

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Evans called the regular meeting to order in the Town Council Chambers, 303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Harold Fleege, Director and Pastor, U-Turn for Christ led an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, LaRon Garrett - Public Works Director, Don Engler - Police Chief, Buzz Walker - Assistant Public Works Director, Marti deMasi - Fire Chief, Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director, and Cindy Smith - Chief Fiscal Officer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Wright - Deputy Town Attorney, Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk, Diane Stoyer - Legal Department Office Manager, Toni Balestrere - Paralegal II, Mary McMullen - Recreation Supervisor, and Hope Cribb - Financial Analyst

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

Betty Berryman, Northern Gila County Historical Society's newly elected president, introduced Judy Buettner (past president), Nancy Perky (treasurer), and Sandy Carlson (archivist). Ms. Berryman said the Historical Society will continue to show visitors our 'destination stop' town. Mayor Evans thanked Judy Buettner for her service to the community and the NGCHS. Her diligent work toward the wonderful improvements to the museum are greatly appreciated. Ms. Buettner said she will be focusing on her health, but hopefully will be back to serve in the future.

Dennis Pirch spoke representing the FLW Western Series Bass Fishing Tournament that will be coming to Roosevelt Lake in September. He said that 150 pros and 150 co-anglers will be pre-fishing Roosevelt Lake well in advance of the tournament. Contestants will be cut to 5 pros and 5 co-anglers for the last 3 days. He thanked the steering committee of volunteers whose passion for the outdoors brought these kinds of activities to the Payson area. Mr. Pirch also thanked the Town of Payson for its support.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

**C. CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATION BY THE TOWN MANAGER, MAYOR, AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER**

Chief Engler reported that the police volunteers met a milestone. The program began in late 2000 and volunteers have logged 11,029 1/2 hours by 2009. The top areas of donated hours are the PATH program, office clerk, maintenance projects, property and evidence. Chief Engler was very proud of the volunteers and their donation to the Town of Payson.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Toursim Director, announced that the Hash Knife Pony Express Riders will be making their annual trek beginning in Holbrook and covering over 200 miles through Payson to Scottsdale. They will be in Payson Wednesday, January 27th at Post Office at 4:45 p.m.

Roger Kreimer with the Payson Area Food Drive said the community wide support was wonderful. He thanked the Council, local newspapers, businesses and churches. Anonymous donations are at \$14,777.38 and the collection of food is over the half way to the goal.

Council Member Connell introduced the mascot for the Payson Area Food Drive, Woody the Squirrel. The costume was created by Deana Biesmyer. Ms. Biesmyer makes costumes and markets them worldwide. Council Member Connell thanked Ms. Biesmyer for her donation of the Woody costume for the cause. Woody will be making appearances throughout the community. The food drive has been extended through Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Boxes for food donations are in the grocery stores.

Mayor Evans presented a card to Council Member Wilson in honor of his 78th birthday.

Council Member Wilson announced the First Friday event on Main Street scheduled for January 8th. The Presbyterian Church will be having a fee supper that night from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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)

**D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS;  
INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no items in this section.

**E. MINUTES**

1. Council Meeting Minutes:  
12-01-09 Special Meeting Pages 1 -3  
12-10-09 Regular Meeting Pages 1 -13  
12-11-09 Special Meeting Page 1  
\*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. \* Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes:  
10-12-09 Regular Meeting Pages 1 -4  
11-09-09 Regular Meeting Pages 1 -3  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
3. \* Surface Transportation Advisory Board:  
11-04-09 Regular Meeting Pages 203 -205  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
4. \* Design Review Board:  
11-17-09 Regular Meeting Pages 126 -127  
\*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
5. \* Housing Advisory Commission:  
09-27-09 Regular Meeting

**F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

1. This was a public hearing concerning an application for a Series #12 Liquor License filed by Richard P. Floyd, agent, Cardo's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 205 E. Highway 260, Suite A.1, Payson, Arizona.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public and he closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve an application for a Series #12 Liquor License filed by Richard P. Floyd, agent, Cardo's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 205 E. Highway 260, Suite A.1, Payson, Arizona.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. \* As Council, staff, and the audience have the titles to all resolutions and ordinances, authorization to forego verbal title readings.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED
2. Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2533, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SITE CONTRACT WITH OPERATION BASS, INC. (FLW OUTDOORS FISHING TOURNAMENT)

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, explained the tournament activities. He said a questionnaire distributed to anglers after the last tournament set the economic impact to Payson and Gila County around \$700,000. The coming tournament should be even bigger. The event will be nationally televised, a series leading up to the event will also be televised and information will be in magazines and on the FLW Outdoor website.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2533, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SITE CONTRACT WITH OPERATION BASS, INC. (FLW OUTDOORS FISHING TOURNAMENT)

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

3. The following three items will be heard together: Resolution No. 2536, Ordinance No. 774 and a Council Decision Request filed by Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director.

- a. Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2536, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTIONS 33.95 THROUGH 33.99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, DECLARING SUCH AMENDMENT TO BE A PUBLIC RECORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (PAYSON ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL)

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2536, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTIONS 33.95 THROUGH 33.99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, DECLARING SUCH AMENDMENT TO BE A PUBLIC RECORD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (PAYSON ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL)

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

- b. Public Hearing and Discussion/possible action concerning Ordinance No. 774, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTIONS 33.95 THROUGH 33.99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (PAYSON ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL) Public Hearing.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 774. There were no comments from the public and he closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve Ordinance No. 774, captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTIONS 33.95 THROUGH 33.99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (PAYSON ADVISORY YOUTH COUNCIL)

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council

Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

- c. Council Decision Request filed by Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, to approve the appointment of the following students to the Payson Advisory Youth Council (PAYC)-Members Alicia Bayless, Lauren Best, Daniel Conley, Sam Grassel, Payton Pettet, Austin Shannon, Anthony Smith. Alternate Members Tyler Aguirre and Dillon Walker.

Mr. Davis gave a brief presentation explaining the duties and goals of the PAYC. Mary McMullen, Recreation Supervisor, will be the staff liaison and Council Member Connell will liaison for the Council. Mr. Davis introduced the new Payson Advisory Youth Council members and alternate members.

**Motion:** to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, to approve the appointment of the following students to the Payson Advisory Youth Council (PAYC)-Members Alicia Bayless, Lauren Best, Daniel Conley, Sam Grassel, Payton Pettet, Austin Shannon, Anthony Smith. Alternate Members Tyler Aguirre and Dillon Walker.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

4. \* Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2537, captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ENDORSING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE GILA COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GILA COUNTY RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

#### **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS There are no items in this section.**

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

1. \* Council Decision Request to appoint Vice-Mayor Vogel as the Town of Payson representative to the Enterprise Zone Commission.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED
2. \* Council Decision Request to request the Transportation Advisory Board

study and provide recommendations back to the Town Council on the following subjects: 1) Highway 260, Granite Dells Road, and Safeway driveway intersection improvements; 2) Circulation and mobility throughout the Town; 3) Speeding on neighborhood streets; 4) Business impact of a bypass; 5) Sidewalk Study; and 6) Developing an annual priority list of street repairs/construction.

\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

3. Council Decision Request to approve the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Preliminary Engineering Design of the C.C. Cragin Treated Water Pipeline and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents.

\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

4. Discussion/possible action re: Expenditures/Revenues of the FY 2009/2010 Budget and FY 2010/2011 Budget, including but not limited to: (Council Decision Request filed by Cindy Smith, CFO)

- A. Status of Revenue/Spending
- B. Projected Revenue Estimates
- C. Options for increasing revenue
- D. Potential limitations/reductions in spending and services, including but not limited to:
  - (1) Potential reductions in departmental spending;
  - (2) Potential reductions in services;
  - (3) Potential employee work furloughs;
  - (4) Potential employee salary reductions;
  - (5) Potential employee lay-offs;
  - (6) Potential redistribution of health care costs
- E. Establishment of responsibility to make appropriate reductions in spending and services.

Mayor Evans recommended directing staff to implement a furlough program and meet again in a special meeting to discuss issues that need additional input. The meeting was set for 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Mayor Evans said that any delay would cost an additional pay period and a furlough program needed done tonight. He asked Ms. Galbraith to bring back specific details on the impact of the furlough program and other options at the Wednesday meeting.

**Motion:** to Approve directing staff to implement a furlough program and meet again in a special meeting Wednesday, January 13, 3:00 p.m. bringing to Council the quantified impact of other options so they might select from that menu both in the 2010 budget and for longer term.

Moved by Mayor Kenny J. Evans, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Ms. Galbraith asked if she could use her authority to make these decisions now. Mayor Evans said it was her authority to do so now and he wanted to make sure she understood the need to do this immediately.

Vice-Mayor Vogel said he would be available telephonically for Wednesday's meeting.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson.

#### **J. CLAIMS**

1. \* List of checks paid from December 1, 2009 through December 30, 2009, Check Nos. 008101 through , 008432 and authorization to file the checks for audit.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

#### **K. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. \* Acceptance with regrets of the resignation of Donna Baade from the Housing Advisory Commission and thanks for a job well done. (Letter of resignation on file in the Town Clerk's office)  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

#### **L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Evans recognized Vice-Mayor Vogel's hard work in bringing new manufacturing to Payson. They continue to look at more enterprise businesses coming in the future.

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:23 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 7 of January, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk