

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 6, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Andy Romance, and Council Member John Wilson.

ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, and Council Member Mike Vogel.

STAFF PRESENT: Sam Streichman, Town Attorney, Jerry Owen, Community Development Director, Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, LaRon Garrett, Town Engineer, Cameron Davis, Tourism and Economic Vitality Director, and Donald Engler, Police Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk, and Tim Wright, Deputy Town Attorney.

2. Proclamation. Council Member Romance read into the record a proclamation declaring the week of March 12, 2008, as Girl Scout Week. Girl Scouts were present to accept the proclamation.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Dye stated that there was nearly 45 million dollars appropriated towards East Highway 260. The task force has decided to request that the money be rededicated to the bypass and asked the Council to send a resolution to ADOT supporting using the money for the bypass. She has sample letters to e-mail to people to send to ADOT to support this.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the agenda with an asterisk are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion.

Motion: to approve all Items listed on the Consent Agenda.
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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

C. CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATION BY THE TOWN MANAGER, MAYOR, AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER

1. Brief summary oral presentation of current events by Town Manager, Mayor, and/or Council Members. The Arizona Open Meeting Law Reform Act specifies the Town Council may not take action on any matter mentioned during this presentation unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, gave election information and information on the new library website. On March 10, 2008 the new tourism website will go live.

D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; INTRODUCTIONS

3. **Proclamation.** Council Member Blair read into the record a proclamation declaring the month of March 2008 as American Red Cross Month. Members of the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross were present to accept the proclamation.
4. **2007 Service Awards.** Mayor Edwards read the names of employees who received Service Awards for 2007.
1. **Comments, Commendations, and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, and/or Town Staff.**

Council Member Connell announced that Channel 3 TV would be in Payson as part of their road trip on April 1, 2008 at Green Valley Park from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and that on March 18, 2008 the Main Street Scape Vision Workshop would be at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Council Member Romance announced that the State of Arizona and Gila County were presenting a safety forum for children on Internet use on March 18, 2008 at the Payson High School Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Council Member Wilson reminded everyone that tomorrow was the first Friday for Main Street and that it starts at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Edwards stated he had received a letter of commendation from the School Superintendent, Casey O'Brian, for the Police Department's excellent response during the schools lock down.

E. MINUTES

1. * Council Meeting Minutes:
01-31-08 Special Meeting Pages 1-4 ** **
10-18-07 Regular Minutes (correction for clarification 3/4/08)
***CONSENT* APPROVAL**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES (Note: Minutes of various boards/commissions/committees are for Council information only and may or may not have been approved by the respective board/commission.)

2. * Board of Adjustments Minutes:
07-11-07 Meeting Pages 216-218

CONSENT

3. * Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes:
01-23-08 Regular Meeting Pages 1-3
CONSENT
4. * Design Review Board Minutes:
02-12-08 Regular Meeting Pages 41-43
CONSENT

F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS.

G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. * As Council, staff, and the audience have the titles to all resolutions and ordinances, authorization to forego verbal title readings.
***CONSENT* APPROVED**
2. **Ordinance No. 731.** Mayor Edwards opened the Second Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. 731, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 466 AND AMENDING THE ZONING CODE FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON BY REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2009 NORTH MCLANE AND 215 WEST HOUSTON MESA ROAD, BEING GILA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 302-35-007A AND 302-35-252, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM R1-175 TO R1-6 AND R3 RESPECTIVELY (MOGOLLON RIDGE).

Mike Horton agreed with the plan for the PATS trail and was pleased about the meeting with the Housing Advisory Commission. Mr. Horton believed they have worked through the issues.

Mayor Edwards referenced a letter he had recieved from Lori Meyers, Planning and Zoning Commission, stating that she wanted it clear she wants this to pass.

Jeff Wantland stated that Mike Horton had not paid him for some work and was concerned that Mr. Horton would not have money for the drainage agreement.

Mr. Horton stated he would have the money after the final loan and would agree to have the money before he pulled construction permits.

Mr. Wantland had no concerns as long as the money was put up front.

Mr. Horton stated he would be reporting on affordable housing programs. Mr. Horton was hoping that as they got down the line some representative of the Town could participate in the meetings. Mr. Horton agreed that prior to the issuance of the onsite subdivision improvements he would have the money.

Mayor Edwards closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: to Approve Ordinance No. 731, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 466 AND AMENDING THE ZONING CODE FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON BY REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2009 NORTH MCLANE AND 215 WEST HOUSTON MESA ROAD, BEING GILA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 302-35-007A AND 302-35-252, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM R1-175 TO R1-6 AND R3 RESPECTIVELY (MOGOLLON RIDGE) and the \$200,000 must be paid to the Town prior to issuance of any on-site construction permits.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

Yes: Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Andy Romance, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, and Council Member Mike Vogel.

3. **Ordinance No. 733.** Mayor Edwards opened the First Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. 733, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 15-09-004 OF CHAPTER 154 (THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON. (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT).

Larry Fate felt this would help cut the red tape and make things easier. Mr. Fate thanked the Council.

Mayor Edwards closed the First Reading.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items in this section.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by LaRon G. Garrett, Town Engineer, to direct staff to issue a right of way permit for the installation of a private commercial sign on Town of Payson property adjacent to 800-806 N. Beeline Highway with the conditions that the adjacent property owner install and maintain landscaping within the Town right of way and that the sign construction conform to the current sign code requirements, except for location.

Motion: to Approve to direct staff to issue a right of way permit for the installation of a private commercial sign on Town of Payson property adjacent to 800-806 N. Beeline Highway with the conditions that the adjacent property owner install and maintain landscaping within the Town right of way and that the sign construction

conform to the current sign code requirements, except for location.
Moved by Council Member Ed Blair, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Gene Sampson expressed his concerns regarding the dark skies initiative.

Jeannie Langham gave an overview of this project and the citizens input meeting. Ms. Langham is on the Design Review Board. She felt Town government took too long to address issues like this and believed this was a good opportunity for this business.

Roger Kreimeyer would see that the sign met the dark skies priorities. The sign would have indirect florescent lighting that would be on until 9:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. at night. Mr. Kreimeyer has had two of his neighbors go out of business and felt they all needed to have better advertising.

Council Member Romance amended the motion to be subject to modification and funding by the Town and to signage amendments that will be approved by Council at a later date.

Jeannie Langham wondered why Design Review was left out of the loop on this.

Mayor Edwards called for the vote on the amendment.

Vote: Motion carried 4-1

Yes: Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member Andy Romance

No: Council Member John Wilson

Absent: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth and Council Member Mike Vogel

Mayor Edwards called for the vote on the original motion.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

Yes: Mayor Bob Edwards, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Andy Romance, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Vice-Mayor Tim Fruth, and Council Member Mike Vogel.

J. CLAIMS

1. * **List of checks** paid from 02/14/08 through 02/20/08, Check Nos. 45405 through 45614, except Check No. 45600, and authorization to file the checks for audit.
***CONSENT* APPROVED**
2. * Check No. 45600 paid 02/14/08, and authorization to file the check for audit. (Note: due to a perceived and/or conflict of interest, Clmn. Vogel will be considered to have abstained from voting on this item.)

K. MISCELLANEOUS

1. * Ratifying appointment of **Jason Phillimore as Chairman** and **Brenda Cornell as**

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Adjustments.
***CONSENT* APPROVED**

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:09 p.m.

_____ Date: _____

Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Huffman, Chief Deputy Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 6 of March, 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk