

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
July 11, 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, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member Fred Carpenter.

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

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

A.RE SOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- 1.As the Council had possession of a full copy of Ordinance No. 835, the Council did forego a reading in full and allowed reading by title only.
2. **Public Hearing** concerning Ordinance No. 835, captioned as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAYSON SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS BOND REDEMPTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING INTEREST UPON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS; AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES, ALL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATION AND EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE (PROPERTY TAX LEVY 2013-2014)

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments.
Mayor Evans noted the difference between the property tax levy proposed

and the amount between last year was \$98,000 or an average \$1 per house per year more than was raised last year and that the second largest town in Gila County had a rate of a \$1.32. Mayor Evans explained the impact on home owners would be a negative number and even though the rate was going up the actual tax was not.

Council Member Carpenter noted it use to be a fact that the Town's tax levy was less than three percent of the total tax bill paid by home owners in the Town of Payson because the other taxing districts, Gila County, the School Districts and others were much higher in their tax rate so if a home owner paid one hundred dollars in taxes only three dollars of that went to the Town of Payson. Mayor Evans agreed that was true and explained this was a minor source of income for the Town of Payson.

Council Member Blair asked what was the major source of the Town's revenue used to run the Town. Mayor Evans replied the Town got twenty times more from the combined sales tax of state and local tax or shared State revenue. Council Member Croy noted a good amount of that was from other counties. Mayor Evans agreed. Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, explained there was 5.8 million in local taxes in the General Fund and the biggest source was local sales tax. Council Member Wilson asked everyone to be loyal and buy local to help the Town's budget. Ms. Galbraith also noted there was \$900,000 in vehicle license tax.

Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

Motion: to Approve Ordinance No. 835, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF PAYSON SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FUNDS FOR VARIOUS BOND REDEMPTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING INTEREST UPON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS; AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES, ALL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATION AND EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE (PROPERTY TAX LEVY 2013-2014).
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

Vote: Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member John Wilson, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes,

Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member Fred Carpenter.

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 11 of July, 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