

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
January 9, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edwards called the special meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Edwards, Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Andy Romance, Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, and Colin P. Walker, Public Works Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk; Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk; Mike Ploughe, Hydrogeologist; Donna Mienerts, Comptroller.

Mayor Edwards explained that Vice-Mayor Fruth was unable to attend because he was attending a conference concerning methamphetamines. He announced that Jon Cadd, Plan Review Specialist, had been elected president of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Presentation by Lynn Godfrey re (a) Payson's current water supply, (b) the future of Payson's water supply, and (c) how Payson will achieve its future water supply goals. Mr. Godfrey will also demonstrate an interactive spreadsheet to model current and future water availability.

John Brenniger, Mayor's Water Task Force, presented the report. The report made the following recommendations to water management plans:

1. Manage wells to generate the needed data
 2. Develop programming
 3. Develop the programmable algorithms
 4. Collect and manage precipitation and water recharge data
 5. Collect and manage water quality data
 6. Maintain historical continuity and do periodic performance assessments
 7. Clarify status of NP-2 well
2. Public comments and questions re presentation by Mr. Godfrey. (John Brenniger)

Randy Roberson asked if we were mining water in 2004 what had changed

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to now be at safe yield. Mr. Brenniger explained that no changes were made but safety measures were working to keep us there for now.

Gary Bedsworth asked how it worked if we are at safe yield now and will be depleted in 2022. Mr. Brenniger said as we grow, we would use all the water we have calculated. He noted that recharge is a safety factor.

Nancy Craning explained she recently read a book about India where both the slums and the city water was only on about 45 minutes a day. She wanted a promise that we are not going to be down to a limited amount like this. She noted there were people who are counted as Payson citizens but are not here all the time. She felt if everyone was here there would be a need for a moritorium. She wanted a pledge from the council that they would do that if it were needed.

Clmn. Vogel asked if the Water Department's statistics agreed with this report. Mr. Brenniger replied that their report was an intrepritation of Water Department statistics and they had not asked for feedback from them. He recommended getting away from the old reports and getting more data.

Randy Roberson asked what, if any, were the differences or significant points being presented tonight that weren't presented then. Mr. Brenniger explained the previous presentation demonstrated a model of cost pictures of many areas and showed the water flowing into and out of the basin. The recommendations tonight were different in that they were to gather more data to know where we are now.

Mr. Brenniger continued to field questions from the Council concerning the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

_____ Date: _____

Bob Edwards, 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 9 of January, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2007.

Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk