

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Clmn. Mike Vogel called the special meeting of the Town Council to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. at Rumsey Park Ramada 4, Payson, Arizona.

PRESENT: Council Member Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Rick Croy and Council Member Michael Hughes.

ABSENT: Mayor Kenny Evans, Vice-Mayor Su Connell and Council Member John Wilson.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Manchester, Parks & Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk; Claudia Hawkins, P&R Administrative Assistant.

The Council may discuss, consider or take action on any item listed on this agenda.

Council reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence. Also, any matter may be considered earlier or later than scheduled, depending on the length of discussion on the prior item.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

1. Introduction of Council Members and Parks and Recreation Board Members. Council Members and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members introduced themselves along with staff present. Tomi Cline-Martin, Gila County Supervisor was also present.
2. Discussion re Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

Rick Manchester, Parks & Recreation Director, gave a report on the status and funding of the Event Center and Parks Master Plan. He was asked by Mel Sorensen, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member, to put on the August Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda a planning session with Town Council to review what the Council expected and where Parks & Recreation was going. Mr. Manchester also reported on how impact fees were used. He said that any spending over \$25,000 or spending that was not already in the budget had to go to Council.

3. Discussion re Parks and Recreation priorities:

Mr. Manchester pointed to the Parks Master Plan as the road map for prioritizing projects. However, with new budget constraints, finding funding for projects would also need to be pursued. There were options suggested by those present for funding that could be presented at a future meeting.

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Clmn. Hughes asked the Parks & Recreation Board to prioritize projects and bring them before the Council in a work study for discussion.

Clmn. Croy suggested Mr. Manchester discuss with the Town of Star Valley a partnership to share costs of Parks and Recreation.

Clmn. Vogel noted that Supervisor Martin purchases bill boards for the events at the Event Center and had provided \$7,800 for panels and a timer system.

Council Members and Board Members discussed possible survey types. The last survey of park needs was informal and garnered 116 responses. Clmn. Vogel suggested surveying those people who use the park facilities. Clmn. Hughes felt that apathy was a problem with surveys. Mr. Manchester explained that the professionals hired to do the Master Plan have the expertise to get good results. Clmn. Hughes contended it was cheaper to do the survey in-house. Mr. Manchester noted an in-house survey is good antidotal information but not scientific.

Clmn. Croy felt the Parks & Recreation system was too centralized and there was a need for parks across Highway 87. He asked that be part of the Master Plan.

Clmn. Blair asked concerning a 200 acre purchase where 3% of revenue would go to the Parks budget. Mr. Manchester suggested Clmn. Blair discuss this with Ray Erlandson in the Community Development Department.

4. Tour of existing parks facilities.

Council Members Croy, Hughes and Blair walked the park grounds viewing the tennis courts and new playground equipment, recently completed projects. Clmn. Vogel remained at Ramada 4.

5. **Adjournment:** All Council Members returned to Ramada 4 and Clmn. Vogel adjourned the special meeting at approximately 6:33 pm.

Date: _____

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

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk