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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie present.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Robinson, Admin Assistant Smith.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Debbie Robinson, Robert Gay, Joni Stellar, 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 AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 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 AND PUBLIC HEARING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**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. Joni Stellar spoke to Item #12 encouraging the Council to vote yes and she is available to answer any questions from the Council.

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 mention that She, Vice-Mayor Stabile, and Town Manager Robinson attended the ADEQ Public Comment Hearing at PUHS on the Air Quality Permit submitted by South32/Hermosa on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR WOOD SENDING A LETTER TO SCOTT VANDEGRIFT, KERWIN S DEWBERRY, AND DAISY KINSEY ALL WITH THE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST A DIVISION OF THE USDA, MAKING THEM AWARE THE TOWN IS A PARTICIPATING AGENCY IN THE FAST41

PROCESS AND WILL BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE NEPA SCOPING DEVELOPMENT.

**MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to approve MAYOR WOOD SENDING A LETTER TO SCOTT VANDEGRIFT, KERWIN S DEWBERRY, AND DAISY KINSEY ALL WITH THE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST A DIVISION OF THE USDA, MAKING THEM AWARE THE TOWN IS A PARTICIPATING AGENCY IN THE FAST41

PROCESS AND WILL BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE NEPA SCOPING DEVELOPMENT.

**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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY GUIDELINES MANUAL REGARDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEE DONATION OF SICK AND VACATION HOURS.

**MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY GUIDELINES MANUAL REGARDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEE DONATION OF SICK AND VACATION HOURS.

**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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE THE FINAL STUDY SESSION REVIEWING THE DRAFT CHANGES TO CHAPTER 7, BUILDING IN THE PATAGONA TOWN CODE.

**MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to SCHEDULE THE FINAL STUDY SESSION REVIEWING THE DRAFT CHANGES TO CHAPTER 7, BUILDING IN THE PATAGONA TOWN CODE.

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Wood asked if March 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm worked for everyone, and all agreed. An Amended motion was made by Mayor Wood to;

“Schedule the final Study Session for Chapter 7 Building on March 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm”.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SOUTH32/ARIZONA MINERALS, INC.

**MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to adopt ORDINANCE 24-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SOUTH32/ARIZONA MINERALS, INC.

**SECOND:** Mayor Wood

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Wood asked Town Manager Robinson to explain what’s next. Town Manager Robinson said this ordinance allows the Town and South32 to exchange deeds for the properties at Harshaw Avenue for South32 and the end of the Southern Pacific Railroad right of way the Town owns in the County. This gives the Town land to build affordable housing on. Council Member Reibslager asked for clarity on who would build this affordable housing. Town Manager Robinson said the Town would be the contractors and when the Council finalizes the amendments to Chapter 7 building which includes tiny homes and containers to be used as dwellings, the Town could really provide affordable housing at affordable rents with lower construction costs. Mayor Wood said the Town would rent these properties.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE USE SECTION ‘A’ OF THE PATAGONIA CENTRAL PARK GAZEBO ON MAY 4, 2024, FROM 12:00 TILL 5:00 PM, TO CELEBRATE PATAGONIA MAY DAY FEATURING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES EXEMPLIFYING THE NATURE BASED RESTORATIVE ECONOMY UPON WHICH OUR RESILIENT FUTURE DEPENDS. THEY REQUEST THE NON-PROFIT RENTAL RATE OF $100.00.

**MOTION:** Council Member Claverie moved to allow PATAGONIA AREA RESOURCE ALLIANCE USE SECTION ‘A’ OF THE PATAGONIA CENTRAL PARK GAZEBO ON MAY 4, 2024, FROM 12:00 TILL 5:00 PM, TO CELEBRATE PATAGONIA MAY DAY FEATURING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES EXEMPLIFYING

THE NATURE BASED RESTORATIVE ECONOMY UPON WHICH OUR RESILIENT FUTURE DEPENDS. THEY REQUEST THE NON-PROFIT RENTAL RATE OF $100.00.

**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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW VICE-MAYOR STABILE SEND A LETTER TO GOVERNOR HOBBS CONCERNING WATER ISSUES IN OUR AREA.

**MOTION:** Council Member Finch moved to allow VICE-MAYOR STABILE SEND A LETTER TO GOVERNOR HOBBS CONCERNING WATER ISSUES IN OUR AREA.

**SECOND:** Council Member Claverie

**DISCUSSION:** Vice-Mayor Stabile mentioned he thought this letter is a good idea.

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

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

14. 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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

15. **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.

16. **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 Reibslager, Finch & Claverie.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 PM.

I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes from a Regular Council Meeting held February 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

APPROVED:

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Andrea Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ron Robinson, Town Clerk