

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
June 17, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Harold Fleeger, U-Turn for Christ, led those present in an invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, LaRon Garrett - Public Works Director, Colin P. Walker - Assistant Public Works Director, Ray Erlandsen - Acting Community Development Director, Cindy Smith - Chief Fiscal Officer, and Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk, Battalion Chief Jim Rasmussen and Bethany Beck - Housing Program Manager. (Ms. Beck arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

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

Casey O'Brien, Payson School District Superintendent, supported waiving building fees for the new vocational/agriculture building at the High School. He noted that the Town has supported waiving such fees in the past. He said the building will include classrooms and an indoor arena and be a benefit to the whole community.

Wendall Stevens, Vocational/Agriculture teacher at Payson High School for 30 years, said that an agriculture education is community based that includes FFA, work based learning and adult education. He reminded the Council that the building was not about him but about the future of agriculture education in Payson. The building would supply an agriculture mechanic shop, animal science laboratory for the first time. Mr. Stevens said the building would provide more relevant career education beyond FFA and a more realistic picture of what careers might be, a greater chance for scholarships and awards and an increase in college and dual enrollment opportunities for Payson students. He urged Council waive the building fees.

Patti Blackmore, Payson area veteran, served on the board planning this building. As a community business owner and a former FFA student, she believed that this will be a good opportunity for the community and the students and urged waiving the fees.

Lani Hall a native of Payson and a graduate of Payson High School also served on the building committee for the High School. Her 4H kids would use the facility and help them in their career choices. She said that the University of Arizona was willing to provide some education but needed a facility. She urged waiving the fees.

Alicia Bayless, secretary of the Payson FFA chapter, said that agricultural education had helped her "find herself". She learned a great deal from her Agricultural Science including extemporaneous public speaking and leadership. She urged waiving fees for this important building.

Jessica Stone, treasurer of the Payson FFA chapter, said she learned a great deal from her teacher, Mr. Stevens, including public speaking and animal science. She urged the Council to waive the building fees for the new building. Mr. Stevens has inspired her and she would like him to have this building.

Mayor Evans asked to move Item I.2 to the beginning of the agenda and received a consensus of the Council to do so.

I.2. Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to waive the plan review and permit fees for the new vocational building at the high school.

**Motion:** to approve a Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to waive the plan review and permit fees for the new vocational building at the high school.

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

Clmn. Croy noted that the schools operate from a budget that are supported by all the households within their district. The citizens of Payson town limits would be the ones bearing the weight of the \$11,000 fee waiver. He said he would not support the request because he didn't feel it was fair to the citizens of Payson.

Clmn. Blair said that he agreed with Clmn. Croy philosophically. The Council had agreed to not waive fees except by extraordinary circumstances. Because he believed that there would be benefits to the community beyond agriculture, Clmn. Blair said he would support the request.

Clmn. Connell said she supported the code amendment to not waive fees but explained that education was a high priority and she would not like to lose this opportunity to expand an education leadership. She voiced her support for waiving

these fees.

Mayor Evans cited th life changing decision for him when he signed up for vocational/agriculture classes as a student and said much of his success started there. He voiced his support for waiving this fee.

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 1

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

No: Council Member Richard Croy.

- B. CONSENT AGENDA Items listed on the agenda with an asterisk which are considered to be routine in nature and which will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items shall be held unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the main agenda.**

**Motion:** to approve the CONSENT AGENDA.

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 Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Su Connell, 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.

Deputy Town Attorney Tim Wright gave an update on changed State legislation concerning fireworks. Although the laws have changed, they will not yet be in effect for the upcoming celebrations this year. Municipalities will be able to regulate fireworks somewhat within their own boundaries and Payson, along with other communities and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, is working to provide a level of consistency. There should be an ordinance in place around November of this year. In the meantime, fireworks are still illegal in Payson.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, read a promotional release concerning the Payson 4th of July celebrations that will include Thunder on the Mountain motocross racing, a parade, continued summer concern series and the celebration on the 4th. Activities begin on the 4th at

Green Valley Park at 8:00 a.m. with fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Clmn. Wilson announced that Saturday, July 8, there will be a flea market at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street and activities will be available on July 4th in the parking lot of the church.

Clmn. Connell announced the Rim Country Open Arizona Disc Golf Tourney at Rumsey Park this Saturday. She also made note of the continued concert in the park series and the farmer's market that will be on Saturday's through the summer at Saw Mill Crossing.

Mayor Evans announced that we are shifting our internet and asked Council Members to bring their computers in on Monday to setup their outlook. It should only take a few minutes and suggested they visit with Tonia Erin concerning features that are now available. Clmn. Blair announced the new website address: [www.paysonaz.gov](http://www.paysonaz.gov).

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**

1. Comments, Commendations, and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, and/or Town Staff.

Clmn. Connell announced that this was the last council meeting for Sam Streichman Town Attorney. She said that Sam has had a long history of keeping the Town Council and personnel out of hot water. However, Sam worked on many water projects through the years including the Green Valley Park project, water service to the Tonto Apache Tribe, purchase of a water company, water for Chaparral Pines and the Rim Club, and the visioning and hard work of towards the C.C. Cragin project. Sam has served 10 councils and she thanked him for providing the legal umbrella that has kept the Town and the Council safe and dry. Mayor Evans presented Mr. Streichman with a plaque memorializing his service.

Mr. Streichman said he enjoyed his years and the changes they brought. He wished the Town the nothing but prosperity and success. Mr. Streichman sad we were in good hands with Tim Wright at the helm of the attorney's office.

Mayor Evans said the Arizona State Parks Board held a meeting at the Natural Bridge. He believed it was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the park in a leisurely way. The Parks Board had renewed enthusiasm after their visit and voted to pay off the entire balance of the note on the Park.

2. Presentation: discussion/possible action Green Valley Redevelopment Area report re: accomplishments.

Presentation by Chuck Proudfoot, GVRA Commission report.

Chair Proudfoot presented a pictorial contrast of the history of some Main Street projects along with the written report to the Council. Mayor Evans remarked that the journey was very worthwhile. Clmn. Blair asked if the Main Street program will continue now that the Green Valley Redevelopment Commission is disassembled. Mr. Erlandsen assured Clmn. Blair that staff will progress with the next steps for the continuance of the Main Street program.

## **E. MINUTES**

1. \* Council Meeting Minutes:  
There were no items in this section.  
\*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. \* Green Valley Redevelopment Area Commission: 05.06.10 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 674 -675 06.03.10 Regular Meeting Minutes Page 676 \*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY
3. \* Surface Transportation Advisory Board: 05.05.10 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 217 -219 \*CONSENT\* INFORMATION ONLY

## **F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

1. This was a Public Hearing concerning an application for a special event liquor license filed by Judy Baker, agent for the Mogollon Health Alliance, for a fundraising event to be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Sunday, August 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1400 South Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

Mayor Evans abstained from the discussion handing the gavel to Vice-Mayor Hughes. Vice-Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing. Louise Echols said that this event was the Gracie Lee Haught Memorial roping and they will be selling beer only as they have in previous years. There were no other comments and Vice-Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve an application for a special event liquor license filed by Judy Baker, agent for the Mogollon Health Alliance, for a fundraising event to be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and

Sunday, August 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1400 South Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 0

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

2. This was a Public Hearing concerning an application for a special event liquor license filed by Debra Mahoney, agent for the Payson Rodeo Committee Inc., for a fundraising event to be held Saturday, July 3, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 1400 South Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

Mayor Evans opened public hearing. Debra Mahoney spoke on behalf of the Rodeo Committee. They were asked by the motocross event to have beer available one of the event days. Mayor Evans closed public hearing. Jw/RC 7 - 0

**Motion:** to Approve an application for a special event liquor license filed by Debra Mahoney, agent for the Payson Rodeo Committee Inc., for a fundraising event to be held Saturday, July 3, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 1400 South Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Richard Croy.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Su Connell, 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. 2557 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY TO ESTABLISH A PARTNERING ARRANGEMENT FOR APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

3. Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2561 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN GREEN VALLEY PARK, AND PROVIDING FOR 5.7 PERCENT MATCHING FUNDS.

LaRon Garrett, Public Works Director, explained this was a transportation enhancement grant to install pedestrian lighting in Green Valley Park. The project would need about \$375,000. He said the lights would be night sky compliant. Clmn. Croy asked if solar lighting would be more efficient. Mr. Garrett explained that solar lighting was researched and cost prohibitive. The LED lights will use less electricity than regular lighting. The Town's match for the grant would be approximately \$21,000. Clmn. Carpenter asked when the project might be completed. Mr. Garrett said that the grant should be awarded toward the end of the year and bidding will happen after that putting the project complete within three years. Ms. Galbraith also added that these proposed matching funds were budget.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2561 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN GREEN VALLEY PARK, AND PROVIDING FOR 5.7 PERCENT MATCHING FUNDS.

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 Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member John Wilson.

4. \* Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2562 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE TOWN OF PAYSON HOUSING REHABILITATION GUIDELINES. **\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**There were no items in this section.**

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. \* Council Decision Request filed by Silvia Smith, Town Clerk, to cancel the Special Meetings of July 15, 2010 and August 5, 2010.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED
  
3. Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to authorize the Mayor to sign the employment agreement for Buzz Walker for FY 2010/11.

Mayor Evans gave the gavel to Vice-Mayor Hughes because of his desire to explain the process of Mr. Walker's and Mr. Erlandsen's employment agreements.

Mayor Evans stated unequivocally that Mr. Walker and Mr. Erlandsen did not ask for this arrangement but the initiative was from Ms. Galbraith and himself. They worked together to find a way to save the legacy costs without breaking employment contracts entered into years ago. The early retirement contracts presented to employees have very limiting rules.

**Motion:** to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to authorize the Mayor to sign the employment agreement for Buzz Walker for FY 2010/11.

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

Clmn. Carpenter asked how much would be saved annually by this arrangement. Ms. Galbraith replied that the entire group of employees taking early retirement would save about \$298,000 this year. In fiscal year 2011/2012 the savings would be \$332,000. Clmn. Connell said she had seen this type of contract process used in private industry. She was glad there would not be a skill gap with these two directors retiring. She pointed out that the contracts would be with the company they have signed up with and not the employees themselves. Ms. Galbraith said that the arrangement with the employment company would allow either party, ESI or the Town, to terminate employment immediately upon request and replaced with someone else.

Clmn. Carpenter called the question.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

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

4. Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to authorize the Mayor to sign the employment agreement for Ray Erlandsen for FY 2010/11.

**Motion:** to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by Debra Galbraith, Town Manager, to authorize the Mayor to sign the employment agreement for Ray Erlandsen for FY 2010/11.

Moved by Council Member Fred Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

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

**J. CLAIMS**

1. \* List of checks paid from May 27, 2010 through June 10, 2010, Check Nos. 009920 through 010322, and authorization to file the checks for audit.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED

**K. MISCELLANEOUS**

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Walker commented that when he began in the water business he was 19 years old, 200 pounds, had hair and thought beer was food. A lot has changed over his years in the water business.

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 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 17 of June, 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