



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF MIAMI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:**

Vice Mayor Moat led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Medina gave the invocation.

**3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Gonzales and Councilmember Licano.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Rivera, Public Works Director Derhammer, Finance Director Lopez and Town Clerk Norris.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of February 12, 2024 Regular meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for February 4, 2024.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:**

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for February 2, 2024 to February 15, 2024.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for February 2, 2024 to February 15, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote –

Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Rivera states the Miami High School girls' basketball team is present and congratulates them on their efforts in the State finals. Briefly reports on the 504 Home Repair Program, it is on the agenda tonight for discussion. Announces the Hostetler Pool construction will begin Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Mayor Medina reports briefly on being very busy with many meetings. Comments on meeting with the governor and her staff in Superior. The governor had a staff member here last Friday to meet with local leaders. Comments on the importance health maintenance, blood pressure and sugar intake. Mayor Medina recommends the school impress on these issues and taking care of yourself now.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Dr. Richard Ramos, Miami High School Assistant Superintendent, states they would like to take a moment to recognize some very important, hard-working athletes. The represented the Miami High School, as well as, the Town of Miami and entire community, in the AIA 2A State Championships over this past weekend. Dr. Ramos introduces each of the players, the team managers and leaders and Head Coach Crystal Pietila. Dr. Ramos recognizes all the parents, Athletic Director Paul Fine and Superintendent Dr. Sherry Dorathy.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner, announces Bullion Plaza will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and he is cordially inviting Council to this event. Formal invitations will be sent out.

Mr. Gil Madrid, Miami resident, gives congratulations to the Lady Vandals. Comments that he graduated from Miami High School in 1967. He recently found out that the property of M hill and the 3 crosses was for sale on Zillow. He was concerned about someone buying it and doing something with that property, he feels it is historic to Miami. Mr. Madrid announces that he has made an offer on the property, the offer was accepted and should close in a couple weeks. Mr. Madrid states that he would like to discuss turning over the land to the Town of Miami with conditions it never be sold or used for any other purpose or turn the land over to the church.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation and discussion regarding USDA Rural Development U.S Department of Agriculture Home Repair Program in the Town of Miami.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council for questions and discussion. Town Manager Rivera explains this program is for up to \$10,000, non-repayment, for home repairs, improvements or modernizations. They also have another grant program that is up to \$40,000 with 1% interest rate on repayment of the grant. In March the Town will be distributing a survey to Miami residents in order to gather information on the needs of each property. The data will be used to create a list of type of work that needs to be done such as roofing, plumbing, electrical etc. Request for Proposals will then go out for construction. Example: 20 homes need roofing; an RFP will go out for construction of 20 roofing repairs. Town Manager Rivera explains depending on the assessments, if the repairs are estimated to be \$10,000 and under, no repayment will be required, anything over the \$10,000, the 1% loan would need to be applied for. Brief discussion and comments regarding this program. Discussion on how the Town will get the information and surveys out to the community. Brief discussion regarding the timeline of this program. Town Manager Rivera states USDA will make a program presentation to Council at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Comments on the entire grant amount; Town Manager Rivera states the whole grant is millions of dollars.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Black thanks Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer, for doing an excellent job on the roads.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending tonight's meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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