

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2016**

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

Mayor Evans gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSENT: Council Member Chris Higgins.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Ray Law - Airport Manager, and Mary Bystricky - Town Prosecutor.

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 6 - 0

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

Council Member John Wilson.
Absent: Council Member Chris Higgins.

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.

Ray Law, Airport Manager announced the Payson Airport won The Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona Annual Airport Safety Award. Ralph Larkin, Safety Volunteer for the airport, had put in for the award every year for the past nine years. Mayor Evans congratulated Mr. Law and Mr. Larkin.

Cameron Davis, Parks Recreation and Tourism Director, reminded everyone the Wildlife Festival was this weekend, May 14, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m at Green Valley Park. Mr. Davis reminded everyone to sign up for the Monster Mudda which was on June 4, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the event center. Mr. Davis indicated the summer concert series started June 4, 2016, and the pool was getting ready to kick off the season.

Don Engler, Police Chief, gave some highlights from the Payson Police Department Annual Report 2015. Chief Engler started off his message by showing his extreme appreciation for the staff of the Payson Police Department. For the third year in a row the staff had brought the index crime rate down almost ten points. The areas that helped to accomplish this were the assault category and burglaries. Chief Engler noted there was a tremendous amount of community involvement and wanted to share his appreciation of the community. Council Member Croy inquired what the percentage of burglaries were for residential areas vs commercial areas. Chief Engler believed about ten to fifteen percent were commercial, but the majority of burglaries were residential.

LaRon Garrett, Town Manager, noted there were several bid awards this week that came in under budget and would go to the Council at the next Council meeting.

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. **Proclamation.** Vice-Mayor Hughes read into the record a proclamation declaring May 19 - 21, 2016, as Payson Western Wear Days. John Landino, Payson Rodeo Committee, was present to accept the proclamation.

John Landino thanked the Council and appreciated what the Town did for the Rodeo Committee. Mr. Landino noted the majority of donations went to breast cancer and scholarships. Mr. Landino announced this weekend was the Payson Coral Society concert and it benefitted students in middle school and high school. Concert tickets were available from any member or the Chamber of Commerce for eight dollars or ten dollars at the door.

3. **Proclamation.** Mayor Evans read into the record a proclamation declaring May 6 - May 12, 2016, as National Nurses Week. Michael Herring, MSN-L, MBA, RN, CENP, Chief Nursing Officer Banner Payson Medical Center, was present to accept the proclamation.

Michael Herring recognized the collaboration with the Town. Mr. Herring noted there was a shortage of a million nurses and wanted to recognize the college working with the hospital to keep the nursing students in the community when they graduated. Mr. Herring thanked the Council.

E. MINUTES

1. ***Council Meeting Minutes:**
 April 20, 2016 Special Meeting Pages 1-2
 April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Pages 1-8
***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. ***Application for a Special Event Liquor License.** Council approved on the Consent Agenda, an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by Leland Schwein, agent for BPO Elks Lodge #2154, for a special event to be held at 1206 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, June 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight
***CONSENT* APPROVED**
2. ***Application for a Special Event Liquor License.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed

by Chris Bertone, agent for Rim Country Regional Chamber of Commerce, for a special event to be held at 1400 South Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona, Friday, June 3, 2016 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

***CONSENT* APPROVED**

G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. **Resolution No. 2914.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2914 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GILA COUNTY FOR 2016 ELECTION SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO SELECT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO EACH TOWN ELECTION.

Hector Figueroa, Town Attorney, explained staff had gone to Globe to meet with Election Officials and this resolution authorized staff to select services to be provided under the agreement.

Motion: to Approve Resolution No. 2914 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GILA COUNTY FOR 2016 ELECTION SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO SELECT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO EACH TOWN ELECTION.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Higgins.

2. **Resolution No. 2915.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2915 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA ("TOWN"), APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND A QUIT-CLAIM DEED FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN GREEN VALLEY PARK TO THE NORTHERN GILA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. ("NGCHS" OR "SOCIETY"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A MONUMENT HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE 1970 LABOR DAY FLOOD.

Mayor Evans indicated this was to honor 23 people who lost their lives in the 1970 Labor Day flood. LaRon Garrett, Town Manager, explained he was approached by a group of relatives of the survivors who wanted the monument and they would maintain the monument. The Town had an agreement with the Northern Gila County Historical Society to give back some land if they needed it.

Gordon Whiting gave the Council a draft of the language that would be on the monument. Mr. Whiting appreciated the location to honor these folks and thanked the Council. Mr. Whiting noted it would not cost the Town anything.

Motion: to Approve Resolution No. 2915 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA ("TOWN"), APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS RESOLUTION AND A QUIT-CLAIM DEED FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN GREEN VALLEY PARK TO THE NORTHERN GILA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. ("NGCHS" OR "SOCIETY"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A MONUMENT HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE 1970 LABOR DAY FLOOD.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Higgins.

Mr. Garrett noted the monument would be to the west of the fire fighter monument.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. There were no items in this section.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes to adjust the Town Attorney Pay Grade to Grade 92 with an increase in annual compensation of \$6,100 effective as of his anniversary date of March 25, 2016.

Vice-Mayor Hughes explained this was a recommendation to raise the attorney pay grade to 92 and increase the salary by \$6,100.

Motion: to adjust the Town Attorney Pay Grade to Grade 92 with an increase in annual compensation of \$6,100 effective as of his anniversary date of March 25, 2016.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Higgins.

Hector Figueroa, Town Attorney, indicated he enjoyed working with all the staff.

J. CLAIMS

1. ***List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a list of checks paid from April 22, 2016, through April 22, 2016, Check Nos. 048972 through 049107, and authorization to file the checks for audit.

***CONSENT* APPROVED**

K. MISCELLANEOUS

1. There were no items in this section.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:58 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 10 of May, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Tracie Bailey, Chief Deputy Town Clerk