

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELOY  
628 NORTH MAIN STREET  
JANUARY 28, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**Staff Present:** Harvey Krauss-City Manager; Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney; Mary Myers-City Clerk; Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director; Keith Brown-Public Works Director/City Engineer; Christopher Vasquez-Police Chief; Rus Ketcham-Library Director; Brian Wright-Finance Director; Sylvia Payne-HR Director; Roger Valdez-City Magistrate; Michelle Tarango-Police Lieutenant

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joel Belloc called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Ashley Espinoza.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Clerk, Mary Myers led Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Mayor Joel Belloc; Vice Mayor Micah Powell; Councilmember George Reuter; Councilmember Andrew Rodriguez; Councilmember Dan Snyder; Councilmember Jose Garcia; Councilmember J.W. Tidwell

Council Members Absent: None

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Mayor Belloc recognized Justice of the Peace, Judge Brett Eisele, and City Magistrate, Judge Roger Valdez who were in the audience.

2. Councilmember Snyder gave a brief report on the following meetings he recently attended:
  - Pinal Partnership Breakfast Meeting - January 24<sup>th</sup> in Florence
  - Urban Land Institute Trends Day – January 25<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix
3. Mayor Belloc announced that several members of the Council will be attending the annual Legislative Day, February 4<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix. He asked Mrs. Myers to post a public notice about the upcoming event. Mrs. Myers informed Mayor Belloc that the notice has been posted and a city vehicle reserved for Council.
4. Vice Mayor Powell conveyed that Congressman Tom O'Halloran was an invited guest speaker at the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration last Monday. He said Congressman O'Halloran is the only politician that he is aware of who has come to this event and stayed to participate in the march. Vice Mayor Powell said he really appreciated Congressman O'Halloran doing this.

Vice Mayor Powell said he is getting complaints from residents about the weed growth in the city.

5. Councilmember Rodriguez said he's also received complaints about the weeds. He conveyed that he's notice some kind of white substance on the bricks of three of the new entrance signs. He asked staff to please look into this matter.
6. Councilmember Reuter thanked Mr. Krauss and Mr. Brown for working quickly to put in a four-way stop at Shedd and Tumbleweed Roads. He said there has been a number of accidents and excessive speeding in the area.

Vice Mayor Powell wanted to know when the stop signs were put in.

Councilmember Reuter said the signs will be installed in a couple of weeks.

7. Mr. Krauss announced the following communication to Council:
  - Council retreat, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Robson Ranch, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
  - Airport Advisory Board met January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss additional taxiways for t-hangars. The board directed him to explore the possibility of the city advancing the construction of the t-hangars rather than through private investment. There was also discussion about the proposal for an airport business plan that the board recommended pursuing.

## **VI. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

**Ms. Cassandra Montijo – 213 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street** - Ms. Montijo, who represents the Eloy Santa Cruz Little League, asked Council if they would consider doing some repair work inside the concession stand (patching of holes and painting) at the park.

Mayor Belloc told Ms. Montijo that he will direct Mr. Krauss to look into the matter and report back to Council.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session requested by Council or staff.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes: 1/7/19 (special) & 1/14/19 (regular)
- B. Council authorize the Eloy Police Department to accept and expend the FFY 2018 Operation Stone Garden grant as specified by the Notice of Funding Award from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda items as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**IX. BUSINESS**

**A. ACCEPTANCE THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT AS COMPLETED BY HEINFELD, MEECH & CO. P.C.**

**Staff Cover Sheet Report:** Council accept the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit as completed by Heinfeld, Meech & Co. P.C.

*The City's audit firm, Heinfeld, Meech & Co. P.C., has completed its annual audit of the City of Eloy financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Brittney Williams, with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., will present the annual audit and highlight any significant findings to the City Council.*

*This is the fifth year in which Heinfeld, Meech & Co. has audited the financial statements for the City of Eloy. The auditing staff was very professional and met all of the required timelines, which allowed the City to submit successfully the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ending June 30, 2018 to the Government Finance Officers Association for consideration for the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement. If the City receives this award, it would be the sixth year in a row for this award.*

*In the management letter for the period ending June 30, 2018, our auditors noted two findings that if improved, would further strengthen the City's accounting system, control over its assets and compliance with laws or contracts. Those areas dealt with*

*reporting of federal awards and capital assets. A response letter, from staff, is provided in the packet on ways to improve the findings. City staff strives to resolve all recommendations made by the City's auditors with the goal of improving the City's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance matters.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *No fiscal impact.*

Mr. Wright introduced Ms. Brittany Williams from Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C., who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the city's audit for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to accept the fiscal year 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit as completed by Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C., passed unanimously.

**B. APPROVAL TO SPEND \$194,339.90 TO MIGRATE THE OLD CISCO COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH/RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUPPORTED BY GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE NEXT GENERATION COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH RECORDS/EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, TAC-10, SUPPORTED BY GLOBAL PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**Staff Cover Sheet Report:** *Council authorizes the Police Department to spend \$194,339.90 to migrate from the City's 22-year old CISCO computer aided dispatch/records management system supported by Global Public Safety to the next generation Computer Aided Dispatch Records/Evidence Management System, TAC-10, supported by Global Public Safety.*

*The Police Department's current Cisco Computer Aided Dispatch and Records/Evidence Management system was put into service in 1996. In 2011, the Cisco product was purchased by Harris Computer Corporation and added a "Software for Life" provision to its business model under the Global Public Safety business unit. In staff's review and consideration of other options for this purchase, we were made aware of the "Software for Life" benefit and the cost savings we would receive by simply migrating to the latest iteration of the Global Public Safety (GPS) flagship product, TAC-10.*

*During discussions with GPS, we also learned that the twenty-two (22) years of data gathered in the Cisco product would be migrated to the TAC-10 product as part of the project. In discussion with other vendors, the topic of data conversion was short-lived due to the high cost of conversion between disparate systems.*

*As part of the "Software for Life" provision, the Department will receive credit (\$67,640) towards the purchase of the costs for the necessary licensing for use of the product. Along with the implementation of the TAC-10 system, the integration*

*includes Next Generation 911, NCIC/ACIC systems, GPS location services, integration with ADOT Tracs, automation of departmental forms, integration with RAIDS Online, and is fully NIBRS compliant. The purchase includes onsite and online training, system installation, data conversion, and onsite "Go Live" support.*

*The Department staff believes this migration is the most cost effective way to update the twenty-two (22) year old CAD system.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *Funding for the Cisco to TAC-10 migration amount of \$194,339.90 was included within the FY2018-2019 budget for Capital Improvement Projects.*

Chief Vasquez gave a technical presentation on his department's request to upgrade its old CAD system. Chief Vasquez and Lieutenant Tarango fielded questions from Council about the system during the presentation.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve spending \$194,339.90 to migrate the old CISCO computer aided dispatch/records management system supported by Global Public Safety to the next generation Computer Aided Dispatch Records/Evidence Management System, TAC-10, supported by Global Public Safety, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE CITY SUPPORT FOR THE WORLD CUP SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE ELOY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

**Staff Cover Sheet Report:** *Council consider appointment of a subcommittee to review and explore possible City support for the World Cup Skydiving Championship at the Eloy Municipal Airport.*

*Skydive Arizona will be hosting skydive championship events at the Eloy Municipal Airport in the fall 2019. These events attract visitors from around the country and world to Eloy. In order to capitalize on the public exposure the City receives these events, a subcommittee of the Council wishes to explore how the City can interface and partner with Skydive Arizona for marketing the community.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *No fiscal impact at this time.*

Vice Mayor Powell conveyed that he asked that this item be placed on tonight's agenda for discussion. He gave a brief overview on his and Councilmember Reuter's ideas for the committee.

Council discussed the following issues concerning creation of the committee:

- Purpose of the committee
- Who would serve on the committee (Council/citizens/businesses)
- Contributions provided by the city (in-kind services/money)
- Legal advice on adherence to open meeting laws and appointment of members
- Forming a local committee vs. a Council appointed committee
- Improving image of the city
- Inviting surrounding communities to be part of the event.

Vice Mayor Powell pointed out that he and Councilmember Reuter would co-chair the committee.

Mayor Belloc wanted to know who has promoted this event in the past.

Councilmember Reuter said Skydive Arizona has been the sole promoter of the event in the past because of their relationship with the city. He pointed out that it was he and Vice Mayor Powell who approached Skydive Arizona about the city being part of the world cup event. Councilmember Reuter said the relationship between Skydive and the Council has gotten better and sees this as an opportunity to rebrand the city.

Vice Mayor Powell said other communities have yearly events; he thought it would be good for the city to have an annual event instead of just the Fiestas to generate interest in the city.

Mayor Belloc was a little concerned that Skydive could possibly not want the city to be involved with the event.

Councilmember Reuter said there will be representatives from Skydive serving on the committee. He told Council that Skydive is totally receptive to anything the city can assist them with.

Councilmember Snyder asked Mr. Cooper should the city be concerned about promoting an event where the proceeds will go to a private business.

Mr. Cooper said it would depend on the level of support Council will give towards the event. He said the city is looking at the amount of tourism, lodging and sales tax that will be generated from this event.

Councilmember Snyder wanted to know whose event would this be; the city or Skydive.

Mr. Cooper said it is essentially Skydive Arizona's event. The city would be a partial sponsor just like the city's sponsorship of the Fiestas. The Council will have to decide what level of support the city wants to provide.

Councilmember Reuter stated Skydive does not host this event for financial reasons. This is literally a sports event that they host. He said the idea to be a part of this is to refresh the city's image, create more revenue and support a partnership with Skydive Arizona.

Vice Mayor Powell said the event would be Skydive's and the city would have activities outside the event such as an international parade, mayor's dinner, carnival, etc.

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Cooper how Council should proceed setting up the committee.

Mr. Cooper gave the following suggestions:

- Council appoint people tonight to serve on the committee;
- Direct staff to plan an item on a future agenda to form a committee; advertise for applicants; and determine the size of committee.

Mr. Cooper reminded Council that the city has an airport advisory committee that they may want to consider to serve on the committee as well.

Vice Mayor Powell stressed the importance of creating the committee now, due to the event occurring in October.

Councilmember Garcia asked is the committee strictly for skydiving or will it be more of a sports and tourism committee.

Councilmember Reuter said for now, the committee will be used for the world cup event. The committee will not be large; it will consist of several councilmembers, few members from Skydive Arizona and the Chamber. He asked Mr. Cooper can the committee grow over time.

Mr. Cooper told Council they can appoint a subcommittee tonight if they want. Since time is of the essence, he said Council can consider two motions tonight; to consider the creation of a subcommittee for possible city support for the world skydiving championship in Eloy and that the committee consist of not less 7 nor more than 15 members. The second motion would be to appoint members from the Council and possibly the Chamber to serve on the committee. Mr. Cooper said Council would have the opportunity to appoint additional member at a future meeting, but in the meantime this will get the committee up and running.

Vice Mayor Powell said his thought was to have the first meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Belloc recommended appointing a subcommittee and appointing two or three Councilmembers tonight. He said the committee can meet with Mr. Krauss and Mr. Cooper to discuss how many and who will be sitting on the committee, then bring back to Council for consideration. In the meantime the subcommittee can be meeting.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated the subcommittee will need to come up with a name.

Council discussed possible names for the subcommittee.

Councilmember Reuter said since the committee will be focusing on one event, he recommended the subcommittee be named "2019 World Cup Committee."

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Cooper for his legal opinion.

Mr. Cooper said his understanding is that a motion would be entertained to create a subcommittee for the world cup skydiving championship and appoint Vice Mayor Powell and Councilmember Reuter to the committee. There would be another motion to direct staff to post a notice inviting people to apply to serve on the committee that would be brought back to Council for consideration.

At this time, Mayor Belloc called for a motion to create a subcommittee.

Motion by Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Tidwell to appoint a subcommittee entitled, "World Cup Skydiving Championship" to evaluate the needs for a future committee to look into enhancing the city's visibility at the world cup event, passed unanimously.

Mayor Belloc called for a motion to appoint two members of Council to the subcommittee.

Motion by Councilmember Tidwell, seconded by Councilmember Snyder to appoint Vice Mayor Powell and Councilmember Reuter to the subcommittee, passed unanimously.

Mayor Belloc directed staff to post a notice on the city's website inviting people to apply to serve on the committee.

**D. APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PINAL COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE ELOY MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE ELOY JUSTICE COURT, AND ACCEPTING CITY OWNERSHIP OF THE JUSTICE COURT SITE AT 801 NORTH MAIN STREET IN ELOY,**

**ARIZONA PURSUANT TO A QUIT CLAIM DEED APPROVED BY PINAL COUNTY AS PART OF THIS IGA.**

**Staff Cover Sheet Report:** *Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pinal County providing for the consolidated administration and operation of the Eloy Municipal Court and the Eloy Justice Court, and accepting City ownership of the Justice Court site at 801 North Main Street in Eloy, Arizona pursuant to a quit claim deed approved by Pinal County as part of this IGA.*

*As part of the redistricting of the Justice Court system, Pinal County is in the process of renovating the Central Pinal Justice Court within the City of Coolidge, and limiting its operations at the Eloy Justice Court. This redistricting, as well as the need for the City to renovate the existing Council Chambers to meet court standards generated the concept of consolidating the Eloy Municipal Court with the Eloy Justice Court.*

*Over the past few months staff has been in discussions with the County Manager and representatives of the Pinal County Justice Court regarding the consolidation of the Municipal Court with the Eloy Justice Court. The purpose of the consolidation is to reduce the future capital and operating costs for both courts. Based upon these discussions, City and County staffs have agreed upon the terms and conditions for the court consolidation.*

*Generally, the IGA provides for Pinal County to transfer its ownership interest in the real property at 801 N. Main Street to the City of Eloy pursuant to a quit claim deed approved by Pinal County as part of this IGA. City employees employed by the Eloy Municipal Court, except the Magistrate Judge, will be hired by the County at rates of pay equal to or greater than their current compensation, and the employees will be transferred to "non-competitive" positions with the transfer of continued years of service, with no new probationary period.*

*The initial term of the IGA will commence on March 24, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and will be automatically renewed for terms of two years, unless terminated by either party. During the initial term of the IGA, the operational costs of the consolidated court, i.e. utility costs, personnel costs, insurance, supplies, and phones, will be funded 65% by the County and 35% by the City. After the initial two-year term, the operational costs will be divided by the County and City based upon the total case filings within the consolidated court.*

*Each court will retain its separate, legal identity, and revenues generated by each Court will be separately accounted for. The Presiding Judge of the consolidated court will be responsible for the hiring, promotion, demotion, discipline and discharge of the non-judicial personnel in accordance with the Pinal County Merit System Rules and Policies.*

*The IGA also provides that the City will make space available for the County Attorney including victim's services, the Public Defender and Probation staff.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *Based upon last fiscal year, Pinal County estimated that the total operational costs of the Eloy Justice Facility was \$26,669.07 (as provided below). Per the IGA, the City's annual operational costs, excluding personnel costs, would be approximately \$9,334.*

*Annual Utility Cost*

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Electricity | \$ 3,957.65 |
| Water       | 774.30      |
| Sewer       | 1,645.13    |
| Refuse      | 776.99      |
| TOTAL       | \$ 7,154.07 |

*Annual Cost of Custodial Services and Supplies Cost:  
Total = \$8,128.00*

*Annual Cost of maintenance Services and Materials:  
Total = 11,387.00*

*Grand Total of Maintenance/Custodial and Utility Costs = \$26,669.07 (City Share - \$9,334.15)*

| <i>Employee</i>              | <i>Salary</i>      | <i>Benefits</i> | <i>Total</i>     |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>County Court Clerk #1</i> | <i>\$39,024.96</i> | <i>\$13,503</i> | <i>\$52,528</i>  |
| <i>County Court Clerk #2</i> | <i>\$38,608.96</i> | <i>\$17,162</i> | <i>\$55,771</i>  |
| <i>County Court Clerk #3</i> | <i>\$37,150.88</i> | <i>\$19,805</i> | <i>\$56,956</i>  |
| <i>City Court Clerk #1</i>   | <i>\$33,176</i>    | <i>\$15,811</i> | <i>\$48,987*</i> |
| <i>City Court Clerk #2</i>   | <i>\$34,877</i>    | <i>\$28,789</i> | <i>\$62,816*</i> |
| <i>City Court Clerk #3</i>   | <i>\$44,639</i>    | <i>\$24,289</i> | <i>\$68,928*</i> |

*\*Totals in salary for the City Court employees includes a 2.5% merit increase (budgeted for FY 2018/2019).*

*Currently the City of Eloy pays 100% of the three court clerks salaries and benefits = \$180,731.*

*Adding the 3 County employees (\$165,255) plus the City's three employee (\$180,731) at 35% of the salaries and benefits will cost = \$121,095  
This is a projected annual personnel savings of \$59,636*

*PTO payout savings:*

*If City employees were to continue employment with the City and reach their maximum accruals of 600 PTO hours & without any future increases in pay, they could be paid the following:*

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|---------------------|----------|
| City Court Clerk #1 | \$9,010  |
| City Court Clerk #2 | \$10,061 |
| City Court Clerk #3 | \$12,877 |

*Currently the City Court staff utilize the time clock in Administration, which is being moved to the new City Hall and shared with Community Development. Once City Court staff moves into the new facility and if they remain City employees, the City must provide a time clock for City employees to clock in and out. This is an additional cost of over \$4,000 plus the annual fees.*

Mr. Krauss gave an overview to Council of the proposed IGA with Pinal County that would merge the administrative staff from the city court and justice court together at the justice court building located at 801 N. Main Street in Eloy. Mr. Krauss said consolidation of the courts would reduce the city's cost in personnel and eliminate the costly need to remodel the existing court room at city hall to meet Arizona Supreme Court standards. Mr. Krauss said he considers this a win-win for Eloy and Pinal County.

Mr. Krauss fielded questions from Council about the IGA.

Mayor Belloc asked Judge Eisele if he would like to offer any comments.

Judge Eisele came forward and discussed the benefits to the city and Pinal County to consolidate the courts. He also explained how both courts would work in conjunction with each other. Judge Eisele applauded everyone who was involved in putting the IGA together. He said he see no downside to the agreement.

Judge Eisele and Judge Valdez answered questions from Council concerning:

- How both courts will keep cases and monies separate;
- Hiring/firing of administrative staff;
- Monitoring of court case loads;
- Cross training of staff;
- Serving as pro tem for each other in emergency situations; and
- Change in benefits and/or salary for existing city court staff.

Councilmember Tidwell wanted to know what staff plans to do with the city court room and office area once they move to the justice court building.

Mr. Krauss said a specific use has not been determined yet. Staff is in the process of negotiating with CORE Construction. He said staff will be bringing a contract and

concept plan for the entire building to Council at a future meeting for discussion and consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County providing for the consolidated administration and operation of the Eloy Municipal Court and the Eloy Justice Court, and accepting city ownership of the justice court site at 801 N. Main Street in Eloy, Arizona pursuant to a quit claim deed approved by Pinal County as part of the this IGA, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

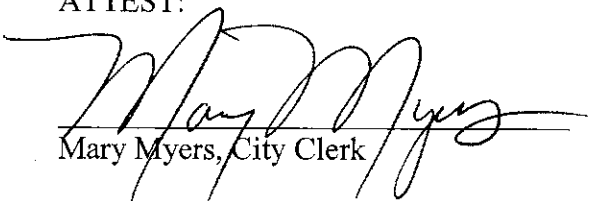
No items submitted.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Belloc adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m.

  
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Joel G. Belloc, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Myers, City Clerk