

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
June 4, 2015**

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** LaRon Garrett - Assistant Town Manager, Hector Figueora - Town Attorney, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, and Emily Linkey - Library Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Hope Cribb - Finance Manager, Tammy Enlow - Budget Analyst, and Sheila DeSchaaf - Planning and Development Director.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, to Adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, asked the Council to approve the tentative budget and noted the only change was to take out the ten thousand dollars for the Leadership Academy. Council Member Carpenter asked what would become of the ten thousand dollars. Ms. Cribb replied it would go to the ending fund balance. Mayor Evans noted one of the challenges was the timing with the Forest Service. The Mayor believed the Town should budget for staff this year because construction could start in late fall on the college. Mayor Evans wanted there to be enough staff for inspections. LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, noted the provision for more staff was in the budget. Ms. Cribb noted there was six months of an additional person. Mayor Evans asked if there was a provision in State Law if there was a significant unforeseen expense could the budget be adjusted. Mr. Garrett replied yes, that was possible.

Council Member Connell asked if the total enrollment of full time employees had gone up. Ms. Cribb replied yes, nine employees have been added. Council Member Connell asked if they were frozen positions. Ms. Cribb responded yes and two positions were added. Council Member

Connell asked how much the retirement contribution had gone up. Ms. Cribb replied about four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Council Member Connell asked what the increase in health insurance was. Ms. Cribb replied about eight percent. Council Member Connell noted last year's budget had not gone up significantly, but most of it was due to new hires. Ms. Cribb responded that was correct.

**Motion:** to Adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.  
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 Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Chris Higgins, and Council Member John Wilson.

2. **Resolution No. 2849.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2849 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE TOWN OF PAYSON FEE AND CHARGES SCHEDULE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE).

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2849 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE TOWN OF PAYSON FEE AND CHARGES SCHEDULE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE).

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

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

3. **Resolution No. 2850.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2850 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUSPENDING THE LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND DIRECTING PAYMENT OF INTEREST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2850 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUSPENDING THE LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS FROM

THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND DIRECTING PAYMENT OF INTEREST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016  
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Richard Croy.

Council Member Carpenter asked if that was a million dollar loan. Ms. Cribb replied yes. Council Member Carpenter asked if the Town has ever paid on the principle. Ms. Cribb replied no. Council Member Carpenter asked if the Town would ever pay the loan back. Ms. Cribb believed next year the Town could make the payment. Vice-Mayor Hughes noted the loan would be paid back. Mayor Evans called for the vote.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:07 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 special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 4 of June, 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