

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
January 7, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Kenny Evans - Mayor, Ed Blair - Council Member, Fred Carpenter - Council Member, Su Connell - Council Member, Rick Croy - Council Member, and John Wilson - Council Member.

**ABSENT:** Michael Hughes - Vice-Mayor.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, LaRon Garrett - Assistant Town Manager, Tim Wright - Town Attorney, and Silvia Smith - Town Clerk.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Deputy Town Clerk and Hope Cribb - Finance Manager.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action regarding the **bid award for the Solar Electric Generation Facilities on Town Property** (Town Hall, Police Departemnt, Fire Station 11). The Council will consider withdrawing the prior bid award and awarding the bid to the second bidder.

Mayor Evans asked LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to go over the bid award. Mr. Garrett explained the Town was working with Arizona Public Service (APS) for a grant for these facilities. Edwards Design Group, Inc. had won the bid, but was unable to go through with it so staff was recommending the Town go with the second bidder Sun Renu Solar as the Qualified Provider for the three identified solar electric generation facilities.

Council Member Wilson asked if the Council needed to make this an emergency. Tim Wright, Town Attorney, replied no.

**Motion:** to withdraw the selection of Edwards Design Group, Inc. in Partnership with Dependable Solar Products as the Qualified Provider for the three identified solar electric generation facilities on Town property and to approve the selection of Sun Renu Solar as the Qualified Provider for the three identified solar electric generation facilities on Town property and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents with the Qualified Provider and with Arizona Public Service for each of the projects.

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

Council Member Blair asked how many workers Sun Renu would need and if they would be from this area. John McDonnell, Managing Partner Sun Renu Solar, LLC.,

responded the company had contracted with a few local people that were brought to the Valley to get familiar with Sun Renu's work. Sun Renu would hire as many locals as possible. Council Member Blair asked if Sun Renu had done any other jobs in Payson. Mr. McDonnell replied no. Council Member Carpenter asked Mr. McDonnell to give a brief background on the firm. Mr. McDonnell explained Sun Renu had worked with many different vendors and was not limited to any one customer and had twenty plus years experience.

Council Member Connell asked if the savings the Town projected would be the same as with the first company. Mr Garrett replied the savings would not be as good because there was not an escalator with the first company and there was with Sun Renu Solar. Council Member Connell asked if Sun Renu would cover the maintenance. Mr. McDonnell replied yes. Council Member Carpenter asked if what was being installed was considered state of the art. Mr. McDonnell responded Sun Renu liked to use products that were tested. Some products were not tested yet. Council Member Connell asked what the projected start date and finish date were. Mr. McDonnell replied it usually takes thirty days for approval of buildig permits then they can move forward from there. The start date could be late March. Council Member Connell asked what the date of completion would be. Mr. Connell replied the project would take about one hundred and thirty days.

Mayor Evans called for the vote.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: Kenny Evans - Mayor, Ed Blair - Council Member, Fred Carpenter - Council Member, Su Connell - Council Member, Rick Croy - Council Member, and John Wilson - Council Member.

Absent: Michael Hughes - Vice-Mayor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:36 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 7 of January, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk