

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2011**

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

Reverend Charles Proudfoot, Community Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with 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, and Council Member John Wilson.

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Tim Wright - Town Attorney, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, LaRon Garrett - Public Works Director, and Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk, Colin P. Walker - Water Superintendent, Hope Cribb - Finance Manager and Officer Mike Varga.

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

1. Communications and comments or suggestions from citizens present who have submitted a Speaker's Request Form to the Mayor, Town Clerk, or designee, prior to the meeting being convened, concerning matters other than those listed on the agenda for consideration, shall be heard by the Council.

There were n comments from the Public.

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.

Motion: to approve the CONSENT AGENDA with exception of of Item G.4, removing it from the agenda entirely and Item I.2 for further discussion.

Moved by Council Member Ed Blair, seconded by Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes.

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Absent: Council Member Su Connell.

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.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Manager, noted that the annual Trunk or Treat at the Oxbow Saloon will be October 31. The haunted house is for adults only. Admission is \$3 or \$2 with a can of food for the local food banks. There will be a Halloween dance at the Oxbow Saloon on Saturday, October 29 with music by Moonshine Mafia. Applications for the entries in the Electric Light Parade are being accepted now. The deadline for applications is November 18. Information can be found on the Parks and Recreation website or by calling their office.

Council Member Blair reminded those present of memorial services for Tim Hewitt on Saturday and Dan Adams on November 5.

2. Documents, materials and information for Council review. There were no materials for information.

D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; INTRODUCTIONS

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

Mayor Evans said that the local food banks are in dire circumstances. He emphasized the need for a food drive this year. All food and money collected during that drive stays in the Payson area.

Council Member Wilson noted that monies collected last year will be completely depleted by the end of this month.

Council Member Blair asked what the goal would be this year. Council Member Wilson said they would need 55,000 pounds of food and \$30,000 in cash donations.

2. Proclamation declaring November 2011 as Veterans Recognition and American Patriotism Awareness Month.

Council Member Blair read the proclamation in full. Kathy Siler was not present to accept the proclamation.

3. Presentation by Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, regarding the Quarterly Financial Update.

Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, reviewed the Quarterly Financial Update. She highlighted some changes. Budget allowed for two school resource officers, but the school district had only funded one officer. Although there was a reduction in

revenue because of this change, there was also a reduction in expense to the Police Department because it allowed that officer to take over other duties. Revenue from the County for animal control was budgeted for \$100,000, but there was an increase to \$135,000. No fire fighting grants were approved, so no money will be spent on our part. Building permits increased over prior years and she is keeping an eye on them hoping to reach goal. Grant revenue has not been received as yet, but loan proceeds for the fire trucks should come in soon. CDBG projects have been done, but not reimbursed as yet. Sales tax revenue is holding its own. State sales tax is up \$7,000. State shared revenue is down significantly, but this loss was budgeted for. Property taxes seem fine and the bed tax shows some increase. This is similar to previous years. There has been substantial growth in revenue from recreation fees. All departments are spending less of their budgets than prior years except the Water Department (Airline Loop Water Line Project) and the Street Department. (repair of street sweeper)

Mayor Evans appreciated the helpful report. He said it helped them to understand the general trends.

Council Member Blair complimented the departments watching their expenses closely.

E. MINUTES

1. * Council Meeting Minutes: 10-06-01 Regular Council Meeting Pages 1-7
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: 09-12-11 Regular Meeting Pages 1 - 4
CONSENT INFORMATION ONLY
3. * Surface Transportation Advisory Board: 08-03-11 Regular Meeting Pages 261 - 263
CONSENT INFORMATION ONLY
4. * Payson Advisory Youth Council Minutes: 09-15-11 Regular Meeting Pages 1 - 4
CONSENT INFORMATION ONLY

F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

1. There were no items in this section.

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. 2630, captioned as follows:
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SETTING ELECTION DATES; ESTABLISHING VOTING DISTRICTS; AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF VOTING AND THE METHOD OF COUNTING THE BALLOTS FOR THE 2012 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.
CONSENT APPROVED
3. * Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2631, captioned as follows:
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH GILA COUNTY FOR CERTAIN SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO THE TOWN OF PAYSON FOR THE MARCH 13, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE MAY 15, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION. *CONSENT* APPROVED
4. Second Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. 813 captioned as follows; AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES BY ADDING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS. (MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT DESIGN REVIEW) (Second Reading and Public Hearing)
(Removed from the Agenda)

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Decision Request filed by Buzz Walker, Water Superintendent, to submit a Townsite purchase application for a water treatment plant and related facilities at the site approved by the United States Forest Service, authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents, authorize Town staff to take any actions necessary to obtain the water treatment plant site and to allocate all costs to the Water Enterprise Fund.

Motion: to Approve a Council Decision Request filed by Buzz Walker, Water Superintendent, to submit a Townsite purchase application for a water treatment plant and related facilities at the site approved by the United States Forest Service, authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents, authorize Town staff to take any actions necessary to obtain the water treatment plant site and to allocate all costs to the Water Enterprise Fund.

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

Vote: Motion carried 6 - 0

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

Absent: Council Member Su Connell.

2. *Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Residential Subdivision at 1601 E. Underwood Lane subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Blair said he asked this item be pulled from the agenda. He voted against the rezoning previously and sited the Planning and Zoning's recommendation for denial the most recent time it was brought before them. He considered casing a symbolic no vote, but decided to abstain instead.

Motion: to Approve 2.*Council Decision Request filed by LaRon Garrett, Assistant Town Manager, to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Residential Subdivision at 1601 E. Underwood Lane subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Council Member Richard Croy.

Vote: Motion carried 5 - 0

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

3. *Council Decision Request filed by Buzz Walker, Water Superintendent, to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to extend lease agreements with Crown Atlantic Company L.L.C. for communication towers located at 902 N. Hillcrest Drive and 1100 N. Falconcrest Drive until July 9, 2045 and to allocate all costs or proceeds from this action to the Water Enterprise Fund. *CONSENT* APPROVED

J. CLAIMS

1. *List of checks paid from 09/28/11 through 10/10/11 , Check Nos. 015797 through 015999, except Check No. 015961, and authorization to file the checks for audit. *CONSENT* APPROVED
2. *Check No. 015961, paid 10/10/11, and authorization to file the check for audit. (Note: due to a perceived and/or conflict of interest, Vice-Mayor Hughes will be considered to abstain from the voting on this item.) *CONSENT* APPROVED

K. MISCELLANEOUS

1. *Acceptance of the resignation of Andrew Hensley from the Fire Department Alternative Retirement Board (POC) with thanks for a job well done. *CONSENT* APPROVED

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments: Note: Communication and comments or suggestions from

citizens present who have not submitted a Speaker's Request Form, on matters other than those listed on the agenda for consideration, shall be heard by the Council.

There were no comments from the Public. Mayor Evans said the decision from Fish and Wildlife's biological assessment was "no significant impact". He voiced his appreciation for the local Forest Service rangers and staff. The U.S. Senate would send to the President for signature a concurrent resolution regarding the C.C. Cragin project. Gila County has approved the sale of a parcel of land to the S.L.E. It is generally located from Graham Ranch Road east almost to Tyler Parkway, next to Gila Community College.

Council Member Blair asked when the start of construction for the pipeline would be. Mayor Evans explained that it is still two months away.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:56 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 regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 20 of October, 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