TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
January 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

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

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Carpenter, Town Manager, Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, Gordon H. Gartner, Police Chief, and Jerry owen, Community Development Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk; Tim Wright, Deputy Town Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Discussion/possible action re: persons who are not United States citizens, permanent resident aliens, or who are not otherwise lawfully in the United States.

   The Council asked questions to the Police Chief and the Town Attorney concerning this issue.

   Dick Norton thanked the Council for taking up this issue. He believed the problem should be attacked at the employer level. He discussed the secondary issues of crime and neighborhood decay associated he believed are associated with illegal immigration. Mr. Norton felt the Council had the responsibility as stewards of the community to address this problem.

   Pat Ellis felt that dealing with larger employers would be more complex. He asked the Mayor to form a task force to review the perspective of the contractors in Town. Mayor Edwards asked the legal department to put together a concept and then take that concept to the employers for their input.

   Leo McDonald said he was a contractor in Michigan. He believed that contractors should supply their contractor's license numbers and workman's compensation number before being issued a business license. Mr. McDonald said most people in town didn't have these licenses or insurance and that they pay cash.

   Mayor Edwards asked that any ordinance be as simple as possible and have

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teeth for enforcement. Manager Carpenter added that budgeting would need to be reviewed because of the need for additional staff.

Motion: to Approve requesting the legal department prepare an ordinance tying the issuing of business licenses to the signing of an affidavit declaring the business does not hire persons who are not United States citizens, permanent resident aliens, or who are not otherwise lawfully in the United States and to include that general contractors be responsible for their subcontractors.
Moved by Council Member Mike Vogel, seconded by Vice Mayor Tim Fruth.

Terry Morris asked if the ordinance would emcompass all nationalities, anyone who is undocumented. Mayor Edwards replied that it would.

Leo McDonald said most people who are doing electrical and plumbing work are not electricians or plumbers.

Jeff Vogel said that Hazelton, PA had passed such an ordinance.

Jaime Silva said that Escondido had passed a similar ordinance. Mr. Streichman said although Escondido gave up after being sued, Payson would learn from these other communities. Mayor Edwards said Payson's approach would be directed at employers.

Dick Norton said that social security numbers would have to be checked.

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at approximately 5:24 p.m.

_____Date:_____

Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 11 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.

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Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk