

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
February 7, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Rich Richey, Church of the Nazarene.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Evans stated the community had a great working relationship with the Church of the Nazarene and thanked Pastor Rich Richey for his role in the community.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Deputy Town Clerk, Hope Cribb - Finance Manager and Tammy Enlow - Budget Analyst.

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

1. There were no public comments.

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

**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**

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

LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, gave credit and praise to Water Department employees who responded to a broken water line. Houses around the break were without water so the crew worked through the night to restore water with backup hookups. Then they worked all day the next day to repair the line and had done an excellent job. Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, noted Water Department staff had brought the crew food while they worked. The crew had used innovative ways to fix the line. Mr. Garrett noted it was an older line that had been done in the 80s. Mayor Evans stated he appreciated their hard work.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, announced the new event calendar was out. February 20, 2013 was the FLW Tournament at Roosevelt Lake. All weigh ins would be lakeside and there would not be a final day weigh in in Payson. Mayor Evans would be there to welcome the fishermen.

2. Documents, materials and information for Council review. (The Council will not discuss or take action on the attached; they are provided for information only)

There were no documents for Council review.

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

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

Mayor Evans presented Council Member Connell with a birthday card and wished Ms. Connell a happy birthday.

2. **Presentation** of the 2011 - 2012 Town of Payson financial audit by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Dennis Osuch thanked the Council and explained the purpose of the audit. Mr. Osuch explained the audit was based on risk and reported the results of the audit. Mr. Osuch noted there was a problem with the finance software system and suggested working with the company to fix the problem. Mr. Osuch gave credit to Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, and their staff for their hard work.

Mayor Evans explained staff had been working with the finance software company for years to get the problem fixed and it was not going well. Ms. Galbraith noted it had been a problem since the Town bought the system. The company had sent someone out to work on it and they were able to fix it.

Council Member Carpenter asked how Payson compared to other towns. Mr. Osuch believed benchmarking was a great question and felt from a financial operational point the Town was in a good position. Council Member Carpenter asked what Mr. Osuch's overall opinion was of how Payson was doing. Mr. Osuch felt Payson was

doing well and this was a good town to work with and he appreciated the staff.

## **E. MINUTES**

1. \*Council Meeting Minutes:

01.17.13 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 4

**\*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. \*Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes:

12.10.12 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 3

12.11.12 Workshop Page 1

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3. \*Building Advisory Board Minutes:

11.08.12 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 451 - 452

**\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY**

4. \*Airport Commission Minutes:

10.08.12 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 6

**\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY**

5. \*Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Payson Fire Department Local Board Minutes:

09.15.11 Regular Meeting Minutes Page 1

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## **F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

1. There were no items in this section.

## **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\* APPROVAL**
2. **\*Resolution No. 2703.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2703 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, CONSENTING TO THE SALE, ASSIGNMENT, AND TRANSFER OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEMSTREAM ARIZONA PROPANE AND THE TOWN OF

PAYSON AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH ALLIANT ARIZONA PROPANE L.L.C., FOR A FRANCHISE FOR PROPANE DELIVERY IN THE TOWN OF PAYSON.

**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

3. **Resolution No. 2704.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2704 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AGREEING TO PURCHASE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO TREAT WATER FROM THE C.C. CRAGIN RESERVOIR.

Mayor Evans gave a brief background on the pipeline and explained the treatment plant would capture the energy coming out of the water as it came down the hill. It would generate a substantial amount of energy. The Mayor noted to get the permit to build the treatment plant the Town had to own the land. This resolution would authorize the acquisition.

Council Member Carpenter asked if the energy generated would operate the plant. LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, replied yes at times, but some power would come from Arizona Public Service (APS).

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2704 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AGREEING TO PURCHASE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO TREAT WATER FROM THE C.C. CRAGIN RESERVOIR.

Moved by Council Member Fred Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

**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.

Mayor Evans noted one item on the Consent Agenda was the Alliant gas franchise. The Mayor introduced Bill Webb, Region Manager for JP Energy Partners. Mr. Webb responded he was very excited and very confident of what Alliant would bring to the table for the community and hoped to be a solid member of the community. Mr. Webb thanked the Council.

Council Member Blair asked if the rates would be raised. Mr. Webb replied that was a concern of Alliant. The process of the rates were regulated in Arizona. Alliant would provide the best possible rates for the community. Alliant purchased propane with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) formula and as a part of that they took advantage of bringing the rates to the best rates in this part of the country. Mr. Webb would like to provide updates to the Council and see how Alliant was doing. This type of communication and working together would help and Mr. Webb promised Alliant would do everything in its power to make sure Payson had the best rates.

Council Member Croy asked if there would be a discount program for low income

families. Mr. Webb replied yes, with a stipulation that Alliant needed to work with all utilities that provide assistance to families. Mr. Webb would like to have those programs presented to him. Council Member Croy replied he would send some people Mr. Webb's way to show him how they work together.

Council Member Connell asked if Alliant would keep the current employees and hire more new people. Mr. Webb replied yes, Alliant would keep the current workers. Alliant was really excited about this acquisition and the employees here. Alliant was all about growth and saw the opportunity in Payson. Mr. Webb really believed the growth opportunity was here.

Council Member Blair asked for Mr. Webb's business card. Mr. Webb responded he would give Council Member Blair his business card and anyone could call his cell number 936-329-1440 and it goes directly to Mr. Webb.

Mayor Evans noted there was some unique talent in Payson now playing baseball. Alliant could help upgrade the ball fields with lights. Mr. Webb reminded the Mayor Alliant had invested in a ball field in Oklahoma.

Council Member Blair noted the Council had canceled the February 21, 2013 Council meeting on the Consent Agenda.

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

1. There were no items in this section.

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

1. **\*Council Decision Request.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a Council Decision Request filed by Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, to cancel the Corporate Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for April 2, 2013 and move the Capital Improvement Plan Meeting from March 5, 2013 to April 2, 2013 and cancel the Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2013.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

#### **J. CLAIMS**

1. **\*List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a list of checks, paid from 1/03/2013 through 1/24/2013, Check Nos. 020744 through 020964, and authorization to file the checks for audit.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

#### **K. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **\*Approval of Ralph Bossert as Chair and Rob Myer as Vice-Chair** of the Building Advisory Board.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**
2. **\*Approval of Jeff Loyd as Chair and John Swenson as Vice-Chair** of the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

3. **\*Approval of Jim Hunt as Chair and Bill Day as Vice-Chair** of the Airport Commission.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**
4. **\*Acceptance, with regrets, of the resignation of Barbara Shepherd from the Housing Advisory Commission** with thanks for a job well done.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**
5. **\*Appointment of Jerry Bancroft to the Design Review Board** to fill the unexpired term of Garrett Goldman. Term to expire December 31, 2013.  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:07 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 regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 7 of February, 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