

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
PUBLIC WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2014, 9:00 AM

MEETING BEGAN: 9:02 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Jewitt, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Orgeron, Council Member Scott and Council Member Timberlake

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Bruno, Town Manager; Rob Troxler, Water & Wastewater Director; Rondus Bennett, Utility Accountant; Jeff Sorensen, Utility Technician; Tina Abriani, Town Clerk and Kevin Murphy, Town Engineer

WORK SESSION:

SEWER RATES - Presentation and discussion regarding the sewer rates

Discussion by Council Members, Town staff and citizens regarding sewer rates took place. The highlights of the presentation follow:

- Town Engineer, Kevin Murphy, handed out a listing of Sewer Rate Comparisons of towns and cities in Arizona. These were discussed.
- Laura Bruno, the Town Manager, handed out extracts from audit statements from fiscal years 2005-2012 regarding various funds, debts and income pertaining to water and sewer. Fiscal year 2013's report will be forthcoming. These reports were reviewed and discussed.
- Five possible ways to supplement the HURF replacement funds, providing support to the general fund and passing it through to the sewer and water, were identified:
 1. Charging homeowners for each RV sewer hook-up.
 2. Implementing a special assessment district for areas without access to sewer currently but that will have access in the future.
 3. Levying a sales tax on electric bills.
 4. Putting a dump station at sewer plant.
 5. Using capacity fees as an offset to sewer bills.

- Four reports were requested by the citizens:
 1. Cost to rehabilitate the sewer system, without expansion.
 2. Number of RV sites, number of all user classes, number in each class and average usages.
 3. Maximum flows over the last five years.
 4. Quarterly reports regarding the HURF portion of the monthly sewer bill.

MEETING ENDED: 11:22 a.m.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Work Session of April 3, 2014.

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

DATED this 8th day of April 2014



Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:



Ed Foster, Mayor