

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**  
**SCHIEFFELIN HALL**  
**(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Regular Council Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Dustin Escapule led the Common Council and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Colin Regan	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Barlow	Present
Councilmember Matt Faulk	Present
Councilmember Jim Newbauer	Present
Mayor Dustin Escapule	Present

Also, in attendance: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*Margie Lane:* Invites public to Mayoral and Council Candidate Meet and Greet on June 28, 2024 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the American Legion.

*Mayor closes Call of the Public.*

**V. PRESENTATION: Joey and Jim Adams on the Dog Days of Tombstone.**

Joey Adams presents information regarding the Dog Days of Tombstone. Presentation begins with the purpose of the event, to raise money for Tombstone Marshal's Office K9 program and scholarships for disabled persons. She then thanks groups and individuals who helped in the organization and running of the event, also the volunteers on the day of the event, including Helldorado, Vigilantes, Arizona Rangers, Tombstone High School Law Enforcement Program, and Fire Department. Joey Adams gave a summary of events that took place including the opening ceremonies with Tombstone JROTC Mounted Color Guard, demonstrations, dog costume contest, booths, raffle, and music by Mustang Mountain Cowboy Church. Between event sales and Go Fund Me fundraiser, \$22,611.07 was raised and event had total expenses of \$5,411.18. This allowed the event to donate \$6,000 to the TMO K9 program and \$6,00 to the scholarship program. Currently there is \$5,199.89 for seed money for next year's event and donations are still trickling in. Alliance for Ability and Science, the scholarship program, will be providing scholarships in the Fall and Spring to Tombstone High School students with disabilities because of the support shown by the City of Tombstone. At this time the number of scholarships that are available and how much they will be is not known. Joey Adams closes with changes they are considering for next year.

*Mayor closes presentation.*

**VI. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Monthly Fire Chief Reports on May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024.**

We had 73 total calls. 45 were EMS calls; seven were fires and six were rescues involving either jaws of life or forcible entry to get somebody out of a vehicle or confined space, and 15 service calls with a lot of snake removals.

Amm Street Fire update: We had an official five-minute response from the moment that we got toned out to the moment we arrived on scene. Fire science dictates that the size of a fire doubles every 60 seconds, this is why response times are so important. The trailer as well as a joining outbuilding was fully involved when we arrived. We had the fire knocked down within eleven minutes and under control. We saved the fifth wheel, which was about 10ft away. The fifth wheel was a residence and so we were happy to be able to get that confined to just a bubble burnt front end. The most important part of that, is we kept the fire confined because it was windy with a which could have ignited and spread next door, which was Casa Loma.

Open Burn Calls: We had several open burn calls that people were burning large piles of brush or construction products in an unprotected and windy area. One of the fires was construction materials from a homeowner that had been burning in an open area with no protection on a very windy afternoon. The homeowner didn't put out the fire and went in town to a restaurant to have dinner. A neighbor called 911 and we put out the fire. When the homeowners came home, a deputy explained to them what could have happened.

Wildland: Our department hosted, overnight, 20 state wildland fire and hotshot crewmembers that were in from the Bear Fire. We sent a 4000-gallon tanker and two firefighters to this fire outside of St. David. The crew was at the station from around 11:00 that night and we managed to get them and their cots bedded down nicely. They were going to stay for two days but unfortunately had to go out on another fire somewhere else in the state. We wish them. The fire season officially has begun, although we all know that wildland season is 24/7 and year-round. We billed for two of our fire calls and will be receiving \$2,000 from the state. These were mutual aid fires that we were requested on, either equipment or firefighters. Right now, we have it to where we're sending both. This year, if we have to send somebody overnight then the state will pay for backfilling that position so we don't have to pay somebody overtime to come in.

Grants:

- We received six radios from a state grant, that we sorely need. Now we're able to communicate on several different trunk frequencies and are able to have our own VHF frequency that we can talk on. The radios will belong to the city in ten years. I signed for them personally, they're \$11,000 each, and are on loan until ten years, from the day that I signed for them.
- We got awarded our Florian grant, a \$96,000 grant for new SCBAs or air packs. All of our air packs right now are at end of life, and we actually need close to 20 of them, but with this grant we will be able to get eight. With the Florian system we will be able to track, with GPS and in real time, all firefighters as they go into a building or into an area using a tablet. My staff worked hard to be able to get this grant for our folks.

Right place, right time: We saved a toddler from being hit by a car. This was actually a little bit over a month ago, but I forgot to mention it during my last presentation. We were on Highway 80, and out of the corner of our eye, we saw what looked like a child, more like a beach ball because of the way he was dressed. We quickly turned around and punched it. Sure enough, a toddler was right in the middle lane of Highway 80, on a blind curve when a speeding car came around. We managed to cut off the car and the child didn't get hit. The driver of the speeding car slammed on his brakes, screamed at us, and laid on his horn. No doubt in my mind that child would have been hit and died. As Jim says, it wasn't that person's day.

Community Outreach: We will be having a tailgate for the 4th July. We wanted to expand what we usually do and have more of a family in the park. People can bring their coolers and we'll have organized spots for people with blankets out in the infield. We'll be giving away hot dogs or by donation. I want to start getting our department closer to the community. One of the things we're trying to do is after their rig checks and coursework for certifications are done, the crew walks the boardwalk. I don't know if any other administration has done that, but I just feel that we need to know who the shop owners are and get to know people on a first name basis. We consider ourselves everybody's friend. I am incredibly lucky to be the fire chief of such an iconic town.

*Mayor closes Fire Chief's report.*

## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan to approve the minutes for Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to approve the minutes for Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

- C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk to approve the minutes for Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Accounts Payable in the amount \$372,741.59 (May 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024).

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$372,741.59 (May 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024).

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Resolution Number 07-2024; a resolution of the City of Tombstone proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan to approve Resolution Number 07-2024; a resolution of the City of Tombstone proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilmember Regan	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Yes
Councilmember Faulk	Yes
Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

- C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of Resolution Number 08-2024; a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona, for the adoption of the tentative budget of the city of tombstone for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses for the fiscal year 2024-2025, authorizing and directing publication of statements and schedules of the tentative budget.

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer, to approve Resolution Number 08-2024; a resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona, for the adoption of the tentative budget of the city of tombstone for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet

the public expenses for the fiscal year 2024-2025, authorizing and directing publication of statements and schedules of the tentative budget.

**DISCUSSION:** None

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Regan	Yes
	Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Yes
	Councilmember Faulk	No
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

**D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Kim Williams and Hotel Tombstone with Dean Butler, Patrick Labyorteaux, Katherine Cannon, and Jen Brallier for Prairie Man in Tombstone on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Requesting the following:

- Use of Schieffelin Hall, 85" television, and sound system from 8 AM to 2 PM for Podcast and Presentation.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Faulk, to approve special use permit from Kim Williams and Hotel Tombstone with Dean Butler, Patrick Labyorteaux, Katherine Cannon, and Jen Brallier for Prairie Man in Tombstone on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Regan	Yes
	Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow	Yes
	Councilmember Faulk	Yes
	Councilmember Newbauer	Yes
	Mayor Escapule	Yes

**MOTION:** Carried

**E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Fire Chief Chris Alleman for Battle the Blaze-Tombstone Water Festival a community outreach program on Saturday, August 31, 2024 from 11 AM to 7 PM. Requesting the following:

- Use of Discover Tombstone Field for games, toddler splash pad, dunk tank, live music, water balloon fight, tug of war, pie a fire fighter, raffle, hydration stations and food trucks.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer, to approve special use permit from Fire Chief Chris Alleman for Battle the Blaze-Tombstone Water Festival a community outreach program on Saturday, August 31, 2024 from 11 AM to 7 PM.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Deborah Mangels and Vintage Cowgirls for the Annual Tombstone Christmas Ball on Saturday Dec 14, 2024. Requesting the following:

- Use of Schieffelin Hall on Friday December 13, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 1 PM for set-up.
- Use of Schieffelin Hall on Saturday December 14, 2024 from 12 PM to 10 PM for set-up and event.
- Use of Schieffelin Hall Sunday December 15, 2024 from 10 AM to 1 PM for Take down.
- Use of Schieffelin Hall Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 9 AM for final clean-up.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan, to approve special use permit from Deborah Mangels and Vintage Cowgirls for the Annual Tombstone Christmas Ball on Saturday Dec 14, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Tombstone Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 29, 2024. Requesting the following:

- Use of the west intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Allen starting at 5:30 for carolers, Santa Clause, and toy collection. Mayor will light the Tree at 6:00 PM.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Newbauer, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, to approve special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Tombstone Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 29, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**H. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Light Parade on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Requesting the following:

- Use of Allen Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to east of 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 6 PM for parade staging.
- Use of Allen Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM for Light Parade.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Councilmember Newbauer, to approve special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Light Parade on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**I. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Santa in the Park on Saturday, December 21, 2024. Requesting the following:

- Use of Schieffelin Park from 4 PM to 8 PM for children's activities, hot chocolate, cookies, snowball fight, and Santa giving gifts to local children

**MOTION** by Councilmember Regan, **SECOND** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow, to approve special use permit from Chamber of Commerce for Annual Santa in the Park on Saturday, December 21, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Barlow **SECOND** by Councilmember Regan, to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting for Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

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Dustin Escapule, Mayor

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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk