

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
August 11, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the special meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, AZ. He introduced members of the Star Valley Town Council who were present. He then introduced Representative Paul Gosar who spoke to those present.

PRESENT: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Su Connell, and Council Member Rick Croy.

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, and Don Engler - Police Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Legislative update by the honorable Representative Paul Gosar

Rep. Gosar described the ongoing negotiations regarding the Country's financial situation in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. He believed the House had done it's job negotiating in a bi-partisan manner to bring forward bills to the Senate. He did not believe the Senate, in particularly Senate President Reid, had done it's job. There was no debate allowed on the bills put forth to the Senate. He described the unfunded liability of the United States, stating the debt was \$114,000 trillion dollars. He explained the need for jobs to help balance the budget.

Council Member Blair asked if their Congressional predecessors borrowed from medicare. Rep. Gosar said the 111th Congress did. The program has not been updated.

Council Member Connell asked if the President was considering removing charitable donation deductions from income tax. Rep. Gosar responded that the President's proposal was three parts cuts to the budget and one part additional revenue.

Star Valley Mayor Rappaport asked what could be done about the Forest Service dragging their feet on approvals for the Cragin water pipeline. Rep. Gosar suggested contacting Senator Harry Reid and members of the Senate. Rep. Gosar also suggested finding out from both Senators and Legislators by email where they stand on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:56 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 11 of August, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk