

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
595 NORTH C STREET
JULY 22, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

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

***Participated via telephone conference call**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

***Participated via telephone conference call**

Council Members Absent: None

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Powell asked for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Garcia 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

Councilmember Sutton gave the following announcements:

- July 9th – Attended the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) meeting held at city hall.
- July 10th – Attended the Pinal public transportation sub-committee meeting in Florence. He said Mr. Rencher attended the meeting via Zoom.
- July 17th – Visited with the owners of JR Market on Frontier Street. The owners are looking to open the store sometime in August.

B. Mayor Announcements

Mayor Powell reminded the public that COVID is on the rise and to protect themselves.

C. City Manager Announcements

Mr. Letcher made the following announcements:

- It is with much sadness to report that long time city employee, Francisco “Poncho” Bolaños, passed away last week. Mr. Bolaños, worked for the city for over 13 years in the public works department. Mr. Letcher said funeral services will be held tomorrow. City employees will be permitted to attend the services from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Letcher said the entire staff is sending his family their thoughts and prayers.
- The public is invited to a candidate meet and greet event on Friday, July 26th at 5:00 p.m., at the Bent Prop Saloon, located at the Eloy Municipal Airport.
- The community services department will be hosting “Funtastic Fridays” every first and third Friday of the month, starting August through next April at the Troy Thomas Community Center. Registration through the community services department is required to attend.
- The community services department will also be hosting “Movies Under the Stars” on Saturday, July 27th at 7:30 p.m., at Jones Park.
- There will be a community yard sale on Saturday, August 3rd, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Main Street Park.
- Reminded the public of the city’s primary election on Tuesday, July 30th. The city will have three polling locations for those wishing to come in the cast the vote in person. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: 7/8/24 (regular)

- B. Approval to enter into a contract with Air Comm to remove the current cellular Bi-directional amplifier (BDA) system and install a new enterprise cellular BDA system for City Hall under the AZ State contract ADSP019-00008376 for a not to exceed amount of \$60,000.

There were no requests for removal of any item(s) from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion(s).

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

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A NEW CATERPILLAR D7 LANDFILL BULLDOZER FROM EMPIRE-CATERPILLAR UNDER THE ARIZONA STATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000), PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES, FOR USE IN THE CITY OF ELOY MUNICIPAL LANDFILL TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS.**

Staff Cover Sheet Report: *Staff Recommends that Council Authorize the Purchase of the new dozer for the landfill at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000 as approved in the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.*

The current compactor at the City of Eloy municipal landfill, in operation since 2009, is well beyond its useful service life, with repair parts becoming increasingly difficult to find. Besides compacting trash within the landfill cells, this compactor is also used atop the landfill hill to push trash over the side into the cells for compaction. However, the compactor, despite having a blade, is inefficient at pushing trash over the bank's edge.

To address this issue, we recommend replacing the compactor with a bulldozer, which will more effectively push solid waste into the landfill cells. This new bulldozer will enable City staff to process more commercial trash, the primary revenue source for the landfill, more efficiently. The existing compactor can then serve as a backup when the new equipment requires maintenance or repair.

The purchase of the bulldozer was presented in the Fiscal Year budget for FY 2024-2025 as a Capital Purchase Item.

FISCAL IMPACT: *Not to Exceed \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes, from the Sanitation Capital Improvement Project budget.*

Mr. Rencher gave an overview of his request to purchase a new bulldozer for the landfill. He would like to replace the existing compactor, which is beyond its service life with a bulldozer. With newer, better equipment Mr. Rencher said employees would be more efficient and productive in landfill operations. The purchase of the bulldozer was budgeted in this year's CIP budget for up to \$1.0 million. Mr. Rencher said Empire Caterpillar is listed on the state's procurement website for heavy equipment and machinery.

Mayor Powell wanted to know would the bulldozer come from Empire here in Eloy, and would the city receive a location discount.

Mr. Rencher said yes, they will also cover the freight for the city.

Mayor Powell asked Mr. Rencher what he plans to do with the old unit.

Mr. Rencher said the city does not have a bulldozer at this time. His plan is to keep the landfill scraper in reserve in case of maintenance or repairs to the new equipment.

Councilmember Tarango inquired about the service life of a new bulldozer.

Mr. Rencher said the average service life for heavy equipment is 7 to 10 years.

Councilmember Sutton asked Mr. Rencher if he explored the possibility of leasing instead of purchasing.

Mr. Rencher said he did look into leasing the equipment. However, to lease-purchase the equipment would cost the city about \$20,000 more than the purchase price.

There being no further questions, Mayor Powell asked for direction from the Council.

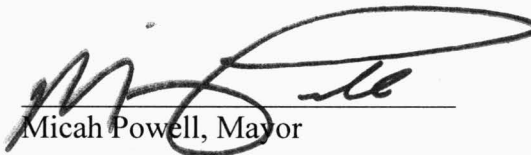
A motion was made by Councilmember Sutton and seconded by Councilmember Garcia to authorize the purchase of a new Caterpillar D7 landfill bulldozer from Empire-Caterpillar under the Arizona State Procurement Contract for an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), plus applicable sales tax, for use in the City of Eloy Municipal Landfill to improve the efficiency of operations, passed unanimously by roll call vote (7-0).

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no requests from Council or city staff for an executive session.

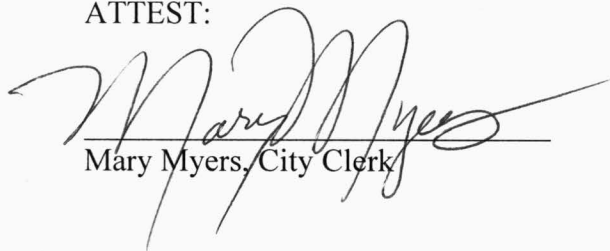
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.



Micah Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk