

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Kelley led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Jewitt, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Orgeron, Council Member Scott, Council Member Timberlake.

STAFF PRESENT: Skylor Miller, Town Manager; Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney; Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the agenda as presented and Council Member Crooks seconded the motion.

Council Member Scott pulled check #38047 and page 4 of the minutes.

Council Member Kelley seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION – Award to be presented to Sergeant Frausto for his twenty years of public safety service to the Town of Quartzsite.

Town Manager Miller presented an award, on behalf of the Town, to Sergeant Frausto for twenty years of dedicated and faithful service to the community. The Mayor congratulated Sergeant Frausto. The audience gave a standing ovation.

Sergeant Frausto said it has been a ride the last twenty years, up and down; but, the main reason he stayed here is because of the people. He said he hopes to continue for more years serving the lovely people of Quartzsite and the Council.

2. PROCLAMATION – World Food Day, October 16, 2014.

The Mayor read the Proclamation announcing October 16, 2014 as World Food Day recognized by the Town of Quartzsite.

Council Member Kelley spoke about the minimal supplies she has to give to the hungry

The Mayor spoke regarding the lack of State assistance in helping to feed the people. He asked that citizens contribute to the Food Bank box here at the Town Hall.

3. PROCLAMATION – Arizona Cities & Towns Week, October 19 - 25, 2014.

The Mayor read the Proclamation announcing Arizona Cities & Towns Week, October 19 - 25, 2014, recognized by the Town of Quartzsite.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **Council Member Timberlake seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

4-a. LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 38001-38050, totaling \$136,943.28.

Council Member Scott pulled check #38047 made out to Ward Law Offices, PLLC. She asked for a copy of the invoice to know what time period the payment covers and for what cases.

Town Manager Miller advised the check is for the attorney's standard flat rate monthly fee.

Council Member Scott moved to approve check #38047 and **Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

Town Manager Miller stated he will provide Council with a copy of the invoice for check #38047.

4-b. MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014.

Council Member Scott noted a typographical error in the minutes; after number five, the third paragraph, the last line: "She said likes the cemetery a lot."

The Council decided to direct staff to correct the minutes to reflect what the speaker of the sentence actually said and approve it at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. OPENING OF SLURRY SEAL BIDS – Opening of bids received for Slurry Seal services for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Town Manager Miller opened the one and only bid received by T & C Seal Coating, Incorporated. He noted: Certificate complete, addendum complete and the bidder provided the following price:

- Type III Slurry Seal, unit price \$1.39
- Open Grad Slurry Seal, \$1.90
- Combined Price, \$3.29

The Town Manager explained there was no action to be taken on the agenda item because the opened bid will next be reviewed by Town staff to determine if there will be a formal recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENT – Consider the appointment of one regular member to the Hi Jolly Cemetery Board with a term ending November 2017.

The Mayor stated Carol “Lynn” Stimson is to be considered to replace resigned Kay Mooring on the Hi Jolly Cemetery Board.

Ms. Stimson stated when she was before the Council at the last meeting, she did say that she likes the Cemetery. She advised that she really likes the Cemetery. She visits as her husband is buried there and she would really enjoy seeing the future of the Cemetery and what is being done to it. She noted she cleans up when she visits.

Scott stated she is glad that Ms. Stimson is still interested and knows she will be a go-getter.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the admission of Lynn Stimson to the Hi Jolly Cemetery Board effective November 1, 2014 and to expire 2017. **Council Member Orgeron seconded** the completed motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

7. SUPPORT FOR NON-PROFIT APPLICANTS FROM THE TOWN ECONOMIC OUTREACH FUND – Discussion and possible action to approve Accountability Contracts with the Historical Society in the amount of \$3,000, the Senior Center in the amount of \$3,000 and the Business Chamber in the amount of \$2,200 as recommended by the Health and Development Services Board regarding award of the 2014 Town Economic Outreach Funds.

Council Member Timberlake asked Town Manager Miller about a Board Member being on the Board and receiving Town funds.

Town Manager Miller spoke about looking for new volunteers for the Board or looking to modify the Town Code to accommodate a broader set of volunteers. He advised that he does not think the recommendation decision reached by the Health and Development Services Board was impacted by the eligibility of the person in question. (Sue MacCracken of the Senior Center)

Discussion took place regarding adhering to the Town Code and picking and choosing parts of the Town Code to follow.

Town Manager Miller stated the Town Code prohibits one from being a member of an organization that receives funding through the grant process for a period of one year before and one year after one leaves the organization.

Town Manager Miller stated there is currently one member of the Health and Development Services Board that could potentially receive funding tonight; however, she abstained from all discussion and did not take part in the vote.

Council Member Orgeron stated he was under the impression that the Town funds were going to be opened up to all non-profits. He stated it was not advertised and the other non-profits did not know the funds were available.

Town Manager Miller explained that during the Health and Development Services Board meeting, creating an application process and advertising the funds' availability was discussed.

Council Member Crooks moved to open the item to public discussion and **Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

Kay Mooring, local resident and member of one of the receiving groups, the Quartzsite Historical Society, spoke regarding the Historical Society's compliance with the requirements by the Town for the funding.

Council Member Crooks suggested the possibility of tabling the item.

Sally Ford, Chairman of the Health and Development Services Board, spoke regarding the Town Code as it related to the Town's funds for non-profits. She suggested a new start next year advertising so that all non-profits may become aware of the availability of Town funds; but, this year to approve the recommendations made by the Health and Development Services Board. She does not want the groups that have abided by the rules throughout the year to be penalized by not receiving the funds.

Council Member Orgeron suggested tabling the item until three more requests for funds from non-profits are received. He stated the funds could then be awarded.

Ms. Ford asked how there can be an award made to any non-profit organization that had not submitted quarterly reports for the past year.

Discussion continued regarding the Town Code, the Health and Development Board Member that is on the Board of the Senior Center, advertising the availability of funds and award monies.

Elmer London had two points to share. One, he didn't see anything in the Board's directions that they have to go out and solicit. Two, is the Board prepared to finance something like that? He noted with more applicants they will receive less.

Shanana Rain Golden Bear, President of Proud Neighbors, spoke about it being a good thing to let the non-profits know that there are Town funds available.

The Mayor stated he thinks it is late to start trying to change the rules for the process; the process has seen its course and he thinks it is time to make the move on it. He stated some good discussion took place and there are some things to be put on the agenda to change.

The Mayor closed the public discussion.

Council Member Crooks asked Town Manager Miller how many meetings of the Health and Development Services Board have taken place since he has been on staff. Town Manager Miller replied, one in September. Council Member Crooks asked how there could be a deadline without a board. Town Manager Miller advised the applicants had turned in their reports to the front desk of the Town Hall.

Town Manager Miller stated he has several recommendations to clean the process up moving forward for following years. He said what the Council decides to do tonight is their discretion, of course.

Council Member Timberlake asked the Town Manager how long it would take to make an amendment to the Town Code.

The Mayor stated thirty days after the vote of Council the amendment would take effect.

Town Attorney Goodwin advised she does not think the fact that an ineligible person was appointed to the board invalidates the action making the recommendation.

Council Member Scott asked Town Attorney Goodwin if the Council could move forward because the Board Member basically recused herself and was not involved in the process. Council Member Scott stated the Council will clean up the Town Code. The Town Attorney said yes.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the recommendation of the Health & Development Services Board regarding disbursements to the Historical Society, the Senior Center and the Business Chamber of Commerce subject for this year, for they all must do their quarterly reporting; if they fail to report, they will be ineligible next year. **Council Member Kelley seconded** the motion. The vote was five ayes: Council Member Kelley, Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Jewitt, Council Member Scott and Council Member Timberlake; two nays: Council Member Crooks and Council Member Orgeron. **Motion Passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Announcement of the November 12, 2014 Town Council Meeting.

The Mayor announced that the first regular Council Meeting would be November 11, 2014, Veteran's Day. The Town Code provides that the meeting be scheduled for the next day. The meeting will be held on November 12, 2014.

9. Announcements and Reports from the MAYOR on current events.

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10. Announcements and Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

Council Member Scott announced she is still getting a lot of complaints about the transit system. She directed the matter be put on the next regularly schedule meeting's agenda. She asked that the schedule, hours and ridership last year at this time and this year now.

Council Member Timberlake asked that there be some recommendations on a modification of the Town Code regarding who can and cannot serve on boards on the agenda of the next meeting.

Council Member Timberlake spoke about the Halloween celebration. Parents and community members, with or without their children, are asked to go to the Community Center at 4:30 p.m. on Halloween. There will be hot dogs for the children, a costume contest between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. trick or treating will begin at the Community Center and end at the Town Hall. The Haunted House at Town Hall will open at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Kelley stated a volunteer from the food bank has donated a fire breathing dragon. There will be fire from the dragon if there is an approval from the Fire Department, otherwise, there will be noise from the dragon. Council Member Kelley advised Terry Frausto donated the hot dogs for the event.

11. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

Town Manager Miller publicly recognized Town Attorney Susan Goodwin's inclusion in the 2015 Edition of Best Lawyers in America for her work in the practice area of municipal law, which includes all forms of political subdivisions including cities, towns and special taxing districts.

Town Manager Miller provided an update on the progress of the Quail Trail Well rehabilitation.

Town Manager Miller advised that through the Chief of Police review process, the panel and he made a recommendation to Council to hire Mr. Lee Alirez and the Council did unanimously approve his contract. Unfortunately, Mr. Alirez was offered another position closer to family and with a higher salary. The process was immediately started back up and three applicants will be reviewed Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Sally Ford spoke of the Town hosting a public party to honor Sergeant Xavier Frausto for all he has done.

Pam Kasby, resident of Quartzsite, spoke regarding a fundraiser for the Food Bank. On the day of the Christmas Parade at the Q.I.A., from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., there will be a Soup and Chowder Festival.

Shanana Rain Golden Bear asked that everyone participate in the Halloween event. Everyone may park at the Town Hall, the Community Center, or along East Quail Trail, much like a parade. She thanked Council Member Kelley and Council Member Timberlake and the Town Manager Miller for all their help.

Suellen Pennington, from the First Assembly of God with Pastor Bruce, thanked everyone for all the support of the Spaghetti Dinner held on October 4, 2014. Ms. Pennington invited everyone, including children, to go to the Community Center on October 25, 2014, a Saturday, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., for a lot of games, a lot of food that will be available and a special puppet show.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to adjourn and **Council Member Kelley** seconded the motion.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on October 14, 2014.

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

DATED this 28th day of October 2014

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor

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