

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
February 5, 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**

Pastor Rich Richey, Church of the Nazarene.

**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, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, and David Staub - Fire Chief.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Hope Cribb - Finance Manager, Tammy Enlow - Budget Analyst, and Patricia Ronan - Contract Attorney, Curtis, Goodwin, Sullivan, Udall & Schwab, P.L.C.

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

John Zilisch had a proposition for the Gila Community College. The college was provisional and received \$80,000 in funding for workforce training. The College Board was working on a House Bill to eliminate the word provisional so the college could receive \$200,000 in funding for workforce training like all the other colleges. Mr. Zilisch explained they were trying to get the Council to support the college in getting this bill passed by approving a resolution supporting it. Mayor Evans noted the numbers in the document were different from what was in the newspaper and asked Mr. Zilisch to clarify that. Mr. Zilisch explained that was a misprint in the newspaper and the college was trying to get \$200,000. Mayor Evans assured Mr. Zilisch the Town had a long term standing supporting workforce training and asked who was introducing the Bill. Mr. Zilisch responded it was Representative Stevens and asked the Council to please support this. Mayor Evans replied you have our support. Council Member Carpenter asked if this would have to be on the next agenda. Mr. Zilisch explained the Board wanted this introduced by February 12, 2015. Patricia Ronan, Attorney, noted this was not agendized so Council could not act on this, but could support it

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individually. Council Member Carpenter asked if the Council could have a special meeting to act on this. Ms. Ronan replied yes, the Mayor could direct staff later.

Eric Randau expressed concerns regarding the round-about at Highway 87 and Airport Road. Mr. Randau had been cut off many times inside the circle. Mr. Randau had requested the cost of the round-a-bout vs a stop light from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Mr. Randau believed when traffic got heavier ADOT would put in a stop light anyway. Mr. Randau was also concerned about the round-a-bout cost on Manzanita Street and felt it was fiscally irresponsible for the Town to follow ADOT's lead in building round-a-bouts.

**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 Fred Carpenter, 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**

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.

David Staub, Fire Chief, announced the Fire Department had been rated and had gone from a 4 to a 3. There were only a handful of fire departments in the state with that rating. Council Member Connell congratulated Chief Staub.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, announced the events for the coming year. Some events were new and some were returning events. The High School Rodeo Finals were coming back for the 7th year. The Arizona State University (ASU) Camp Tontozona and the August Rodeo would be on separate weekends this year.

Council Member Croy asked if the paper would publish the fire department rate. Chief Staub replied yes and when it was evaluated over the next 12 months the insurance policies would be updated. Council Member Croy

asked if it would be evaluated by insurance companies. Chief Staub replied yes, it was a complicated process.

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.
2. **Presentation** of the 2013 - 2014 Town of Payson financial audit by Dennis Osuch, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Dennis Osuch, CliftonLarsonAllen, gave a presentation on the 2013-2014 financial audit. Mr. Osuch explained the process of how the audit was done. There was a clean opinion and Tammy Enlow, Budget Analyst, was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award. Mr. Osuch thanked Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, and Ms. Enlow for their help and support. Mayor Evans recognized Ms. Enlow for the award and congratulated the Finance Department.

**E. MINUTES**

1. \*Council Meeting Minutes:

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**\*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. There were no items in this section.

**F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

1. There were no items in this section.

**G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

1. **Resolution No. 2829.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2829 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO

EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL YAVAPAI FIRE DISTRICT FOR PURCHASING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

David Staub, Fire Chief, explained this was a joint purchasing agreement. Council Member Carpenter asked if that meant that they go out to bid and the Town did not have to. Chief Staub replied that was correct. Council Member Connell asked if this was the first time the Town had this agreement. Chief Staub responded no, apparently the Town had it before with another entity.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2829 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL YAVAPAI FIRE DISTRICT FOR PURCHASING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

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.

2. \* **Resolution No. 2830.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2830 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL TERRITORY INTO THE NORTHERN GILA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" (1211 NORTH HEATHER CIRCLE, PAYSON, ARIZONA, GILA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL HUMBER 302-23-112B)  
**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

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

1. There were no items in this section.

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

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by Cameron Davis, Park, Recreation and Tourism Director, to (1) approve the request to waive fees by the PAWS organization for a one day (24 hours) fundraising event in 2015 at the Dog Park (land only), which is located at Rumsey Park or (2) deny the request for the fee waiver by the PAWS organization to use the Dog Park land for their annual fundraising event in 2015

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, explained this was a request to waive fees by the PAWS organization. Mayor Evans explained their request was because they spend a significant amount of time to help the Town keep the cost of the dog park low. Council Member Carpenter asked what would the cost to them be. Mr. Davis replied it would be \$190. Council Member Carpenter asked how many times a year did people come to Mr. Davis to waive fees. Mr. Davis responded about 50 times a year. Council Member Carpenter believed very few of these requests came to the Council level. Mr. Davis believed all organizations had a good reason to ask for fees to be waived. Patricia Ronan, Attorney, noted if the Council approved to waive fees they needed to make a finding for the record that it was for the benefit of the community. Mayor Evans noted they put in the letter the actual, physical amount of hours they spent taking care of the park. Council Member Connell felt if the fees were waived it would set a precedent, but believed they had put in enough sweat equity and would support this. Mr. Davis noted they were asking that these fees be waived for the future also. Ms. Ronan noted the Council could make this a one time fee waiver. Council Member Croy noted any action could be taken on a single year basis. Council Member Higgins agreed with Council Member Connell and has been a part of the PAWS event and agreed that on a one time basis it would be a good act on the part of the Council to waive the fee, but on a year by year basis. Council Member Wilson moved to approve the request for 2015 only. Council Member Carpenter asked if that included a finding that this was a benefit for the community. Council Member Wilson added that this was based on the fact that they do significant maintenance work for that facility that would otherwise have to be done by the Town.

**Motion:** to approve the request to waive fees by the PAWS organization for a one day (24 hours) fundraising event in 2015 only at the Dog Park (land only), which is located at Rumsey Park. This was based on the fact that they do significant maintenance work for that facility that would otherwise have to be done by the Town.

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.

## **J. CLAIMS**

1. \* **List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a List of checks paid from January 16, 2015 through January 16, 2015, Check Nos. 028662 through 028820, and authorization to file the checks for audit.

**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

**K. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. There were no items in this section.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Evans asked the Council if they would like to see a special Council meeting for the Gila Community College resolution. Council Member Wilson asked if it would make a difference if each one of the Council Members signed the resolution. Mayor Evans was uncomfortable with that. Mayor Evans asked Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, to schedule the special Council meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:03 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 5 of February, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Tracie Bailey, Chief Deputy Town Clerk