

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
May 27, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, Douglas Hill - Chief Fiscal Officer, Martin deMasi - Fire Chief, Colin P. Walker - Water Superintendent, Donald B. Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, Jerry Owen - Community Development Director, LaRon Garrett - Town Engineer, Terry Morris - Library Director, and Cameron Davis - Tourism/Economic Vitality Director.

**FAREWELL COMMENTS BY OUTGOING COUNCIL.**

Council Member Connell complimented and thanked each of the outgoing Council Members and their families.

Council Member Romance thanked each Council Member personally and thanked the previous Council who had appointed him. Council Member Romance also thanked the people of Payson and each of his family members.

Chris Tilley was honored to speak for the residents of Payson and thanked Mayor Edwards for his service. Ms. Tilley was proud to have served Mayor Edwards and presented him with an Arizona flag.

Mayor Edwards felt he left the new council with a solid future and listed the Council's accomplishments. Mayor Edwards thanked his advisory team, the citizens of Payson and all the staff members.

**SPECIAL CEREMONIES:**

The Honorable Peter Cahill, Presiding Judge of the Gila County Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office to:

- 1) Kenny J. Evans, Mayor
- 2) Richard Croy, Council Member
- 3) Michael Hughes, Council Member
- 4) John Wilson, Council Member

Mayor Evans presented each of the outgoing Council Members with a card and gift.

The new Council took their seats at the dais.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Mike Vogel.

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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Deputy Town Clerk, Tim Wright - Deputy Town Attorney, Debbie Dawson - Executive Assistant, Diane Stoyer - Legal Department Office Manager, Ray LaHaye - Chief Building Official, Ray Erlandsen - Zoning Administrator, Nelson Beck - Parks Supervisor, and Detective Matt Van Camp,

**1. Introduction of new Council.**

Council Member Croy thanked everyone for electing him to office and stated he would try to be fair and listen to people. Council Member Croy felt he could relate to the community with seniors, working people and parents and thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve.

Council Member Hughes has seen Payson grow and change and would like to see a balanced community. Council Member Hughes thanked his wife for supporting him in this endeavor.

Council Member Wilson will continue to serve in the same way and was concerned about businesses. Council Member Wilson wanted Payson to be business friendly and attract new businesses in to diversify the economy.

Mayor Evans thanked his wife. Mayor Evans felt that as the Town moves forward the Council needs to keep the enthusiasm of the citizens and he will actively seek citizen input.

**4. Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning selection process for Vice Mayor.**

Mayor Evans recommended a term of six months for Council Members to serve as Vice-Mayor and opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

**Motion:** to approve a term of six months for a Council Member to serve as Vice-Mayor starting with this meeting.  
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Mike Vogel.

5. Selection of Vice Mayor.

Council Member Wilson nominated Council Member Su Connell for Vice-Mayor. Council Member Blair seconded the nomination.

**Motion:** to approve to close nominations for Vice-Mayor.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Rick Croy.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Mike Vogel.

Mayor Evans called for the vote to elect Council Member Connell as Vice-Mayor. Passed; 6-0.

6. **Resolution No. 2381.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2381, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING ALL ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH AND APPROVING THE WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER, AND WATER DELIVERY AND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT RIVER WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION, SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, AND TOWN OF PAYSON (C. C. CRAGIN RESERVOIR).

**Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2381, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, RATIFYING ALL ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH AND APPROVING THE WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER, AND WATER DELIVERY AND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT RIVER WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION, SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, AND TOWN OF PAYSON (C. C. CRAGIN RESERVOIR).

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Michael Hughes.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Mike Vogel.

7. **Council Decision Request** filed by Buzz Walker, Water Superintendent, to approve the membership and duties of the C. C. Cragin Utilization Team.

**Motion:** to approve the membership and duties of the C. C. Cragin Utilization Team.

Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Mike Vogel.

**8. Resolution No. 2382.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2382, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT AND NOTE WITH THE ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR HELP LOAN NO. QPAY2S08U (Bonita Street).

**Motion:** to approve Resolution No. 2382, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT AND NOTE WITH THE ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR HELP LOAN NO. QPAY2S08U (Bonita Street).  
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Michael Hughes.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Rick Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Mike Vogel.

**9. 2008-2009 Budget.** Mayor Edwards opened discussion/possible action re 2008-2009 Budget.

Robert Henley thanked the outgoing Council for their efforts and dedication to the Town. Mr. Henley was concerned about the 10 percent across the board budget cut and believed the Council should base a cut on an evaluation scheme. Mr. Henley reminded the Council that economic times are extra tough for the non-profits and asked the Council to be fair.

The Council directed staff to look at departmental cuts individually not across the board and to add more detail on potential reductions and to create a one page report on non-profits.

Jim Hipple, Surface Transportation Advisory Committee member, asked if there was money for the roundabout and Bonita street.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenny J. Evans, 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 27 of May, 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk