

**MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER:

- ▶ Call to order by Mayor Foster

INVOCATION:

- ▶ No Invocation - Moment of silence

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- ▶ Pledge Led by Vice Mayor Jewitt

ROLL CALL:



Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Jewitt, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Workman, Council Member Orgeron.

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Laura Bruno, Attorney Susan Goodman, Town Clerk Terry Frausto, Community Development Clerk Tina Abriani

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

▶ **Motion: Motion to remove Item #4 from the agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Mayor Foster, Seconded by Council Member Workman. Comment on item 4 by Interim Town Manager. Council Member Kelley would like to make it so that more than one person can make an announcement. Second by Mayor Foster. Motion to amend the agenda as stated by Vice Mayor Jewitt. Second by Council Member Anderson Motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Report – Council Member Anderson
Town Managers Report – Interim Town Manager Laura Bruno
James Schultz – Award for 15 years service (4/17/96)
Terry Frausto – Award for 15 years service (9/09/96)

▶ Council Member Anderson announced that the problem was solved for the after school program.

▶ Council Member Kelley made announcements to the public about deliveries for the Salvation Army deliveries for Christmas and also deliveries for the Food Bank.

Vice Mayor Jewitt made announcement about how grateful the seniors at the apartments were.

▶ Town Manager made report on the new format for the agenda and will bring it to Council in January for approval. Review of thank you for the grading of Old Yuma Rd. The Community Center has its certificate of occupancy and there will be a grand opening on Jan 6, at 2 Pm.

▶ Service Award presentation to Sgt. Schultz for 15 yrs service

▶ Service Award presentation to Terry Frausto for 15 yrs of service

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve ledger of accounts paid (Check Series 34849-34902/total = \$394,529.65).
2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting December 11, 2012
3. Appoint Dennis A. Dole to the Municipal Utility Administration Committee to serve a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2013
4. Appoint John (Jack) Brown to the Municipal Utility Administration Committee to serve a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2013.

▶ **Motion:** Motion to approve as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vice Mayor Jewitt, **Seconded by** Council Member Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

122112-01. Executive Session

- An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment and appointment of Lawrence King as Town Magistrate.
- An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with special counsel for the Town in order to consider its position and instruct special counsel for the Town regarding the Towns position regarding an employment contract with Lawrence King for the position of Town Magistrate, which contract is the subject of negotiations.
- An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with special counsel for the Town in order to consider its position and instruct special counsel for the Town regarding the Towns position regarding settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation related to the former Town Manager.

▶ **Motion:** Motion to go into executive session, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Council Member Anderson, **Seconded by** Council Member Crooks. Motion passed unanimously.

9:18 Adjourned into executive session

▶ Meeting reconvened 10:11

▶ Roll call

112112-02. Presentation by Dan Jackson from economists.com on the water and sewer rates.

Dan Jackson, Economist.com

▶ **Presentation of water rate plan for Quartzsite. Facts about water and waste water rates. Inflation. System Replacement. Current Water Rates. Wastewater Rates. Common Goals. What are capital needs. What are the total cost of the project and funding. Capital improvement needs. Forecast of cost of service. Challenges of costs. Long term goals of rate plan. What we are looking at for long term rate plan. Rate plans for commercial and residential properties. Notice of intent. Long term rate plan. Mayor Foster asked about increase of 12% Norma asked if a workshop was held would mr. Jackson return. Patricia reminded council of past history.**

Skip Gallop spoke on subject.

Dean Taylor spoke on subject.

Kevin Murphy spoke on subject.

122112-03. Approval to authorized bids for expansion of the waste water treatment plant.
(not for public discussion)

Kevin Murphy, Atkins Engineering

▶ **Motion:** Motion to go out to bid on expansion project, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Foster, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Jewitt.
Motion passed unanimously.

122112-04. Discussion and possible action to nominate and approve three appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (not open for public discussion)

Item removed from the agenda.

Beth Praast, Community Development

ADJOURNMENT:

▶ **10:58 AM**

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2012, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on December 21, 2012.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 8th day of January, 2013

Terry Frausto, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor