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE REGIONAL CDBG AND COLONIAS SET ASIDE CDBG GRANTS. The Town is expected to receive approximately \$440,128.00 in FY 2024 federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA). CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum, and blight or address urgent need. Citizen input on the use of the CDBG funds is one of the purposes of the Public Hearing. The Town may also seek up to \$1,900,000.00 in Colonias Set Aside CDBG funds (projects to be shovel ready). Examples of possible uses include the following:

- 1) Public infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, street improvements);
- 2) Community facilities (e.g., parks, health clinics, libraries, senior or youth centers);
- 3) Housing (e.g., owner-occupied, or multi-family rehab, utility connections on private property, new housing constructed by a non-profit);
- 4) Public services (e.g., paying the salary of an additional staff person to expand a Head Start program, purchasing a van to transport persons with disabilities, equipment and rent to start a new job training program); and

1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER—Mayor Wood opened the Public Hearing
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS—Keith Dennis, the Executive Director of the southeastern Arizona Government Organization (SEAGO) gave an overview of both the SEAGO CDBG Regional Grant and the Colonias Set Aside Grant. The Regional Grant is every 3 years and is a guaranteed grant but with the above guidelines. Colonias is every 2 years and a competitive grant within the 4-county jurisdiction of SEAGO and has a 1.9-million-dollar availability for those that qualify. The difference between them is regional can include design and engineering and Colonias has to be a shovel ready project meaning all engineering, design and permits are ready and the job either has a contractor or can immediately put out to bid. Listed below are the projects requested:

1. Provide Low Income remodel Apartments for Teachers at Old Main.
2. Provide Funding for the Senior Center to have a walk-in cooler/freezer.
3. Provide for Town Sponsored and Paid internet for all.
4. Provide funds to build on to Cady Hall or build a new larger community center.
5. Provide Funds to pave all dirt roads in Town to redirect water and lower dust pollution.
6. Community Homes of Patagonia would like funds to build two housing projects on a land trust they own for low to moderate income families.



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7. The Town of Patagonia proposed a planning grant for the Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Phase 2 and the balance of funds for a new water line down Harshaw Ave. to the Property South32 is trading the Town for.

Projects for The CDBG Colonias Set Aside Grant

1. The Town has a Shovel Ready Waterline Replacement Project on Rothrock Alley replacing 1965 steel and galvanized water service lines.
3. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**—Mayor Wood closed the Public Hearing and Opened up Regular Session.
 9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**
MOTION: Council Member Reibslager via zoom, 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 & Claverie and Council Member Reibslager via zoom.
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None
 10. **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). No items.
 11. **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:
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NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: None



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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 PM.

I hereby confirm the forgoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes from a Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing held February 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th Day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Wood", is written over a horizontal line.

Andrea Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Robinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron Robinson, Town Clerk