

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
APRIL 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: David Malewitz-City Manager, Mackenzie Letcher-Assistant City Manager, Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney, Mary Myers-City Clerk, Sylvia Payne-HR Director; Brian Wright-Finance Director, Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director, Dan Symer-Community Development Director, Matt Rencher-Public Works Director/City Engineer, Byron Gwaltney-Acting Police Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Micah Powell, Vice Mayor Sara Curtis, Councilmember Sylvia G. Rodriguez, Councilmember Andy Sutton, Councilmember Dan Snyder, Councilmember Jose Garcia, Councilmember Michelle McKinley-Tarango

Council Members Absent: None

III. INVOCATION

Tonight's invocation was given by Pastor Debbie Miller.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. Scheduled - None

B. Unscheduled – None

VI. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Council Member Announcements

1. Councilmember Sutton conveyed that the Support Our Troops group from Robson Ranch recently held an event honoring Vietnam veterans and other veterans. He said over 600 flags were erected that lined the perimeter street in the community.

On April 4th, he visited the construction site for Autumn Cottages located in the 400 block of 4th Street. Demolition of the existing structures was underway, which is already making the city look good.

2. Councilmember Snyder gave a brief report on the Central Arizona Project (CAP) dinner he attended last week with several staff members. He had the opportunity to sit at the table with several CAP board members.
3. Councilmember Garcia conveyed that the First Responder Masquerade Ball, sponsored by the Sparrow Campaign was a success. The event was held at Robson Ranch on Saturday. He congratulated Kristen Childress for being named Officer of the Year.

Councilmember Garcia requested the check registry be made part of the council meeting packets again. He said he would like to know how city monies are being spent.

B. Mayor Announcements

Mayor Powell conveyed that he and Councilmember Sutton attended the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) meeting today.

Mayor Powell thanked city staff for participating in the city's semi annual Adopt a Street event held on Saturday. He said he and his wife also cleaned a street they adopted. Mayor Powell said 236 people participated, and 9,260 pounds (2.34 tons) of trash was picked up that day.

1. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child

Mayor Powell presented Ms. Sonya Soto from United Way of Pinal County, with a proclamation from the city. Ms. Soto gave a brief synopsis of the Week of the Young Child celebration.

The city clerk read the proclamation into the record.

2. Proclamation – Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Powell presented Acting Police Chief Gwaltney with a proclamation from the city. Acting Chief Gwaltney praised the department's 911 dispatchers for

their level of calmness and professionalism. He said the dispatchers receives and dispatches over 16,000 calls per year.

C. City Manager Announcements

Mr. Malewitz made the following announcements.

- A successful community yard sale was held on Saturday at Main Street Park. Each vendor made at least \$100. The next community yard sale will be June 1st. The public can contact the community services department for more information.
- Council was extended an invitation to attend a ribbon cutting for one of the city's owner-occupied housing rehabilitation homes that was recently completed. The ribbon cutting will occur this Friday, at 10:00 a.m.
- The city will host "Concert in the Park," April 19th, and "Movies Under the Stars," April 20th. This will be in conjunction with the Chamber's food truck event that night (Saturday).
- The Chamber will host a steak fry event on Saturday to raise money for the Santa Cruz Valley Historic Museum. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.
- The city pool will open to the public May 24th. The summer activity guide will be available May 1st.
- Several members of the Council inquired about the process for outside organizations seeking funding. Mr. Malewitz reminded the Council that at the budget retreat held in February, they decided that organizations would not present their funding requests to Council due to it being a lengthy process. It was Council directive to move forward with having city staff review the submittals and present a recommendation to Council. With guidance from the Council, Mr. Malewitz said staff would like to form a panel to review applications submitted by nonprofit organizations for funding requests for FY24-25. The panel would be comprised of staff and council who would review the packets and submit recommendations for Council to review with budget allocations.

Mayor Powell and Councilmember Garcia volunteered to serve on the panel.

Mr. Malewitz conveyed that organizations who submit applications would be allowed to speak during the three minute comment period.

Councilmember Snyder wanted to know would the entire Council have access to all information from the organizations or would Council just have a recommendation from the panel.

Mr. Malewitz said recommendations would be presented along with all supporting documents from the organizations.

Mr. Malewitz reiterated that not having a lengthy process was the direction staff got from Council at the budget retreat.

Mayor Powell said he prefers all the nonprofits give presentations to Council. Doing it this way gives the Council the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Malewitz suggested allowing nonprofits five minute for presentations. He said Council would still receive funding recommendations from the panel.

Councilmember Tarango wanted to know if there is any documentation from organizations that the city gave money to last year assist residents with their utility bills. She wanted to know how does the city know if the organization expended all of the money.

Mr. Malewitz conveyed that some organizations expended all of the funds given to them and some didn't. The guidelines state that organizations are supposed to report to the Council how the money was spent. This does not happen until organizations are before Council requesting for funds next budget year.

Councilmember Tarango said it's important for the Council to find out how organizations spent the money. If they are not spending it, this should affect them receiving money next budget year.

Mr. Malewitz said he would send an email out to Council that will include a copy of the application packet for Council to review, and a breakdown of the organizations who received funding and how much each group has spent to date.

Mayor Powell reiterated that he and Councilmember Garcia are interested in serving on the panel.

Vice Mayor Curtis volunteered to serve on the panel as well.

It was the consensus of the Council to have Mayor Powell, Vice Mayor Curtis, and Councilmember Garcia serve on a panel with city staff. The panel would review applications submitted from organizations for funding and bring recommendations for funding amounts to the Council for consideration.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: 3/25/2024 (regular)
- B. Council accept the resignation of Councilmember Sylvia G. Rodriguez as a non-voting ex-officio member on the Eloy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- C. Council consideration to reappoint Natasha Tidwell to the Police Pension Board, with a term expiration date of December 31, 2027.

There were no requests to remove or correct any item(s) listed under the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Sutton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (7-0).

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO: 24-969 AMENDING SECTION 19-23 OF THE ELOY CITY CODE REQUIRING A CUSTOMER TO CONNECT TO THE EXISTING CITY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN FOUR HUNDRED FEET (400') INSTEAD OF THE ONE HUNDRED FEET (100') CURRENTLY IN THE CITY CODE.**

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Staff recommends that Council adopt Ordinance Number 24-969 and amend the City Code to increase the distance required to connect to City sewer infrastructure to 400' from the current 100'.*

Section 19-23 of the City Code requires that new homes connect to the City sewer system if they are constructed within 100 feet. The individual home checklist for the Community Development Department indicates the distance at which new homes are required to connect to the City sewer is 400'. This Amendment to the City Code sets the connection distance of 400' to be consistent with the Community Development Department.

This provision would only apply to new construction. Existing homes that are already inhabited will be grandfathered in at the 100', but will still be required to connect to the sewer once the sewer line is extended to within the 100' that is in the current Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: *None*

Mr. Rencher gave a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would bring the city code into compliance with community development standards. Currently, the city code states than any residential home to be built within 100 feet of the existing sewer main has to connect to the sewer. However, community development documents indicate that distance at 400 feet. Mr. Rencher said staff propose to amend the city code to have the distance required to connect to an

existing sewer at 400 feet to be consistent with community development's standards. He said the amendment would only affect new construction and not existing homes.

Mr. Rencher fielded questions from the Council about the mandatory hookups for new construction including cost concerns for residents who would be required to hookup.

A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Sutton to read Ordinance No. 24-969 by title only, passed unanimously.

The city clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

Motion by Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember G. Rodriguez to adopt Ordinance No. 24-969 as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (7-0).

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER DESIGNEE TO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE ELOY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Consideration and Appointment of a Member of the City Council or City Manager Designee to Serve as an Ex-Officio Member of the Eloy Chamber of Commerce.*

On May 24, 2021, the City entered a Marketing Services and Lease Agreement with the Eloy Chamber of Commerce. The Agreement provides the following language in Section XVI. Performance: "In addition to this evaluation, the City Council may designate one of its members and/or the City Manager to monitor the Chamber's performance throughout the fiscal year as a nonvoting member of the Chamber's Board of Directors." Due to Councilwoman Guanajuato's resignation from the board, city council members will need to designate another council member, or the City Manager, to serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member of the board of the Eloy Chamber of Commerce.

FISCAL IMPACT: *No fiscal impact*

Mr. Malewitz conveyed that Mr. Letcher has been attending the Chamber board meetings the last few months. He said unless the Council wish to appoint a member of the Council to serve as ex-officio, he is requesting Council appoint Mr. Letcher to serve as ex-officio for the city.

Councilmember Snyder supported having the city manager or his designee serving in this capacity. He said much of the chamber activity and mission has to do with economic development, and ties in much closer to what the city is doing.

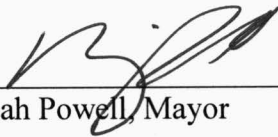
A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Tarango to appoint assistant city manager, Mackenzie Letcher as ex-officio to the Eloy Chamber of Commerce, passed unanimously by roll call vote (7-0).

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests from the Council or staff to hold an executive session.

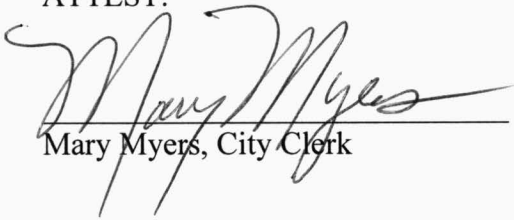
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:19 p.m.



Micah Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk