

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
May 4, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brewer called the Special Council meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Barbara Brewer, Vice Mayor Judy Buettner, Council Member Tim Fruth, Council Member Robert Henley, Council Member Dick Reese, Council Member John Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, William Schwind, Parks & Recreation Director, Jerry Owen, Community Development Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk, Tim Wright, Deputy Town Attorney, Diane Stoyer, Legal Department Office Manager, Commander Don Engler, and Carol McCauley, Main Street Manager/Redevelopment Area Manager

Council Member Wilson explained what Proposition 300 and Home Rule meant to Payson.

Dan Haapala, News Director for KMOG Radio, asked the watching and listening audience to help Kyle Leonard, a Payson High School student who was recognized by the National Youth Ensemble, raise the remaining \$2000 he needs to send in to the organization to go on a trip.

Mayor Brewer opened discussion/possible action re: process for choosing a person to serve the remainder of Council Member George Barriger's Town Council term.

and Discussion/Possible action re: appointment of a successor to serve the remainder of Council Member George Barriger's term, including consideration of:

- a. Jon Barber
- b. Andy Romance
- c. Richard E. Wolfe

Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, read the Town Code that related to filling an unexpired Council term.

Mayor Brewer stated that she would abstain from voting on this issue. The Mayor asked each person who had applied to come to the podium and state the reason why they applied for this position.

Jon Barber stated he would like to fill George Barriger's term. Mr. Barber believed it was a good opportunity for him to accomplish what he had wanted to accomplish by running for Mayor. Mr. Barber felt he has a lot to offer and is fair and open-minded. He understood that people are passionate about both sides of the issues facing Payson.

Andy Romance stated that he cares for Payson. Mr. Romance cleared up that he was not campaigning for this position. Mr. Romance believed he was known by the Council and hoped that spoke well to the Council. Mr. Romance stated he works with issues in the community and knows the budget and the Council's role and responsibility.

Mr. Romance stated that he has volunteered for Boards and Commissions over the years. He stated he has been on the Green Valley Redevelopment Area Committee for seven years and that he helped get the design review going for Payson.

Mr. Romance felt that any conflicts of interest with his business as an Engineer was an integrity issue. He stated he would consider any issue heavily. He said he would have to keep working, but felt his work was one hundred percent out of the Town now.

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Dick Wolfe stated he has accumulated experience with community activities. Mr. Wolfe stated he has chaired many Boards and Commissions over the years and was a Council Member for four years, two of which he was Vice-Mayor.

Motion: Approve to nominate all three candidates

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Judy Buettner.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

Yes: Vice Mayor Judy Buettner; Council Member Tim Fruth; Council Member Robert Henley; Council Member Dick Reese; Council Member John Wilson

Abstain: Mayor Barbara Brewer

Council Member Wilson expressed his support for Dick Wolfe.

Council Member Henley voiced his support for Jon Barber.

Vice-Mayor Buettner expressed her support for Dick Wolfe.

Council Member Fruth voiced his support for Andy Romance.

Council Member Reese expressed his support for Andy Romance.

Following some discussion Council Member Henley expressed his support for Andy Romance.

Mayor Brewer called for the vote to appoint Jon Barber. The vote failed 1-4 with Council Members Reese, Fruth, Wilson and Vice-Mayor Buettner dissenting.

Mayor Brewer called for the vote to appoint Andy Romance. The vote failed 2-3 with Council Members Henley, Wilson and Vice-Mayor Buettner dissenting.

Mayor Brewer called for the vote to appoint Dick Wolfe. The vote failed 2-3 with Council Members Reese, Henley, and Fruth dissenting.

With Jon Barber eliminated in the first round of votes Mayor Brewer called for the second vote to appoint Andy Romance. The vote passed 5-0.

Mayor Brewer called for the second vote to elect Dick Wolfe. The vote failed 1-4 with Council Members Reese, Henley, Fruth and Vice-Mayor Buettner dissenting.

Andy Romance thanked the Council for their support. Mr. Romance thanked Dick Wolfe and Jon Barber. Mr. Romance stated that he looked forward to working on the Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Brewer adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Approved:

Date: _____

Barbara G. Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 4 of May, 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk