

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2015**

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

Councilor Eugene Dayzie, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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: Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, LaRon Garrett - Assistant Town Manager, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, Emily Linkey - Library Director, Tanner Henry - Water Division Manager, and David Staub - Fire Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Quinn Shumway - Deputy Town Attorney, Kaprice Bachtell - Recreation Coordinator and Patricia Ronan - Contract Attorney, Curtis, Goodwin, Sullivan, Udall & Schwab, P.L.C.

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 John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

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.

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C. CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATION BY THE TOWN MANAGER, MAYOR, AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER

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.

Emily Linkey, Library Director, announced tickets were on sale for the Taste of the Rim event. Ten chefs were signed up to participate. Council Member Wilson announced he had tickets for sale for \$35 each. Council Member Connell asked what day the event was. Ms. Linkey replied it was March 7th.

Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, thanked all of the staff who had worked on the Council Chambers to put up drywall and paint. LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, noted there were several departments who had helped. Ms. Galbraith introduced Patricia Ronan the Town's new contract attorney with Curtis, Goodwin, Sullivan, Udall & Schwab, P.L.C. Ms. Ronan was pleased to be working with the Town and looked forward to working with the staff.

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.

Council Member Connell noted that five years ago the Tonto Natural Bridge was going to be closed. In 2014 there were 116,500 visitors. The park had been open on a part time basis and now it was open seven days a week. There were new toilets and septic tanks. The park had a new sign and construction work had been done. In 2015 the lodge would be available to be rented out. Council Member Connell congratulated the Friends of the Tonto Natural Park for all of the improvements they have made.

Mayor Evans asked Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, how the Town's float had done in the Fiesta Bowl Parade. Mr. Davis replied the float was victorious in taking 1st place in the Fiesta Bowl Parade. Mr. Davis thanked everyone who had helped with the float and noted the float was featured on all of the local TV stations. Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Davis and all of the volunteers.

Council Member Wilson announced the Payson Area Food Drive was limping along and was still in need of food and donations. Council Member Wilson asked everyone to drop donations off at the Fire Department on Main Street. Council Member Carpenter announced Souper Sunday was coming up at the churches and last year realtors took on donations. The need for food was a need all year. Council Member Wilson noted the need from the disadvantaged people has not slacked off. Mayor Evans thanked Council Member Wilson and Council Member Carpenter for their effort.

2. **Proclamation.** Mayor Evans read into the record a proclamation declaring January 28th, 29th and 30th, 2015 as Hashknife Pony Express Days. Mark Reynolds and members of the Hashknife Pony Express were present to accept the proclamation.

Mark Reynolds thanked the Council for their support. Mr. Reynolds thanked Cameron Davis and Kaprice Bachtell for all of their help with everything. Mayor Evans asked what time they would be at the post office. Mr. Reynolds replied 4:45 p.m.

E. MINUTES

1. *Council Meeting Minutes:

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12.18.14Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 10

***CONSENT* APPROVED**

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. *Payson Fire Department Alternative Pension Plan Board of Trustees Minutes:

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3. *Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes 09-30-14 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 5

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F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

1. ***Application for a Special Event Liquor License.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by John Wilson agent for Library Friends of Payson, Inc., for a fundraiser to be held at 328 North McLane, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, March 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Note: due to a perceived and/or potential conflict of

interest, Council Member Wilson was considered to have abstained from voting on this item).

***CONSENT* APPROVED**

2. **Public Hearing** concerning an application for a Series 12 Liquor License filed by Harizi Safet, agent for Cardo's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 203 E. Highway 260, Payson, Arizona.

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

Motion: to Approve an application for a Series 12 Liquor License filed by Harizi Safet, agent for Cardo's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 203 E. Highway 260, Payson, Arizona.

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

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.

G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. There were no items in this section.

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 Tanner Henry, Water Division Manager, to award the contract for the Summit and Matterhorn tank repair and maintenance to Superior Tank Solutions, Inc. for a total bid price of \$234,789.00 and authorize the Manager to sign all necessary contract documents.

***CONSENT* APPROVED**

2. **Council Decision Request** filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to declare Tracts E, G, H, I, J, and K of the Highlands at the Rim Subdivision as surplus property and direct staff to advertise for bids to sell said properties as one package with a minimum acceptable bid of \$1,000 for the package of six property tracts.

LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, explained the developer had not paid the taxes and the tracts were assumed by Gila County for non-payment

of the taxes. The Town purchased the tracts from Gila County in 2012 for \$1 each. The home owners association has asked to buy the tracts. Mr. Garrett explained this had to be done through a bid process. Council Member Carpenter asked how much acreage it was. Mr. Garrett replied it was under a 1/2 acre. Council Member Carpenter asked if the tracts were scattered. Mr. Garrett replied yes. Council Member Carpenter noted the tracts could not be revenue. Mr. Garrett responded no. Council Member Croy asked if it had to go to bid could the adjacent home owners bid on the tracts also. Mr. Garrett replied they could, but it would be recommended that the tracts be sold as a package and it would go to the highest bidder. All of the restrictions would still apply.

Motion: to declare Tracts E, G, H, I, J, and K of the Highlands at the Rim Subdivision as surplus property and direct staff to advertise for bids to sell said properties as one package with a minimum acceptable bid of \$1,000 for the package of six property tracts.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Fred Carpenter.

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.

3. **Council Decision Request** filed by David Staub, Fire Chief, to approve the Fire Department's policy on vehicle lock outs.

David Staub, Fire Chief, explained the issue of non-emergency lock outs for citizens became an issue when area locksmiths expressed concerns that the Fire Department conducting these activities was taking away from their business. Council Member Croy asked if the Fire Department was currently not doing any emergency lock outs. Chief Staub responded the Fire Department was following the current policy regarding lock outs. Council Member Croy asked how many times per year this happened. Chief Staub replied very rarely. Council Member Croy asked if there has been any feed back from the locksmiths in town. Chief Staub replied he had tried to contact some locksmiths, but they were very busy and had not got back to him. Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, noted the first call had to go to a locksmith. If the locksmith was unavailable then they could call the Fire Department.

Motion: to Approve the Fire Department's policy on vehicle lock outs.
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes.

Council Member Connell felt this was a good policy and thanked Chief Staub. Mayor Evans called for the vote.

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.

J. CLAIMS

1. ***List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a list of checks paid from December 19, 2014 through January 5, 2015, Check Nos. 028357 through 028653, **except Check Nos. 028447 and 028643**, and authorization to file the checks for audit.
***CONSENT* APPROVED**
2. ***Check No. 028447.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, Check No. 028447 and authorization to file the check for audit. (Note: due to a perceived and/or potential conflict of interest, Council Member Croy was considered to have abstained from voting on this item).
***CONSENT* APPROVED**
3. ***Check No. 028643.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, Check No. 028643 and authorization to file the check for audit. (Note: due to a perceived and/or potential conflict of interest, Council Member Higgins was considered to have abstained from voting on this item).
***CONSENT* APPROVED**

K. MISCELLANEOUS

1. ***Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, the appointment of Phil Cook to the Airport Commission** to fill the unexpired term of Dick Garmon, term to expire December 31, 2015.
***CONSENT* APPROVED**

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:50 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 regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 22 of January, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Tracie Bailey, Chief Deputy Town Clerk