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TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Pastor Bruce Swart.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Simpson, Council Member Warner, Council Member Orgeron, Council Member Davidson, and Council Member St. Germain – via speakerphone.
Absent: Council Member Kelley.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Chief Ernie Renfro announced the Rock Fiesta in Quartzsite would take place March 17th, 18th, and 19th. He said there was a unique plan in place that would include DPS to help with law enforcement and security. There will also be a large contingency of security officers from the event working on the inside.

Richard Trusty said he wanted to remind everyone that there would be a Philly Cheese Steak sandwich event at Tyson on Thursday night (March 10, 2016) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to raise funds for the Friends of the Quartzsite Food Bank. He added that on Sunday, the Celia's Garden Barbeque in the Park would be held at the Town Park.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. PROCLAMATION – March 2016 is National Nutrition Month.

The National Nutrition Month March 2016 Proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Foster.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. PRESENTATION – Eve's Place Domestic Violence Community Services in conjunction with the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services is a non-profit organization serving the needs of the public in Quartzsite and surrounding areas.

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Laura Horsley, Executive Director of Eve's Place, introduced herself and addressed the Council. She said that Eve's Place was working in conjunction with the Colorado River Regional Crises Services in La Paz County. She said Eve's Place personnel would be dedicating their time, in their service, to enhance shelter services in the Parker area. Ms. Horsley said that Eve's Place had mobile advocates that go out to provide services and outreach programs to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the surrounding areas of Parker. She said their goal was to provide transportation services into Parker for people to access shelters in addition to providing support groups in the local community along with one-on-one support.

The Mayor said there was a problem with elder abuse in the Town, and he asked Ms. Horsley if Eve's Place considered elder abuse considered domestic violence.

Ms. Horsley said, "Yes Sir, it is." She explained that any victim of any crime that is part of their service area, they could try to help.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 39941 – 39951 and 39960 – 39989, totaling $72,668.35.

Council Member Warner asked what a probiotics scrubber was.

Town Manager Miller said it was something for the Wastewater Treatment Plant that helps the good bugs to live to clean up waste.

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve check series 39941 – 39951 and 39960 – 39989, totaling $72,668.35. **Vice Mayor Simpson seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed**.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

4. MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016.

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016, and **Council Member Warner seconded** the motion. The vote was all in favor. **Motion passed**.

5. PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (P.E.P.P.) – Consider approval for the Town to join the Public Entity Partnership Program - designed by the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) - to provide a consultation program that assists in maintaining compliance with current standard workplace rules and regulations, in addition to offering free safety training.

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Town Manager Miller said he had asked that the matter be tabled because he had not yet received the documentation regarding the program.

Council Member Orgeron moved to table Item 5, and **Council Member Warner seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed**.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) for discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the Town in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the lease of real property located at 465 N. Plymouth Avenue, Quartzsite, AZ, to Colorado River Regional Crisis Services and/or Eve's Place Domestic Violence Community Services.

The Mayor said the property to be discussed was the former Children's Library just next to the Town Hall building.

Council Member Orgeron moved to adjourn to Executive Session, and **Vice Mayor Simpson seconded the motion**. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:14 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Simpson, Council Member Warner, Council Member Orgeron, Council Member Davidson, Council Member St. Germain via speakerphone.
Absent: Council Member Kelley.

7. LEASE OF TOWN FACILITIES – Discussion of possible direction to staff regarding a lease of Town facilities to Colorado River Regional Crisis Services and/or Eve's Place Domestic Violence Community Services.

The Mayor announced that the Council was in favor of leasing the building to Eve's Place. He stated they had asked the Town Attorney to negotiate lease terms and bring the terms to the Council for possible approval.

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Reports from the MAYOR on current events.

The Mayor said that he attended a meeting of the Arizona Corporation Commission in Yuma one day in the past week. He explained that he attended it because two homeowner associations, Q-Mountain Estates located within the boundaries of Quartzsite, and Rainbow Acres, outside of the boundaries of Quartzsite are having water problems, and cannot afford to fix them. The Mayor told everyone that he asked the Arizona Corporation Commission to try to find a way to help the two communities.

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The Mayor said that he and the Town Manager met with the manager of the local McDonald's and asked for their cooperation and help to clean up some of the homeless and derelicts that hang around the McDonald's. The Mayor said he, the Chief and McDonalds's would be working together to solve that problem.

9. Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

Vice Mayor Simpson reported that the Southwest Round-Up Art Show donated $1,000 to the Friends of the Quartzsite Food Bank.

10. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

Town Manager Miller read a BLM Press Release aloud. It was about the release of an environmental assessment for the La Posa Travel Management Plan. He read that the plan provides access while ensuring the health and viability of the public lands for current and future generations. He continued by reading that public availability of the environmental assessment was the beginning of the final phase of the planning process which that would provide an opportunity for administrative review and the filing of an appeal by any person who believes they may be adversely affected by the decision.

He said it could be found online at blm.gov and that it would be put on the Town's website the next day.

Town Manager Miller said he and Mayor Foster attended a meeting at the QIA regarding the Arizona Peace Trail. He said it was a consortium of numerous off-road and ATV organizations at the meeting to promote La Paz County as an ATV OHV vehicle destination.

Town Manager Miller spoke about the Town's booth at the La Paz County Fair to take place March 10th through March 13th. He asked that any persons interested in staffing the Town's booth contact the Town Clerk.

Town Manager Miller announced that the new phone system would finally be connected. He advised everyone that the Town Hall phones would most likely not be operational on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, and that the phones should be down for only the one day. He suggested everyone that would try to call the Police Department during that day should use 911 or county dispatch.

Council Member Davidson moved to adjourn, and **Council Member Warner seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed**.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2016, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on March 8, 2016.

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

DATED this 22nd day of March 2016

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Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

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Ed Foster, Mayor

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