

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
628 NORTH MAIN STREET
MAY 23, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

Staff Present: Harvey Krauss-City Manager; Stephen R. Cooper-City Attorney; Mary Myers-City Clerk; William Pitman Chief of Police; Brian Wright-Finance Director; Ken Martin-City Engineer/Public Works Director; Paul Anchondo-Parks and Recreation Director; Rus Ketcham-Library Director; Jon Vlaming-Community Development Director; Zenia Cornejo-Management Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Belloc called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mayor Belloc.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Councilmember JoAnne Galindo; Councilmember Augustine Saucedo; Mayor Joel Belloc; Vice Mayor Micah Powell; Councilmember J.W. Tidwell; Councilmember J.R. Nagy

Council Members Absent: Councilmember Andrew Rodriguez (excused)

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Krauss reminded Council of the Memorial Day event at the cemetery May 30th, starting at 9:00am, followed by an 11:00am ribbon cutting ceremony for the new veterans' park located adjacent to the Eloy Veterans Center.

VI. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session needed.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item

Subject

IX-A. Approval of Minutes: 5/9/16 (regular)

IX-B. Adoption of Resolution No. 16-1389 Authorizing Ken Martin, Public Works Director/City Engineer to Sign Documents Related to the City's Water Resources for Submission to ADWR.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Tidwell to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

IX. BUSINESS

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NOS. 16-1383, 16-1384, 16-1385, 16-1386, 16-1387 AND 16-1388 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF SIX GRANT PROPOSALS TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION.

Cover sheet discussion: *Council adopt Resolution Nos. 16-1383, 16-1384, 16-1385, 16-1386, 16-1387 and 16-1388 to authorize the submittal of six grant proposals to the Tohono O'odham Nation and administer the funding if proposals are approved.*

Staff proposes to submit a total of six grant proposals to the Tohono O'odham Nation. The grants are required to address the priority area of education, cultural and environmental development and protection and economic development. The parties interested in submitting a grant proposal to the Tohono O'odham are the Public Works Department, the City of Eloy Administration Office, the Santa Cruz Valley Historic Museum, the Santa Cruz/Eloy Library, the Eloy Police Department, and the non-profit organization The Sinners to Saints Ministry.

The grant proposals are as follows:

1. *A request for grant funding of \$14,400 from the City of Eloy Public Works Department for the purpose of providing environmental education to 3rd through 5th graders on recycling in the community. Research has found that targeting the youth in environmentally sensitive issues such as recycling can have a long term success rate.*
2. *A request for grant funding of \$60,000 to be used for the purpose of rehabilitating the housing stock in the Eloy community. Currently, the City of Eloy administers an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Funding for this program is limited to federal and state funds that become available through the Arizona Department of Housing. A significant number of housing units in the Eloy Common area are in dire need of rehabilitation while the waiting list of residents needing assistance continues to increase. These funds would be used for housing rehabilitation.*
3. *The Santa Cruz Valley Historic Museum Grant has requested that the City sponsor an application on their behalf in the amount of \$7,500. The funding would be used to assist in the purchase of display cases, lighting, the software program Past Perfect Life and a security system to prepare for the final steps in opening the museum to the public.*
4. *The Eloy Santa Cruz Library is proposing a grant request in the amount of \$2,300 for the purchase of a Cover One Book Repair Machine Binder with supplies. The Cover One is an easy and inexpensive system used to repair books, textbooks, hardbacks, and paperbacks as well as bind board pockets, handbooks, creative writing journals and special reports. This system would be very helpful for the high school, the teenage program and the public library.*
5. *The Eloy Police Department is requesting a grant in the amount of \$17,728.80 for the purchase of ten (10) Taser X2 Tasers, Taser cartridges and holsters. The Eloy Police Department currently equips officers with aging Taser X26 Tasers. Taser International no longer supports the X26 Taser. Several of the Eloy Police Department Tasers are malfunctioning. This purchase would allow the Eloy PD to service residents in a much more efficient manner.*
6. *The City has been asked to sponsor a grant request in the amount of \$130,000 for The Sinners to Saints Ministry. The funding would be used for a one-year program that would shelter, feed, and counsel homeless veterans, men with substance abuse addiction and Ex-offenders on campus within a secure and safe environment.*

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City for these grant requests since matching funds are not required.

Mr. Krauss gave a brief overview of the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 16-1383 – Grant proposal to support the Public Works Department's efforts to provide environmental education to third through fifth graders on recycling. Amount requested: \$14,400

Resolution No. 16-1384 – Grant proposal to support the Administration/Grant Coordination Department with rehabilitating the housing stock in the community. Amount requested: \$60,000

Resolution No. 16-1385 – Grant proposal to support the Santa Cruz Valley Historic Museum in their efforts to invest in the museum in order to open it to the public. Amount requested: \$7500.00

Resolution No. 16-1386 – Grant proposal to support the Santa Cruz Library in their endeavors to purchase a Cover One Book Repair Machine Binder with supplies for public use. Amount requested: \$2300.00

Resolution No. 16-1387 – Grant proposal supporting the Eloy Police Department's purchase of ten Tasers, cartridges and holsters. Amount requested: \$17,728.80

Resolution No. 16-1388 – Grant proposal supporting the Sinners to Saints Ministry in their efforts to address the problem of homeless veterans and men with substance abuse addictions. Amount requested: \$130,000

Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Cooper if each resolution need to be read by title.

Mr. Cooper conveyed that since the languages in all the resolution titles are identical, he recommended Council approve a one time reading of the title for all the resolutions.

Vice Mayor Powell said he had a few questions regarding the Sinners to Saints Ministry grant application. He stated the application is for a religious organization. He asked Mr. Cooper could the city do this for an organization such as this.

Mr. Cooper explained that although there is a religious component to this he believed Council could consider making the application because it would be providing a service to the community.

It was at this time that Mr. Billy Ford, Administrative Director of Sinners to Saints Ministry gave an overview of their organization and how the program works.

Vice Mayor Powell said he understands that the ministry asked the Eloy Housing Authority for assistance.

Mr. Ford said the ministry is looking at two different properties. One of the properties is an old church; across from the church are apartment units that are scheduled to be demolished by the housing authority. Mr. Ford said instead of demolishing the units, he wants to use the units for his program. He said a section could be reserved for homeless veterans. The veterans do not have to be part of the program, but can be operated by the Eloy Veterans Center.

Vice Mayor Powell pointed out that the ministry would not be only helping veterans but going outside the box by bringing in ex offenders and others into the neighborhood. He wanted to know what type of ex offenders the ministry would bring into the program.

Mr. Ford explained that due to certain restrictions with areas, there are certain felons they cannot have in the program such as sex offenders and violent offenders.

Vice Mayor Powell said it's important that Council as a whole is aware of what is going into neighborhoods. He said the program is not bad, but is concerned about placing it in a neighborhood setting.

Vice Mayor Powell asked Mr. Ford why he chose Eloy.

Mr. Ford said there is a need here in Eloy; the Planning and Zoning Commission also supports the program.

Vice Mayor Powell wanted to know how the men will be selected.

Mr. Ford conveyed referrals will come from agencies such as Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI).

Mr. Barry Wolfsberg, CEO and founder of Sinners to Saints conveyed that the reason why Sinners to Saints chose Eloy is because the facility would be close to where he lives. Also, Eloy is situated between Phoenix and Tucson. He pointed out that someone will always be at the facility 24/7 to monitor the men. Mr. Wolfsberg said they are only asking for four units to utilize.

Vice Mayor said he supports what the organization is doing for ex offenders, but at the same time he is concerned about how this will open the door for other agencies to come into the city. He does not everyone coming to the city expecting the Council to help. He said the city also wants to revitalize some of the areas in the city.

Mr. Wolfsberg assured Vice Mayor Powell and the Council that this will not be a flop house or a shelter. The participants will have to go through an interview process and will have to want to be there. The program will be something of a boot

camp program. If after the arriving at the facility, the participant doesn't want to do the program, he will be dropped off at a place of his choosing, but not in Eloy.

Councilmember Galindo asked about the location of the program.

Mr. Ford said they are looking at an old abandoned church on 2nd Place and across the street are a number of boarded up apartment units. He said they would like four of those buildings for their program.

Mayor Belloc said the place in question is located on the south side next to Troy Thomas Community Center.

Mayor Belloc wanted to know if the organization has an alternate location if they are not able to secure this property.

Mr. Ford said there is another piece of property located on Frontier Street that is currently being used as a church and has three different buildings on it. The asking price is \$90,000. He said the property next to it is also for sale which they are thinking about turning into a trade school. Mr. Ford told Council that Sinners to Saints has the backing of trades unions (WACA).

Councilmember Galindo asked Mr. Ford who will do the reporting for the grant. She voiced concerns about the organization not adhering to reporting criteria and it having a negative effect on other grants the city is sponsoring.

Mr. Ford said they would hire a CPA, but understands that this is just a request for the funds and not the actual grant.

Mr. Krauss conveyed that what is being presented to Council tonight is just authorization to submit a grant proposal for the funds. He said how the grant will be used is outlined in a letter from Mr. Ford to the Tohono O'odham Nation and is part of Council's packet.

Councilmember Galindo conveyed that she is glad to hear that Sinners to Saints are working with the veterans' center.

Councilmember Saucedo asked would this be a voluntary program for the men or will they be court ordered to participate.

Mr. Ford said they will accept court order participants; however each applicant will have to submit to an interview process in order to be accepted into the program.

Councilmember Saucedo wanted to know how many men would participate in the program and how many staff members would there be.

Mr. Ford said there would be 12 men and one full-time staff member (himself) living there 24/7. Teachers would come in on a daily basis to teach classes and Mr. Wolfsberg would be there on a daily basis.

Councilmember Saucedo asked Mr. Ford if he had a working model or another program established elsewhere that has been funded and has shown some measure of success.

Mr. Ford said no; however their program will be identical to the Phoenix Dream Center and Phoenix Campus of Church on the Street programs.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if they had any partnerships or relationships with any of the behavioral health agencies.

Mr. Ford said just with CBI which is state funded rehabilitation center. They offer detox and counseling and works closely with the state of Arizona. He said there are a number of sites located in the Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Cottonwood including Casa Grande.

Councilmember Saucedo wanted to know will any of the staff members be licensed counselors.

Mr. Ford said counselors will come from Grand Canyon State University as well as volunteer counselors with doctorates coming in to counsel the men.

Vice Mayor Powell asked Mr. Ford how they will secure the buildings if there is only one person monitoring the facility.

Mr. Ford said alarm systems would be installed on the buildings.

Vice Mayor Powell supported the program; however was concerned about the security and location the program. He said the city has numerous prison facilities and is known as the "prison town." He does not want Eloy to be known as a detox or rehabilitation town. Vice Mayor Powell conveyed that the Council has to think about the city's image.

Councilmember Saucedo commended Mr. Ford and Mr. Wolfsberg for their mission in what they are trying to accomplish. As far as the housing units, he is not sure if the housing authority will be able to release those units because negotiations are going on about the units. His biggest concern is that the area that they are proposing to implement the program already has a difficult stereotype. There is a community center and a park that holds a number of city summer programs. Some parents are concerned about the area and do not want to send their kids to that part of town because of the stereotypes. Councilmember Saucedo told Mr. Ford that if a program such as theirs is set up in this area, it will further hurt the neighborhood.

Parents will be a lot more concerned and this will give them something tangible to validate their concerns. He said this would not be the ideal location for the program just because of the proximity next to the park and the community center. He agrees there is a need for a program such and Sinners to Saints, but cannot support the location.

Mr. Ford asked Councilmember Saucedo would he support the program if it were located on Frontier Street.

Councilmember Saucedo said if it's a different area and it's not located next kids' activities, he would be open to it.

Councilmember Galindo asked Mr. Cooper would she have a conflict of interest if her daughter used to work at CBI and her future daughter-in-law currently does consulting work with CBI and other behavioral health agencies.

Mr. Cooper conveyed that Sinners to Saints are the applicant and the monies will not be going towards salaries or any outside consulting providers. As long as the family members are not receiving an indirect or direct financial interest there would be no conflict of interest.

Councilmember Galindo agreed with Councilmember Saucedo about the need for this type of program; but the area they are looking at is a family oriented neighborhood.

Councilmember Tidwell wanted to know if they have talked to people in the neighborhood about the project to get feedback.

Mr. Ford said no; they have only talked to churches that support their endeavors.

Mr. Wolfsberg said they would not have a problem knocking on doors.

Vice Mayor Powell asked if they considered starting their program in Casa Grande.

Mr. Wolfsberg said property in Casa Grande is very expensive.

There being no further questions, Mayor Belloc asked Mr. Cooper about reading all the resolutions by title.

Mr. Cooper explained that the way the resolutions are drafted, they all have the same title. Therefore, reading the title once will cover all six resolutions.

Mayor Belloc stated that Council will vote on each resolution after the reading.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Saucedo to approve a one time reading of a title for Resolution Nos. 16-1383; 16-1384; 16-1385; 16-1386; 16-1387 and 16-1388 passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Councilmember Galindo to adopt Resolution No. 16-1383, passed unanimously.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Saucedo to adopt Resolution No. 16-1384, passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Vice Mayor Powell to adopt Resolution No. 16-1385, passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Councilmember Galindo to adopt Resolution No. 16-1386, passed unanimously.

Motion by Vice Mayor Powell, seconded by Councilmember Nagy to adopt Resolution No. 16-1387, passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Nagy, seconded by Councilmember Galindo to adopt Resolution No. 16-1388, failed by the following roll call votes:

Yea: Councilmember Galindo; Councilmember Nagy; Mayor Belloc

Nay: Councilmember Tidwell; Vice Mayor Powell; Councilmember Saucedo

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No informational items submitted.

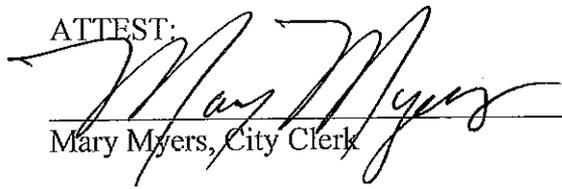
XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Belloc adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:11 p.m.



Joel G. Belloc, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk