

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 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 Dave Barber, Star Valley Baptist Church.

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 - Acting Town Manager, Hector Figueroa - Town Attorney, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, and David Staub - Fire Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Sheila DeSchaaf - Planning and Development Director, Trevor Fleetham - Planning Technician, Colin Walker - Water Superintendent, and Curtis Ward - Town Engineer.

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

Wade Ward, Fire Mitigation Specialist for Arizona Public Service (APS), gave a brief presentation on the Fire Mitigation Program developed on a three year cycle to clean ten feet in all directions under APS poles. This would alleviate the fire danger. Mr. Ward wanted to let the public know exactly what APS was trying to do which was create defensible space. APS had identified that 75,000 poles were within an urban space. APS would contact each homeowner. Council Member Carpenter asked if APS controlled the major power lines running long distance. Mr. Ward replied some of them were shared with Salt River Project (SRP) and the Western Area Power Authority. Mayor Evans noted the primary purpose was to protect homes and property from APS. Mr. Ward replied the primary objective was not to start a fire. Council Member Carpenter noted APS would not want a pole to burn down either. Mr. Ward agreed it was to protect the infrastructure too. Council Member Carpenter was glad APS was working to be firewise. Mr. Ward thanked the Council. Mayor Evans asked if there was quantitative data on how many fires there have been. Mr. Ward replied yes, there was an ignition about four or five times a year. Mayor Evans asked if the fire had spread. Mr. Ward replied yes. Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Ward.

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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 Chris Higgins.

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.

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.

Sheila DeSchaaf, Planning and Development Director, announced she and LaRon Garrett, Acting Town Manager, had met with Judy Scalise from ESI who was selected as the consultant to start the Town's economic strategy. The majority of the cost was paid for by Arizona Public Service. Ms. Scalise would contact each Council Member with a survey and as it progressed there would be meetings with stakeholders.

LaRon Garrett, Acting Town Manager, read a list of upcoming events for Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director. The National Barrel Horse Association was September 5 - 7, 2015 at the Event Center. The 61st Annual Northern Gila County Fair was September 11 - 13, 2015 at the Event Center. The end of Summer Madness Girls Softball Tournament was September 11 - 13, 2015 at Rumsey Park. The State of Arizona High School and Junior High Rodeo Association Season Opener was September 19 - 20, 2015 at the Event Center. The Payson Old Time Opry was September 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium and the Old Time Fiddlin' State Championships were September 26 - 27, 2015 at the Event Center.

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.

Mayor Evans presented birthday cards to Council Member Croy and Council Member Higgins and wished them Happy Birthday.

2. **Presentation** by Wade Ward, Fire Mitigation Specialist Arizona Public Service. Mr. Wade gave the presentation under the Public Comments section of the Council meeting.
3. **Proclamation.** Vice-Mayor Hughes read into the record a proclamation declaring September 2015 as Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month in Payson. The proclamation would be mailed to the party who had requested the proclamation.
4. **Proclamation.** Council Member Wilson read into the record a proclamation declaring October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Payson. Edna Welsheimer, Time Out Executive Director, and other members of Time Out were present to accept the proclamation.

Edna Welsheimer thanked the Mayor and Council and was grateful for the community. Ms. Welsheimer noted there was a fundraiser for Time Out on September 21, 2015 and to contact the shelter for tickets. Junction 87 would be playing and there would be beer and wine. The domestic violence awareness walk was on October 14, 2015.

E. MINUTES

1. *Council Meeting Minutes:
August 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Pages 1-9
***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. *Environmental Projects Commission Minutes:
August 06, 2015 Regular Meeting Pages 1-4
August 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Pages 1-2
***CONSENT* INFORMATION ONLY**
3. *Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Minutes:
April 30, 2015 Regular Meeting Pages 1-3
***CONSENT* INFORMATION ONLY**

F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

1. There were no items in this section.

G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. **First Public Hearing re:** amending Chapter 152 of the Payson Town Code: Grading and Drainage.

- A. **Resolution No. 2871** - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING PAYSON TOWN CODE CHAPTER 152 RELATING TO GRADING AND DRAINAGE AND DECLARING SUCH AMENDMENT TO BE A PUBLIC RECORD.
- B. **Ordinance No. 872** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 152, GRADING AND DRAINAGE, FOR THE TOWN OF PAYSON BY UPDATING, REVISING, ADDING AND DELETING SPECIFIC GRADING AND DRAINAGE DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS TO MAKE THEM MORE APPLICABLE AND REASONABLE.

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing. Ralph Bossert, Verde Engineering, expressed his appreciation to the Council for letting them look at the grading and drainage requirements and was in support of the changes. Mr. Bossert asked the Council to consider 152.61.d.2 the points of compliance where the engineer was required to meet the drainage requirements that said additional points down stream had to meet the code requirements. Mr. Bossert asked the Council if they would ask staff to look at that. LaRon Garrett, Acting Town Manager, explained this was to make the requirements simpler to use and clean it up. If a development came in now it could have the same amount of water leave the property instead of reducing it. The charts and graphs were updated. Mr. Garrett noted the issue Mr. Bossert brought up could be looked at. Council Member Carpenter asked if this actually reduced the requirement. Mr. Garrett replied yes. Council Member Carpenter asked if it worked well. Mr. Garrett replied yes. There were no more public comments. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

2. **First Public Hearing re:** amending and creating Payson Town Code Section 154-02-017 of the Unified Development Code: Community Gardens.

- A. **Resolution No. 2877** - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING AND CREATING PAYSON TOWN CODE SECTION 154-02-017 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO COMMUNITY GARDENS AND DECLARING SUCH AMENDMENT TO BE A PUBLIC RECORD.

- B.

Ordinance No. 871 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, CREATING AND ADOPTING PAYSON TOWN CODE SECTION 154-02-017 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO COMMUNITY GARDENS IN ALL ZONING DESIGNATIONS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing. Sheila DeSchaaf, Planning and Development Director, explained she had researched what other community gardens were doing and Exhibit A set a set of parameters to community gardens. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. There were no public comments. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. There were no items in this section.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by Colin Walker, Water Superintendent, to approve the list of recommended projects for utilization of Payson's environmental trust fund and to submit to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation the following projects for approval: Green Valley Park Lake #3 Fish Fence - \$103,000.00, Green Valley Park Irrigation System Controls - \$45,000.00, Green Valley Park Lake #3 Shoreline Stabilization - \$150,000.00, Green Valley Park Lake #1 Streamside Riparian Environmental (additional native trees and lake fill pipe waterfall) - \$26,000.00, Project Administration - \$1,000.00, and White Amur Fish Purchase (if funds are available).

Colin Walker, Water Superintendent, explained the Town created an Environmental Projects Commission pursuant to terms of a 1994 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States of America Bureau of Reclamation. The MOU was the result of a 1994 transaction with the City of Scottsdale wherein the Town's Central Arizona Project water allocation was transferred to Scottsdale in return for monies necessary to develop additional water supplies for the Town. As a condition of the United States's approval of this transaction a sum of these monies were set aside for future environmental projects in the Payson area. The projects were to be determined by the Town with input from a Town-appointed committee. The Commission had come up with the projects listed on the Council Decision Request and the project was now known as Green Valley Park. Council Member Croy asked if the fish fence was in case of an over flow situation. Mr. Walker replied yes, and it got extra points for that category because the Town was required to keep non native fish from escaping into the Verde River. The fish fence was a fence with two inch openings and staff bought fish with a two and one quarter inch head. Council Member Carpenter asked if this was the final step in this process or did it have to go through an approval process with Game and Fish and the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Walker replied Game and Fish knew this was the agreement and the

agreement said the Town would consult with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation had appointed a staff member to contact Mr. Walker to get what they needed. No other agencies were involved.

Motion: to approve the list of recommended projects for utilization of Payson's environmental trust fund and to submit to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation the following projects for approval: Green Valley Park Lake #3 Fish Fence - \$103,000.00, Green Valley Park Irrigation System Controls - \$45,000.00, Green Valley Park Lake #3 Shoreline Stabilization - \$150,000.00, Green Valley Park Lake #1 Streamside Riparian Environmental (additional native trees and lake fill pipe waterfall) - \$26,000.00, Project Administration - \$1,000.00, and White Amur Fish Purchase (if funds are available).

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 Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Chris Higgins, and Council Member John Wilson.

2. **Council Decision Request** filed by Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, to modify the Town of Payson Logo (Tree and the word "Payson") by combining it with the Town Slogan, "Arizona's Cool Mountain Town" that was approved as the official Town Slogan in 2008 by the Town Council with the combination of the two being the official Town of Payson Logo.

LaRon Garrett, Acting Town Manager, explained the tree and the slogan were never officially combined and with the new business cards staff wanted all of the departments to be consistent. Council Member Carpenter asked what the cost would be to convert the letterhead and other things. Mr. Garrett replied staff printed letterhead when it was needed. This would be for business cards. Council Member Carpenter asked if the logo would be on vehicles. Mr. Garrett replied as new vehicles came to the Town.

J. CLAIMS

1. ***List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a list of checks paid from August 7, 2015 through August 21, 2015, Check Nos. 046517 through 046694, 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 expressed appreciation for everyone who attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference. Council Member Carpenter noted Mr. Walker had shown a video of the C. C. Cragin Project at the conference that had a lot of good comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:12 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 3 of September, 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