

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
June 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: 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.

ABSENT: Mayor Kenny J. Evans.

STAFF PRESENT: LaRon Garrett - 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.

Council Member Wilson arrived at 5:06 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Hope Cribb - Finance Manager, Tammy Enlow - Budget Analyst, Bobby Davis - Economic Development Specialist, Mary Bystricky - Town Prosecutor, Manar Bogatko - Customer Service Manager, and Kaprice Bachtell - Recreation Supervisor.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. **Council Decision Request** filed by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, to Adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 in the amount of \$49,668,800.

Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, presented the tentative budget in the amount of \$49,668,800. Ms. Cribb noted the Town was not going to receive the Endowment of Arts Grant. The the medical insurance had been tuned and revenue was reduced. The official budget forms with schedules would go to the Auditor General and were available at Town Hall, the library and on the Town website. Vice-Mayor Hughes noted this was the tentative budget and it could not be increased after it was approved.

Motion: to Adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 in the amount of \$49,668,800.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: 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.
Absent: Mayor Kenny J. Evans.

2. **Property Tax:** This was a public hearing. Council Decision Request filed by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget proposes that the Primary Tax rate be set at \$0.3839 per \$100/assessed value to levy an amount equal to \$662,582 for the Fiscal Year Budget 2016/2017. This tax rate is \$0.0038 less than last year and tax levy is \$11,421 higher due to new construction. There is no secondary property tax. The Town received the Revised Preliminary 2016 Levy Limit Worksheet from the Gila County Assessor's Office in February. The Preliminary Worksheet was used to calculate the maximum rate and amount that could be assessed. The maximum amount the Town can assess is \$738,815. The maximum assessable rate, without exceeding the Truth in Taxation hearing statute, is 0.3839 per \$100/assessed value or \$662,682.

Vice-Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing. Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, explained this stated the proposed tax levy. The rate has gone down slightly. There were no public comments. Vice-Mayor Hughes closed the Public Hearing. Council Member Carpenter noted there was no secondary tax levy now. Ms. Cribb replied yes, that was correct.

3. **Council Decision Request** filed by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, to approve the Budget Transfers as presented.

Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, explained budget adjustments were needed for the payout of the previous Town Manager.

Motion: to Approve the Budget Transfers as presented.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: 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.
Absent: Mayor Kenny J. Evans.

4. **Resolution No. 2929.** Vice-Mayor Hughes opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2929 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF

PAYSON, ARIZONA, ("TOWN"), SUSPENDING ONE HALF OF THE LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PAYSON FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF ONE HALF OF THE LOAN PRINCIPAL AND ALL OF THE INTEREST PAYMENT TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

LaRon Garrett, Town Manager, explained the Town had borrowed one million dollars from the Water Department years ago and up until now the Town has only paid the interest on the loan. This was to approve the first payment on the principal.

Motion: to Approve Resolution No. 2929 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ("TOWN"), SUSPENDING ONE HALF OF THE LOAN PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PAYSON FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PAYMENT OF ONE HALF OF THE LOAN PRINCIPAL AND ALL OF THE INTEREST PAYMENT TO THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

Yes: 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.

Absent: Mayor Kenny J. Evans.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:12 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 special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 16 of June, 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