

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
June 20, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Ed Blair.

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Timothy Wright - Town Attorney, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, LaRon Garrett - Public Works Director, and Donald B. Engler - Police Chief.

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. **Property Tax:** This was a public hearing. Council Decision Request filed by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, setting forth the Primary Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The Town received the Preliminary 2013 Levy Limit Worksheet from the Gila County Assessor's Office in February. The Preliminary Worksheet was used to calculate the maximum rate and amount that could be assessed. The maximum amount the Town can assess is \$665,794. The maximum assessable rate, without exceeding the Truth in Taxation hearing statute is 0.3828 per \$100/assessed value or \$633,680.

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, explained that in February the Town got a notice from the County of assessments and the Town did a worksheet to come up with the property tax levy. Mayor Evans noted the tax went up thirty eight cents per one hundred dollars for a one hundred thousand dollar home. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

2. **2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget:**
 - A. This was a public hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 42-17104 regarding Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses and the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

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Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2728 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES, AND ADOPTING THE SAME AS THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

Council Member Croy asked if the Council would have a better confirmation of how money would be spent on items. Mayor Evans explained the Town, because of the actions of the State, was looking at one hundred and thirty thousand dollars less in revenue than anticipated a week ago.

Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, noted the most important part was the revenues. Staff monitored revenues monthly to see where they were at. Ms. Galbraith explained if things were not appearing as they should the Town could end up with a spending plan. Council Member Croy asked if the new positions would be looked at strongly before the Town actually hired someone. Council Member Croy asked if there was a new position in the Police Department. Ms. Galbraith replied no the Police Department was filling vacant positions that were budgeted for every year.

Council Member Carpenter noted there were also grants in the budget that may not be realized in the fiscal year. Ms. Galbraith replied the Town did not spend grants until there was a guarantee the grant money was coming in. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: to Approve Resolution No. 2728 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES, AND ADOPTING THE SAME AS THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member Richard Croy.

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____ 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 20 of June, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk