

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
February 2, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Joe Hittle, Calvary Chapel, offered an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Tim Wright - Town Attorney, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, and LaRon Garrett - Assistant Town Manager.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM SUBMITTED)**

1. Communications and comments or suggestions from citizens present who have submitted a Speaker's Request Form to the Mayor, Town Clerk, or designee, prior to the meeting being convened, concerning matters other than those listed on the agenda for consideration, shall be heard by the Council.

There were no comments from the public.

- B. CONSENT AGENDA** Items listed on the agenda with an asterisk which are considered to be routine in nature and which will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items shall be held unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the main agenda.

**Motion:** to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

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

1. Brief presentation of current events by the Town Manager, Mayor, and/or Council Members.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, announced the Hashknife Pony Express ride that will stop at the Payson Post Office, Wednesday, February 8th around 4:45 p.m. The television segment for Insight TV is finished and air dates will be announced next week. There will be a link to the video on the paysonrimcountry.com website. The video will also be on Channel 4. Council Member Blair suggested the video be aired also at a Council meeting.

Police Chief Engler announced the selection of Officer Lorenzo Ortiz as Gila County's Officer of the Quarter. He was selected for his work in the community with graffiti problems.

Council Member Blair reminded citizens that this was the last week for the Payson Area Food Drive. Souper Sunday will be observed in many area churches next Sunday to provide canned soup and other non-perishables for the food drive.

Council Member Wilson noted that \$32,000 in cash has been donated to the Food Drive already. Last year \$35,000 was needed, so they are hoping for at least another \$3,000 by the end of the week.

Council Member Carpenter announced that rumors of him having brain cancer or a growth on the spine are erroneous. He had back surgery and some heart issues, but is doing well.

Council Member Wilson noted that the Best of the Rim Country vote is coming and that the Mayor is considered a Council Member and eligible for the vote he deserves for a job well done.

Mayor Evans said he believes this Town is blessed and there is a source of that blessing. The Town's efforts to reach out to the poor and needy are blessed. He felt assured that the Payson Area Food Drive would meet its goals and recognized those who have helped so much in this effort. He said that this community is generous, loving and caring.

Mayor Evans presented a birthday card to Council Member Connell and announced her engagement offering congratulations on behalf of the Council and staff.

2. Documents, materials and information for Council review. There were no materials for review.

**D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; INTRODUCTIONS**

1. Comments, Commendations, and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, and/or Town Staff.

2. Proclamation declaring February 14, 2012 as the 100th Anniversary of Arizona's Statehood.

Mayor Evans read the proclamation in full. Lita Nicholson, Northern Gila County Historical Society and Rim Country Museum - Exhibits Committee member, accepted the proclamation, thanked the Mayor and Council and announced the grand opening of the Arizona Statehood exhibit on February 14, 2012.

#### **E. MINUTES**

1. \*Council Meeting Minutes: 01-19-12 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 5  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

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. \*Building Advisory Board Minutes: 11-27-07 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 430 - 431  
01-02-08 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 432 - 433  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
3. \*Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Minutes: 10-19-11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 3  
10-26-11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 5  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
4. \*Transportation Advisory Board Minutes: 10-05-11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 264 - 266  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY

#### **F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

1. This was a Public Hearing concerning an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by John Wilson, agent for the Library Friends of Payson, Inc. for a fundraiser to be held at 328 N. McLane, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, March 3, 2012, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Council Member Wilson explained this event was the "Taste of the Rim Country" sponsored by the Friends of the Payson Public Library. Tickets are \$30 with half of that amount deductible as a charitable donation. Space is limited, so tickets should be purchase early.

**Motion:** to Approve the application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by John Wilson, agent for the Library Friends of Payson, Inc. for a fundraiser to be held at 328 N. McLane, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, March 3, 2012, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Fred Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

## **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. Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2651 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE PAYSON GATEWAY PROJECT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR A BRONZE ELK STATUE IN THE NORTH HIGHWAY 87 ROUNDABOUT.

LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, explained that the Payson Gateway Project had applied for a grant that required evidence of community support. This resolution would provide that evidence. There would be no Town funds expended. ADOT has indicated they would support giving them the permits to erect the elk.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2651 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE PAYSON GATEWAY PROJECT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR A BRONZE ELK STATUE IN THE NORTH HIGHWAY 87 ROUNDABOUT.

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

Council Member Blair noted the grant was from the National Endowment for the Arts which at times has a bad name. He felt this was a positive thing.

Council Member Carpenter asked what the elk was expected to cost. Mr. Garrett answered that it would be around \$60,000.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

3. First Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. 820 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 50.03 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON TO CONFORM WITH THE TERMS OF THE C.C. CRAGIN WATER CONTRACT WITH SALT RIVER PROJECT. First Reading and Public Hearing.

Attorney Wright explained this ordinance was to clarify the parameters for developers bringing water to the Town of Payson. This clarification was needed to

make sure the contract with SRP was not interfered with. It may not be needed now, but the issue may come up in the future. Mayor Evans opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public and he closed the public hearing.

#### **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**There were no items in this section.**

#### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to move forward with the purchase of the remaining parcel of property for the Stover Road right of way and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Mr. Garrett explained this property was the final right of way needed to complete the Stover Road project. The property will be cleaned up before the close of escrow.

**Motion:** to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to move forward with the purchase of the remaining parcel of property for the Stover Road right of way and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

2. Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to proceed with investigating increasing the maximum allowable density provisions of the R3 Zoning District.

Mr. Garrett explained that the zoning code for R3 (multifamily housing) currently was a maximum of 18 units per acre. There was a request submitted to increase the units per acre to more resemble those in other communities in the area.

**Motion:** to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to proceed with investigating increasing the maximum allowable density provisions of the R3 Zoning District.

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

Council Member Carpenter asked if the additional necessary parking requirements would be addressed. Mr. Garrett assured him it would be part of the process of increasing density.

Council Member Blair explained that although he was in favor of this to provide affordable and senior housing, he was not in favor of a blanket ordinance allowing increased units per acre in all R3 zoning. Mr. Garrett explained that certain safeguards and criteria would need to be met concerning each individual property.

Council Member Wilson added that more affordable housing would be needed for

incoming students with the university and pipeline workers with the C.C. Cragin project.

Council Member Croy said that as the ordinance is currently written, it doesn't show the relationship between the size of the units and the units per acre.

Ralph Bossert, who currently serves on the Payson Regional Housing Board, complimented the Mayor and Council on their good work to bring affordable housing to Payson. He asked them to be prudent about their decision to add higher density housing. He encouraged them to look closely at this CDR.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

**J. CLAIMS**

1. \*List of checks paid from 12/29/2011 through 01/23/2012, Check Nos. 016794 through 017049, and authorization to file the checks for audit.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

**K. MISCELLANEOUS The following applications/letters/e-mails are on file in the Town Clerk's office.**

1. \*Appointment of Robert N. McClellan to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments; term to expire December 31, 2012. (vacancy since 2009)  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED
2. \*Approval of Ralph Bossert as Chair and Gary deSzendeffy as Vice-Chair of the Building Advisory Board.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Public Comments: Note: Communication and comments or suggestions from citizens present who have not submitted a Speaker's Request Form, on matters other than those listed on the agenda for consideration, shall be heard by the Council.

There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2 of February, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk