



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Medina led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Gonzales, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Bringhurst.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Goodwin (via Zoom), Engineering Tech Derhammer, Community Services Director Duarte and Town Clerk Norris.

Town Attorney Susan Goodwin introduces Attorney, Joe Estes. Attorney Estes will be assuming her duties come the end of the year when she retires. Town Attorney Goodwin gives a brief bio on Attorney Estes.

4. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS:

A. Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected or reelected Councilmembers Michael Black, Sammy Gonzales and Robert Licano.

Magistrate Baeza performs the swearing in of reelected and newly elected Councilmembers Michael Black, Sammy Gonzales and Robert Licano. Council assumes their seats.

5. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:

A. Selection of a Mayor. Nominations will be taken and the Council will vote to select a Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years or until a new Mayor is selected.

Mayor Gonzales calls for nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Black nominates Sammy Gonzales for the position of Mayor. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for any other nominations, there are none.

Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Selection of a Vice Mayor. Nominations will be taken and the Council will vote to select a Vice Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years or until a new Vice Mayor is selected.

Mayor Gonzales calls for nominations for the position of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Medina nominates Dan Moat. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales for any other nominations, there are none. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for November 1, 2020.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for October 16, 2020 to October 29, 2020.

Brief discussion regarding the demands. Town Clerk Norris explains that the Finance Director is out sick so she will forward the questions to her and have her follow up with Council. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for October 16, 2020 to October 29, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

8. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Clerk Norris reports that staff has put in word with the Gila County Probation Department to refer over anyone who may need to get community service hours. Various departments can use the extra help with some of things that have been neglected due to not having the inmate

labor. Reports that staff is moving forward with the process of preparing for adoption of recreational marijuana regulations. Reports on the break in at the concession stand in the Veterans Memorial Park; damage has been repaired. Reports that the hiring process for the Town Manager is moving forward and will keep Council posted as things progress.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina states that November 22nd will be the anniversary of the dastardly assassination of President John F. Kennedy; let us not forget this President. Comments that on the 11th of November 1918, the armistice that ended the fighting of World War I took effect; the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour. The war to end all wars. Thanksgiving in 2020 is on Thursday, November 26th.

Vice Mayor Moat states the Drive through Trick or Treat Event was a super success. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Mrs. Duarte for putting the event together for the Town of Miami. States he and the kids had a great time.

Mayor Gonzales states the Town of Miami's Halloween event was great and he has heard many positive comments from the public; Mrs. Duarte did a great job. States that last Friday was the last day for the food boxes, they made a big difference for many of the Miami citizens. Gives a brief update on the hiring of a new Town Manager. Thanks the Town of Miami department heads for the monthly reports; they are very informative and likes that they are in the Council packets.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, states that the museum has been closed since March and reopened on Saturday. They were open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and had quite a few people visit. They had signage in place to remind people of social distancing. They are looking at matching their hours beginning next week, with the museum in Globe; 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, not open on weekends yet. Updates Council on what they have been doing while they have been closed. They have had 3 ghost hunting groups in the past week and a half. Interesting to what they have found, will come back and tell Council what they have found. They have a new Board President Mr. Mario Gonzales. Will be back before Council with a museum update.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park on November 11, 2020; with requirements to follow all CDC safety guidelines including social distancing and mandatory facial masks be worn.

Mr. Darryl Dalley presents this request to Council. This year they will be honoring Mr. Jeff Massingill, a classmate of his and a veteran, who passed away this summer. They will be

recognizing the newest veteran in our community, Mr. Garrett Santa Maria. Cindy Granger will be making the wreath for the ceremony and Senator Frank Pratt will be a speaker at the ceremony. Mayor Gonzales thanks Mr. Dalley for taking the time and commitment of doing the ceremony and supporting our veterans, it is appreciated. Councilmember Black moved to approve a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park on November 11, 2020; with requirements to follow all CDC safety guidelines including social distancing and mandatory facial masks be worn. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve extension of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 092419 with Gila County for fuel purchases.

Town Clerk Norris presents this item to Council and explains that this is an extension of the agreement Council approved last year for purchasing fuel for the Town vehicles through Gila County. Councilmember Black moved to approve extension of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 092419 with Gila County for fuel purchases. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Small Town Christmas event to be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Veterans Memorial Park with requirements to follow all CDC safety guidelines including social distancing and mandatory facial masks be worn.

Community Services Director, Christine Duarte presents this request to Council. Mr. Duarte explains that they would like to do the Small Town Christmas in somewhat the same manner as they did the Halloween event. They are asking for some partial street closures for traffic control. Mrs. Duarte explains where the toy donations will be coming from and that she was also contacted by Manuel Hernandez of the Miami High School Alumni and they would like to make a donation to the event as well. Mrs. Duarte comments on the requested hours for the event but possibly leave the ending time open just in case they have enough donations to give out more toys. She does not feel we can limit giving out toys to just the kids of Miami so they will hand out toys to the kids as they come through. Mrs. Duarte explains how they will keep the event within the safety guidelines. She feels they can pull this event off and make Council proud. Councilmember Black made the suggestion that she contact the County Supervisors for donations as well, as they have funds for things such as this. Mayor Gonzales comments that in the past, the event has always been held during the day, likes that she is proposing to do this in the evening. Mrs. Duarte comments that they want to decorate the park and Town with lights and have Christmas caroling. Comments that she wants the kids to see the beauty of the Christmas lights and atmosphere. Brief discussion regarding decorating and putting luminaires at the Bullion Plaza Museum. Mrs. Duarte explains how they are planning on organizing the drive up Christmas. Brief discussion regarding the proposed time for the event. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Small Town Christmas event to be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to whatever hours are needed, at the Miami Veterans

Memorial Park with requirements to follow all CDC safety guidelines including social distancing and mandatory facial masks be worn; including approval of street closures and assistance from the Public Works Department as needed. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

12. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina states that there is plenty of food and encourages everyone to take food home if they want.

Vice Mayor Moat and the Council congratulates Councilmember Licano on being elected to Council and welcomes him.

Mayor Gonzales comments that the COVID numbers are on the rise and encourages everyone to stay safe.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 9th day of November, 2020.


I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 23rd day of November, 2020.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor