



CITY OF COOLIDGE
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • MAY 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

7:00 PM

911 S. Arizona Boulevard, Pinal County, Coolidge, AZ 85128

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Invocation - Pastor Michael Holmes with Reach USA Church

There was no invocation given.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jon Thompson	Mayor	Present	
Jacque Hendrie-Henry	Vice-Mayor	Present	
Jimmy Walker	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Hudson	Councilmember	Present	
Rob Hudelson	Councilmember	Present	
Tatiana Murrieta	Councilmember	Present	
Joseph Marsh	Councilmember	Present	

Also present were City Manager Rick Miller, City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons and City Clerk Norma Ortiz.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Introduction of Newly Hired Employees for the City of Coolidge. **Discussion Only**

HR Analyst Venessa Perea introduced the new hires for the City of Coolidge to include: Chelsea Garcia, Court Clerk for the Courts, William "Bill" Borgards, Code Enforcement Officer for Development Services, Bailey Murrieta, Trey McHugh, Garrett Schumacher and Brandon Yeoman, Firefighters for the Fire Department, Victoria Knight, P/T Library Page for the Library, Mario Palacios, Police Officer for the Police Department, Michelle Wilder and Rosa Valdez-Garcia Transit Driver/Dispatchers for the Transit Department, and Kassandra Palacios, Recreation Coordinator for the Recreation Department. Mayor and Council welcomed all the new hires to the City of Coolidge. There was discussion.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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5. Monthly Report and Business Spotlight Recognitions by the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce. **Discussion Only**

Chamber Director Parsons recognized Dragon City Restaurant for being selected as "Business Spotlight" for the month of May 2018, and advised that no one could be present for the recognition. Ms. Parsons then gave the monthly Chamber report for the month of March 2018; and advised of upcoming meetings/events for the month of May 2018. There was discussion.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Oscar Rodriguez who resides at 213 W Palm Ct was present to comment on the recent meeting between the Military Honor Park and the Performing Arts Center Committee, stating he provided a copy of the minutes to Mayor Thompson asking him to review them, and expressed his frustrations with the Memorial and Veterans' Day celebrations not being held in Coolidge this year due to the outcome of the meeting.

Ms. Ruth Phares a resident of Coolidge for 7 1/2 years was present to comment on her love for Coolidge, stating her and her husband came to this City to retire, but, that lately all you see is a lot of negativity on social media about the community, admitting that she has also got caught up in the negativity, and mentioned that she recently found a rock on the ledge of the local Dollar Tree that read "Be Kind to Others, Cool Town Rocks and God Bless You" asking the public to be kind and good to one another, as well as asking the citizens to support their town, the police, the fire and the community.

Commander Ronnie Smith with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 36 was present to thank the Mayor and Council for all their support to the veterans, and gave a brief summary of all the types of services the DAV offers to support and assist the veterans' in the community, stating their goal is to not stop until each veteran is adequately cared for, and, that this could not have been possible without the help of the City of Coolidge and the citizens of Coolidge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Council considered approval of the minutes for the regular and special meetings held in April 2018. There was no discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Walker, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jacque Hendrie-Henry, Vice-Mayor
AYES:	Thompson, Hendrie-Henry, Walker, Hudson, Hudelson, Murrieta, Marsh

6. City Council - Budget Meeting - Apr 9, 2018 5:30 PM
7. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 9, 2018 7:00 PM
8. City Council - Special Meeting - Apr 16, 2018 7:00 PM
9. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 23, 2018 7:01 PM

BUSINESS - ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Council considered approval of Consent Items #10 through #14, as presented. There was no discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jacque Hendrie-Henry, Vice-Mayor
SECONDER:	Steve Hudson, Councilmember
AYES:	Thompson, Hendrie-Henry, Walker, Hudson, Hudelson, Murrieta, Marsh

10. Consider Approval of Declaring City-Owned Items as Surplus Property for Disposal and for Auction; All Funds Received Credited to the General Fund. **Discussion and Action**

11. Consider Approval of Declaring City-Owned Items as Surplus Property for Disposal and for Auction. **Discussion and Action**
12. Consider Approval of Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) to Purchase and Install Playground Equipment in Landmark Ranch. **Discussion and Action**
13. Consider Approval of Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) to Fund the Coolidge Emergency Housing Repair Program. **Discussion and Action**
14. Consider Approval of Ratifying the Submission of an Application to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) to Develop an Archaeological Study Identifying Potentially Sensitive Sites Within the City of Coolidge. **Discussion and Action**

BUSINESS - REGULAR ITEMS

15. Presentation by the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce on Their Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Proposal for the Same Funding Amount of \$55,000 from the City. **Discussion and Action**

Chamber Director Lynn Parsons and Chamber President Richard Rosales were both present to give a brief presentation on their proposed budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, and reviewed a short power point presentation on the Chamber's goals for the upcoming year. There was discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Hudson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jacque Hendrie-Henry, Vice-Mayor
AYES:	Mayor Thompson, Vice-Mayor Hendrie-Henry, Councilmember Walker, Councilmember Hudson, Councilmember Hudelson, Councilmember Murrieta, Councilmember Marsh

16. Consider Approval of Changing the Insurance Providers for Medical and Life Insurance from Cigna to Blue Cross Blue Shield; Changing the Provider for Dental from Cigna to Principal, and Remaining with the Avesis Provider for Vision; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents. **Discussion and Action**

City Clerk Ortiz advised Council of the recommendation to change the providers for the City's medical, dental and life insurance plans for the upcoming 18/19 fiscal year, by recommending a change from Cigna to Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical and life insurance, and from Cigna to Principal for dental; and introduced Mr. Eric Johnson with G.L.J. and Associates who gave a brief review on the recent medicals claims with Cigna, the proposals received from the various providers, and summarized the proposed changes between the two (2) plans that will be offered to City employees. There was discussion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Walker, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Rob Hudelson, Councilmember
AYES:	Mayor Thompson, Vice-Mayor Hendrie-Henry, Councilmember Walker, Councilmember Hudson, Councilmember Hudelson, Councilmember Murrieta, Councilmember Marsh

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR-COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER

Mayor Thompson congratulated the newly appointed firefighters for the Coolidge Fire Department; commented on attending the annual Police Department Awards Banquet; and stated that the City is looking into doing something on salaries for all employees.

Vice-Mayor Henry apologized for not being able to attend the Fire Fighter Graduation Ceremony and the Police Department Awards Banquet due to a prior engagement, and, echoed on all the congratulatory comments made by Council; thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for all that they do for the community; thanked the teachers and staff for keeping the schools open during the "Teacher Walk-Out"; and advised of the recent passing of Mr. Olan Williams who was a long-time resident of Coolidge and who served on City boards for many years.

Councilmember Walker extended his condolences to the family of Don Kirk who recently passed; and commented on recent National Appreciation Days to include Teacher Appreciation May 8th, Firefighter Appreciation on May 4th, Police Officer Appreciation on May 13th and May 18th; and that he attended the Police Department Awards Banquet congratulating all who received an awards.

Councilmember Hudson also apologized for not being able to attend the Police Department Awards Banquet due to a prior engagement.

Councilmember Hudelson wished a belated Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers who do so much for their families.

Councilmember Murrieta commented on attending the Police Department Awards Banquet, stating it was a very nice event.

Councilmember Marsh commented on attending the Fire Fighter Graduation Ceremony, stating ti was a really great event; the Pinal County Memorial for Fallen Officers; the Coolidge Police Department Awards Banquet; the Pinal County Town Hall; wished a belated Happy Momma's Day to all the mothers; encouraged the public to take the time this week to "thank" the police officers, firefighters, military and correctional officers for all their hard work and dedication to their professions.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to Adjourn

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Walker, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jacque Hendrie-Henry, Vice-Mayor
AYES:	Mayor Thompson, Vice-Mayor Hendrie-Henry, Councilmember Walker, Councilmember Hudson, Councilmember Hudelson, Councilmember Murrieta, Councilmember Marsh

Jon Thompson, Mayor

I, Norma Ortiz, City Clerk of the City of Coolidge, Pinal County, Arizona, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held May 14, 2018. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Norma Ortiz, City Clerk

The above and foregoing was acknowledged before me by Norma Ortiz, who is the City Clerk of the City of Coolidge, Arizona.

Notary Public