

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
OCTOBER 26, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: Harvey Krauss-City Manager; Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney; Mary Myers-City Clerk; Jillian Childress-Management Assistant; Christopher Vasquez-Police Chief; Jon Vlaming-Community Development Director; Keith Brown-Public Works Director/City Engineer; Brian Wright-Finance Director; Regis Reed-Project Manager; Jerry Stabley-Planning Manager; Sylvia Payne-HR Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joel Belloc called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Debbie Miller gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Belloc led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: None

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Vice Mayor Powell commended the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Dust Devils football team for putting on a spectacular game against Casa Grande on Friday. He said both teams showed a lot of heart and passion.

Vice Mayor Powell conveyed that the old police station was demolished this morning. He said the city is ready and looking forward to phase two of the renovation project.

2. Councilmember Tidwell thanked the parks crew for installing the Ten Commandments monument at the entrance into the memorial park.

Councilmember Tidwell conveyed that after speaking with Chief Vasquez two weeks ago regarding a sign on Frontier Street, his interpretation was correct. He thanked the public works director for putting up the correct sign right away.

3. Mayor Belloc conveyed that he recently toured the new police station. He spoke to some of the staff who all spoke very positive about the new station. Mayor Belloc thanked the Council and the citizens who supported the renovation of the police station and the new city hall. He said the new facilities are a big improvement to the appearance of the city.
4. Mr. Krauss conveyed that the community development staff held the Adopt A Street event last Saturday. Approximately 26 teams participated in the cleanup. Mr. Krauss thanked the department staff for organizing the event, and everyone who participated and made it a success.

Mr. Krauss announced that the Cemetery Committee would be having a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

A. City Council recognition of the members of the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 US Census.

Mayor Belloc announced the names of the members of the Complete Count Committee and presented certificates of appreciation awards to those present. He thanked the staff and the members for volunteering their time and efforts encouraging Eloy residents to complete the census. Mayor Belloc said 57.2% of the residents completed the census.

VI. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

John Gluch, 4945 W. Comanche Drive, Eloy

Mr. Gluch congratulated the council-elect and mayor elect on their wins. He also, thanked Mayor Belloc and Councilmember Tidwell for their years of service to the

community and their support of CoreCivic.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session requested by the Council or staff.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Powell requested item G removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

- A. Approval of Minutes: 10/12/2020 (regular)
- B. Approve Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement, IGA 19-0007305-I, with ADOT to reallocate funding from the design phase to the construction phase for the Battaglia Road – Sunshine Blvd to La Palma Road improvement project
- C. Adoption of Ordinance No. 20-899 authorizing street name changes to two streets in the Picacho Heights Subdivision.
- D. Cancellation of the December 28, 2020 regular Council meeting due to the limited amount City business occurring during the holiday season.
- E. Authorize the closing of city administrative offices on December 11, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the City's Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
- F. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-1489 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the City of Eloy for \$57,977 of grant funds to purchase a VirTra Simulator for the Police Department.
- G. ~~Authorization for the City Manager to implement 2% merit increases to all eligible employees as provided in the FY 2020-2021 Budget. (Removed for discussion)~~
- H. Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (ADLLC) for a Series 10 (beer & wine) liquor license for Xpress Fuel #1264, located at 3105 N. Toltec Road, Eloy, Arizona.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to remove item G from the Consent Agenda for discussion and approve remaining Consent Agenda items as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

G. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT 2% MERIT INCREASES TO ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AS PROVIDED IN THE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Council authorize the City Manager to implement 2% merit increases to all eligible employees as provided in the FY 2020-2021 Budget.*

During the development of the FY 2020 - 2021 Budget in May 2020, there was uncertainty on how the COVID-19 pandemic would impact city revenues. Staff planned for a 20% revenue reduction as well as a contingency plan if additional expenditure reductions were necessary. Council funded a 2% cost of living increase on July 1, 2020, which cost approximately \$117,000 plus benefits. In addition, staff included a 2% merit increase for all eligible employees in the FY 2020 -2021 budget; however, Council requested that the merit increases not be granted until revenues in the new fiscal year were monitored by staff. Fortunately, the revenue reductions anticipated due to the COVID-19 pandemic have not materialized.

Through the end of September 30, 2020, General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by 13.59% (\$445,882). This positive variance was attributed to conservative spending, along with several revenue categories exceeding budgetary expectations. For instance, State shared revenues (State sales tax, State income tax and Vehicle Licensing Tax) were 3.7% or \$205,859 above budget projections. In addition, City sales tax collections were \$94,258 above budget projections, and the average monthly collection of local sales taxes was projected at \$451,245, while September's revenues exceeded budget expectations by \$27,386 or 5.7% (\$478,631).

Since revenues have exceeded budget projections and departments continue to be conservative in their spending practices, staff recommends Council authorize the granting of employee merit pay during FY 2020-2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: *Staff estimates that the total cost to grant merit increases to employees during FY 2020 - 2021 would be \$95,000, which would fund employees in the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. Merit increases are granted at the time of the employee's annual performance review. Employees receiving acceptable performance reviews from July 1, 2020 through the end of October 2020 would receive retro pay for their merit increase of 2%.*

Vice Mayor and Councilmember Rodriguez recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Cooper explained that under state law, a conflict of interest statute also relates to family matters. In this case, Vice Mayor Powell has a spouse who works for the city and Councilmember Rodriguez has a brother who also works for the city. Mr. Cooper further explained that a conflict of interest would not only exist for the councilmembers themselves if there was a monetary interest involved. In this case, compensation to an employee, but the conflict of interest also extends to spouse, brothers, sisters and relatives.

Councilmember Snyder conveyed that he supports the 2% merit increase, but suggested using it to bring those employees classified as being below the minimum pay range into range. He said this would be based on the compensation study presented to the Council at a previous work session. Councilmember Snyder said he

does not want to get into a situation of trying to identify which employees are good performers and who are poor performers. Instead, look at it relative to positions that are not competitive with neighboring cities.

Mr. Krauss conveyed that based on the compensation study conducted and presented to the Council a while back; there are seven employees that fall below the minimum range.

Mayor Belloc wanted to know the departments of the seven employees.

Mr. Krauss said the employees are in community services, public works and administration. He said the fiscal impact to the city to bring the seven employees up to what the salary survey recommends is approximately \$5,000 annually. Mr. Krauss stated that if the 2% merit is implemented, retro to the employee's anniversary date, the impact to the seven employees; it takes four employees out. The four employees would not be impacted by the classification study. He said the other three employees would receive the increases based on the classification study that would impact the city by about \$2,000. Mr. Krauss stated that authorizing the merit increase now would take care of four of the seven employees. Three more would be taken care of before the end of the year at a cost of about \$2,000. Mr. Krauss said this is the approximate amount to implement the classification study; however, the merit increase would be for all eligible employees.

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Krauss would the salary schedule be amended because of the merits.

Mr. Krauss said the merits would not affect the salary schedule. The classification schedule would affect the salary schedule that would happen in December.

Councilmember Garcia wanted to know the effective date of the merits.

Mr. Krauss said merits becomes effective based on the employee's hire date. Employees with hire dates between July 1 and now would receive retro pay to their anniversary date.

Motion by Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to authorize the city manager to implement 2% merit increases to all eligible employees as provided in the FY 2020-2021 budget, passed 5-0.

Note: Vice Mayor Powell and Councilmember Rodriguez did not vote on this item due to conflict of interest as stated earlier.

IX. BUSINESS

A. CONTRACT WITH PCL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CLEANING AND PAINTING OF THE ELOY WATER TOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,497.00.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Approve a contract with PCL Construction for the cleaning and painting of the Eloy Water tower in the amount of \$189,497.00.*

The Eloy Water Tower was constructed in 1945 and was in service for approximately 20 years before it was replaced with a new ground mounted water storage tank and booster station in the mid-1960s. The tower has remained empty for the past 50 years and the painting has deteriorated greatly to expose the underlying metal tank in some areas.

On December 2, 2019 staff made a presentation to Council to paint the tower which included the ELOY lettering and provided a budgetary estimate of \$190,000. These funds were added to the FY 2020/21 budget. During this council presentation, staff presented two options to add lighting to the water tower. The water tower lighting project will be presented as a separate contract and council action.

Staff engaged PCL Contracting and through their Tucson Cooperative Job Order Contract No. 181807.06 (JOC) were able to receive a proposal within the budgeted amount. This is due in part by performing this work during the Booster Pump Station 1 south tank rehabilitation project. In doing this the City saves costs for General Conditions performing both project on the same site at the same time duration.

This contract contains \$18,000 for allowances to cover possible needed items such as coatings inspection, additional weld points for safety requirements during the work performed, unforeseen issues while removing old electrical and other non-essential equipment from the tower. It also contains a \$15,000 Owners Contingency. The contractor will not charge the City for any of the allowances and contingency funds that are not used.

FISCAL IMPACT: *The \$189,497 funding for this contract is available in the 2020/2021 fiscal budget, GL # 19-469-5075.*

Mr. Reed presented a PowerPoint slide show of the city's water tower that staff is proposing to have cleaned and painted by PCL Construction.

After the presentation, Mr. Reed and Mr. Brown fielded questions from the Council about:

- Removal of antennas that are no longer active
- Structural soundness of the tower
- Enlarging and painting of letters

- The high bid amount from PCL Construction (only proposal received)
- Adding lettering that would face I-10
- Post-maintenance of the tower
- Postponing the project until a structural assessment of tower is completed by an engineer
- Seeking bids from other contractors
- Seeking funds from outside resources (grants, contributors) to offset cost

Mayor Belloc expressed concerns about the structural soundness of the tower from the ground up. He strongly recommended that a structural assessment be done before spending money on the cleaning and painting of the tower. He also stressed the importance of having a design or drawing of how the tower would look. Mayor Belloc said this is a lot of money the Council is asking taxpayers in the community to pay.

Councilmember Reuter said he understands Mayor Belloc's concern, but recalls that staff had a contractor look at the tower, when the Council discussed the tower a year ago and was told that structurally the tower appeared to be in good condition.

Mr. Brown said there were three painting contractors who all looked at the tower. The consensus was that they did not see anything structurally alarming from the ground. He said an in depth inspection was not performed. Mr. Brown said staff included a large amount of contingency in case there is anything that needs to be repaired when going up to inspect the tank.

Mr. Brown said PCL Construction have a sub-contractor that specializes in repairing tanks. He said the city's underground tanks are inspected and repairs are made if needed. Mr. Brown said the sub-contractor would do the same thing with the tower. It would be inspected during the cleaning. If the contractor finds anything, it will be addressed at that time. Mr. Brown said this is why staff included a healthy contingency.

Councilmember Snyder conveyed that Council need to remember the intent of the project, which is to serve as a "sign" for the city. The tank will not have water. He said if the tower ever comes down, it would probably be due to the legs. If there is rust or bad bolts on top, he said it would not collapse unless the support structure is weakened. Councilmember Snyder said his concern would be with the support structure and the bolts at the base.

Councilmember Rodriguez wanted to know where was Council's concerns about the structural integrity of the tower when Council approved communication companies installing numerous antennas on the tank. Now that some members of the Council want to do a face-lift of the tower, there are concerns about the structure.

Vice Mayor Powell also expressed concern about the cost, but not the structural integrity of the tower. He said with all the wind and rainstorms the city has experienced over the years, if the tower were not stable, it would have been rattled by now. He pointed out that the same people who do not want to spend the money on the tower will want to spend millions of dollars on a theater. Vice Mayor Powell stated that if staff has done their due diligence and this is the best bid the city can get, Council should accept it.

Councilmember Reuter stated that he trust staff's recommendation to hire PCL Construction. However, if the company discovers any issues with the tower, to please let the city know and not ignore it.

Mr. Brown said he has already informed the contractor of this. He said \$33,000 have been put in contingency in anticipation of finding any deficiencies with the tank that would need to be repaired.

Councilmember Garcia wanted to know if \$33,000 is enough for contingency.

Mr. Brown felt confident that the amount would be sufficient, but pointed out that there is always the possibility of finding a big surprise once up there.

Councilmember Garcia asked how much time it would take to have a structural engineer assess the tower before work begins.

Mr. Brown said it would take several months or more. The company would have to get a lift and power down the electric lines, which is expensive and lengthy. He assured the Council that the contractor is very experienced in this field.

Councilmember Snyder wanted to know how long the proposal is good, if Council decides to have a structural analysis done to the tower first.

Mr. Brown said there is the possibility of PCL Construction setting a new price. He pointed out that the contractor's price is based on the fact that the company is already on site doing work for the city and a lot of their equipment and staff is already on site.

Mayor Belloc told the Council that they should be concerned about the cost and what are they willing to do to lower the cost. He said the Council has no idea what the tower and the lettering is going to look like. He also pointed out that the contractor works on tanks. They do not know the structural soundness of the tower.

Mr. Brown asked the city clerk to bring up the next agenda item PowerPoint that shows a rendering of how the tower would look after painting and lighting added. Mr. Brown said the lighting pattern would be similar to the town of Gilbert's water tower.

Mayor Belloc pointed out that the tower would be used for lighting and nothing else. He wanted to know why the Council is rushing the project. He said the Council should be giving direction to the staff to look for funding resources.

Councilmember Rodriguez said when he was first elected, he asked about the tower at a work session. At that time, a majority of the Council supported the project, but was told there was pushback from two councilmembers and nothing ever happened. When Councilmember Reuter was elected, he brought up the water tower and it came back to life again.

Mayor Belloc conveyed that staff has submitted a \$300,000 bid for Council approval for the tower project. He said the cost is too high for him and for the city. He expressed concern about the longevity and safety of the tower. Mayor Belloc stated that if something happens and the city ever goes to court, this question would be asked.

Councilmember Reuter asked Mayor Belloc where his concern about the tower was for the last 10 years. He said if there is a company that has experience doing this type of work, he believes they are qualified to assess the safety of the tower. Councilmember Reuter said he can understand Mayor Belloc's concern about the cost, but pointed out that Council had a new city hall built at a cost of \$9.0 million, a new \$7.0 million police station, and renovated Main Street. He said this project is another important step in placing the city's image in a good place.

Mr. Brown conveyed that staff budgeted \$300,000 for the project based on preliminary numbers from contractors.

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Brown has anyone physically gone up the tower to inspect the tank.

Mr. Brown said no; this is why \$33,000 is in contingency. Once the contractor goes up the tower, they will inspect the tower for possible corrosion and address it with staff.

Mayor Belloc said he likes the project, but strongly believes that a physical inspection needs to be done before proceeding with the project. He said there is no need to be in a hurry to do the work. The staff should be gathering information from other cities who have had this type of work done. Mayor Belloc said the Council should at least try to get the project done at a lower cost.

Vice Mayor Powell wanted to know the difference between spending money on the tower and spending money on the old theater. He said the structural integrity of theater is in very bad condition, yet Council is willing to spend millions of dollars renovating it instead of tearing it down.

Mayor Belloc said he supports the theater and the tower. It is the way and the amount of money the Council wants to spend that concerns him.

Councilmember Garcia was concerned about the project costing more than \$300,000. He said he would feel more comfortable knowing the condition of the tower before starting the project.

Councilmember Reuter asked staff if they believe they found the best company to do this project.

Mr. Krauss conveyed that PCL is a recognized company in Arizona and are experts in tanks. He said the reason why staff is bringing this project to the Council now for approval is that there is a cost savings now. The company is already in the city working on one of the tanks now. Doing it now means PCL does not have to come back after the city has studied it for another couple of months and have to pay for the expense of renting a lift. Mr. Krauss said the staff has confidence in PCL because they are recognized as the leader in this field in Arizona. He said the staff researched the cost and believes that it is reasonable. He pointed out that cleaning and painting the tower is going to be a lot of work. Mr. Krauss said staff would not spend more than the contracted amount without coming back to the Council for consideration.

At this time, Mayor Belloc called for a motion.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Reuter to approve a contract with PCL Construction for the cleaning and painting of the Eloy water tower in an amount of \$189,497.00, passed 5-2 by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Councilmember Reuter; Councilmember Rodriguez; Vice Mayor Powell; Councilmember Snyder; Councilmember Garcia

Nays: Councilmember Tidwell; Mayor Belloc

B. AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH PCL CONSTRUCTION TO INSTALL LIGHTING ON THE ELOY WATER TOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,767.00.

Cover Sheet Staff Report: *Council approve a contract with PCL Construction to install lighting on the Eloy water tower in the amount of \$83,767.00.*

This Council Action request is to approve a contract with PCL Construction for the water tower lighting, which would follow the clean up and painting of the Eloy water tower per a separate contract with PCL Construction.

On December 2, 2019 staff made a presentation to Council with two methods to light the Eloy water tower. Method one was similar to the Town of Gilbert water tower located in downtown Gilbert. This method provides integrated lighting on the structure and has the ability to change colors. The cost for this type of lighting was estimated at \$100,000. A second method of lighting the water tower is to provide ground mounted lighting that shines upward onto the tower. The cost for this type of lighting was estimated at \$50,000. City Council expressed interest in method one to provide a lighting system similar to the Town of Gilbert water tower with integrated lighting.

Staff engaged PCL Contracting and through their Tucson Cooperative Job Order Contract No. 181807.06 (JOC) were able to receive a proposal within the budgeted amount for method one, lighting the tower similar to the Town of Gilbert's tower.

FISCAL IMPACT: *Funding for the \$83,767 expense is available in the budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, GL #19-469-5075. A total of \$300,000 was budgeted in this line item.*

Councilmember Garcia wanted to know about the light output since his home is located next to the tower.

Mr. Reed told Councilmember Garcia that the lighting should not extend to his yard. He said the lights should stay on the tank.

Councilmember Reuter said he noticed the lights can change different colors.

Mr. Reed said yes, this is correct. There could be multiple colors on the tank at one time at different locations on the structure. Mr. Reed stated the intensity of the lights are adjustable.

Mayor Belloc called for a motion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to authorize a contract with PCL Construction to install lighting on the Eloy water tower in the amount of \$83,767.00, passed 6-1.

Note: Mayor Belloc voted no on this item.

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SECTION 2-11.2 OF ARTICLE I OF THE ELOY CITY CODE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR, AND FORMULATE A POLICY, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, ON THE TERM AND/OR CRITERIA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE MAYOR.

Cover Sheet Staff Report: *City Council to review and discuss Section 2-11.2 of Article I of the Eloy City Code relating to the appointment of the Vice Mayor, and formulate a policy, for possible action, on the term and/or criteria for the appointment of the Vice Mayor.*

There was desire among more than one Council member to review and discuss the Council policy on the appointment and term of the Vice Mayor. Section 2 - 11.2 of the City Code, which is attached, provides for the Council to appoint a Vice Mayor, who would serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The Vice Mayor would perform the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor as outlined in Section 2 -11 of the City Code during the Mayor's absence or disability. In case of a vacancy in the Office of Mayor, the Vice Mayor would fill the remainder of the unexpired term of the Mayor. Attached is Section 2 - 11 of the City Code.

At the meeting when newly elected or reelected council members are sworn into office, it has been the practice of the City Council to select a Vice Mayor. Thus, the Vice Mayor would have a two-year term and be subject to reappoint after each city election. Council members have expressed a desire to re-evaluate this practice, and to determine if this practice should be changed with the appointment of the Vice Mayor at the November 9, 2020 regular meeting when the newly elected Council members and reelected Council member are sworn into office.

FISCAL IMPACT: *N/A*

Councilmember Snyder conveyed that since being elected to office, the Council has had the same two people as mayor and vice mayor. He believed there was discussions taking place between the staff, mayor and vice mayor without any input from the Council until the meetings. Councilmember Snyder said the purpose of this item is to give other councilmembers an opportunity to become more active with staff and the community. He said he is open to the duration of the appointment, but would like to see a format put in place before November 9th. This way, the Council would have an understanding of what the term would be rather than have a discussion on meeting night with the new members.

Councilmember Reuter conveyed that he agrees with Councilmember Snyder. He likes that everyone would be involved and would help with transparency among the Council. Councilmember Reuter supported rotating the vice mayor seat because he believes that it would bring stability and motivation among the Council.

Councilmember Garcia conveyed that he voiced his opinion about this at the last retreat. He also supports the rotation, not just because it gives all councilmembers a chance to serve in the role of vice mayor, but it provides the city with an extra backup by having other councilmembers being able to step forward on days when there is an emergency and the mayor or vice mayor cannot be reached.

Councilmember Rodriguez conveyed that he sees no problem with leaving everything as is. He said he agrees with other councilmembers about the appointment going to the same councilmember every time, but pointed out that the Council voted to appoint the person each time. Councilmember Rodriguez said if the Council decides to impose a term limit, he believes it should be one two-year term per Councilmember.

Vice Mayor Powell told Mayor Belloc that it has been an honor to serve as his vice mayor for the last six years. He said he and Mayor Belloc did not always agree, but they worked together and that is what made them a great team. Vice Mayor Powell assured the Council that he nor the mayor ever kept anything from the Council when they met. He thanked Mayor Belloc for including him in discussions and allowing him to give his input when he did not have to. Vice Mayor Powell said as mayor, he would not exclude anyone. He said transparency and accountability is very important to him. Vice Mayor Powell agreed with Councilmember Rodriguez's suggestion of having each member serve one two-year term.

Councilmember Tidwell conveyed that he does not want to change policy, however, would support having a second vice mayor, but without the extra pay. He said if something has to be decided right away and the mayor or vice mayor is not available, the second vice mayor can address the issue. Councilmember Tidwell said the Council sets a limit on the term every two years when a vice mayor is appointed. He said if the Council does not want to reappoint the last vice mayor to the position, then the Council should not.

Councilmember Snyder said the city is trying to increase its footprint in the community through Pinal Partnership, EDGE, community events and organization dinners. He has noticed on several occasions in the past where the city will purchase a table for an event and the mayor or vice mayor is not there. Councilmember Snyder believes that this reflects poorly on the city, especially when he sees vice mayors and mayors from other cities in attendance. He said the makeup of the Council is changing. Most of the members will not be able to attend some of the daytime functions due to work commitments. Councilmember Snyder said it is important to have the mayor or vice mayor at some of the meetings other than just a councilmember. He said this is why he brought up the proposal of having a rotating vice mayor who can attend some of these events.

Mayor Belloc conveyed that he will not be on the Council, but whoever the Council appoints as vice mayor, the Council should be supportive of that person. He said things should be deliberated at the table. Mayor Belloc said he has always allowed issues to be placed on the agenda regardless of where he stood on the matter. He has always respected issues that Mr. Krauss brought to him about the staff and the city. Mayor Belloc said if it is the wishes of the Council to have a rotating vice mayor, he would support a two year appointment. He reiterated the importance of the Council working together and not construing disagreements as personal.

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Cooper for the wording for the motion to make the change.

Mr. Cooper conveyed that the intent is to get some direction from the Council. He said if it is the consensus of the Council at the next meeting when a new vice mayor is appointed, the Council can appoint someone who serves at the pleasure of the Council or appoint a vice mayor subject to some term of office. Thereafter, the Council would reappoint or appoint someone else. Mr. Cooper told the Council that this would be a new business item at the next meeting because it is the new Council who would appoint the vice mayor.

Mayor Belloc stated that there would be no action taken on this item.

Councilmember Snyder said he would like the Council to put a time on the position. He said when the vice mayor is appointed; the Council needs to specify the term limit at that time.

Mayor Belloc said he understood that it would be up for a vote at the next meeting.

Mr. Cooper said if the Council were looking at changing the city code, staff would have to come back to the Council with an ordinance. The new council would appoint a vice mayor and set the term limit.

Councilmember Snyder wanted to know if this meant there would be no action taken tonight.

Mayor Belloc said an ordinance is required to amend the code.

Mr. Krauss conveyed the Council does not need to change the code. This is a policy decision among the Council. Mr. Krauss said the Council could direct him to formulate a policy. If the Council wants to change the code, he would have to come back to the Council with an ordinance for approval. Mr. Krauss said the purpose of this is so the Council would know on November 9th when the appointment of the vice mayor is made, whether the Council wants the term for one year, two years or keep it open ended as it is now.

Councilmember Snyder said he does not want the term of the appointment to vary each time. He would like to have something in place for when a person is appointed on November 9th there is a policy of what the term would be for the position.

Councilmember Garcia pointed out that the new councilmembers would not have a vote on this until November 9th.

Vice Mayor Powell said the motion on the 9th would include the term of the appointment. He said the Council could discuss the policy change later.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Outside Agency Funding – Eloy Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update

Executive Director, Mr. Mark Benner, gave a brief overview of the Chamber's activities from July through September.

B. Outside Agency Funding – Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth Quarterly Report

Mr. Krauss conveyed that a representative was on the phone, via conference call set up for 2.5 hours, but the time has expired.

C. Outside Agency Funding – Sunland Visitor Center Quarterly Report

Mr. Krauss stated that Ms. Cindy Yates was also on the conference call.

D. Quarterly Financial Report – Review and Update from Finance Director of FY 2020-2021 budget through September 2020

Mr. Wright gave a very brief overview of the city's financial condition through September.

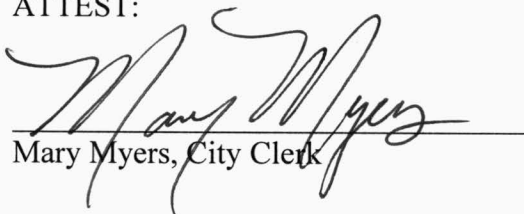
XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Belloc adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:37 p.m.



Joel G. Belloc, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Myers, City Clerk