

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
November 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

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: LaRon Garrett - Assistant Town Manager, Tim Wright - Town Attorney, and Silvia Smith - Town Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Diane Stoyer - Legal Assistant/Office Manager and Debra French - Office Clerk.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. **Presentation** by Town Staff of the Town Attorney Recruitment process to date.

Tim Wright, Town Attorney, explained the first employment offer was made to James Mannato and Mr. Mannato had declined the offer. Staff had reviewed the other applications. Mr. Wright noted Kane Graves was still interested in the position and was here.

2. **Introduction** of Mr. Kane Graves, Town Attorney Candidate.

Mr. Wright introduced Kane Graves. Mr. Graves introduced his wife June. Mr. Graves gave a brief background on himself. He grew up in Michigan and went to Western Michigan University then moved to Arizona and went to Arizona State University. Mr. Graves went to law school at the University of Arizona. Mr. Graves was a city attorney for Prescott for seven years where he did not have any deputies. Mr. Graves noted he has worked with all municipal departments. Land use and zoning were his specialty. Mr. Graves believed his services would serve the Town well. Mr. Graves was also a County Attorney in Durango, Colorado for five years where most of the growth there was in the County not Durango. After that he was in private practice, but Mr. Graves noted his true love was being a city attorney. Mr. Graves was in Show Low for five years as the Town Attorney and had many of the same concerns and issues as Payson. Mr. Graves had been the City

Attorney for Globe and Interim City Manager/Attorney. Then was appointed as the Manager. Since then Mr. Graves has been doing private practice in Show Low. Mr. Graves noted he had read a little bit about the Council in the newspaper and minutes. Mr. Graves gave his word he would serve Payson and the citizens well.

3. **Consideration of a motion to recess to executive session** for the purpose of discussion or consideration of employment/appointment of a Town Attorney, including, but not limited to interviewing Mr. Graves. See A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(1).

Motion: to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussion or consideration of employment/appointment of a Town Attorney, including, but not limited to interviewing Mr. Graves. See A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1). Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

Vote: Motion carried 8 - 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, Council Member John Wilson, and Silvia Smith - Town Clerk.

The entire Council recessed to Executive Session at approximately 4:14 p.m.

Mayor Evans reconvened the entire Council to the special meeting at approximately 4:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:54 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 November, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Tracie Bailey, Chief Deputy Town Clerk