

**MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 am

- ▶ Mayor Foster

INVOCATION:

- ▶ No invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- ▶ Pledge said by all and 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:

Laura Bruno – Interim Town Manager, David Ward – Acting Town Attorney, Terry Frausto – Town Clerk.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

- ▶ **Motion:** Motion to approve the agenda as written, Action: Approve, Moved by Council Member Anderson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Jewitt.
- ▶ **Motion:** Motion to open to public discussion #4, Action: Amend, Moved by Mayor Foster, Seconded by Council Member Workman. All approved.
- ▶ **Motion:** To approve agenda as amended. Action: Approve, Moved by Mayor Foster, Seconded by none.
Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- ▶ **Motion:** to accept the consent agenda as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Vice Mayor Jewitt, Seconded by Council Member Anderson.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

▶ Review, discussion and possible approval of one - year employment contract between the Town and Laura as Town Manager.

- ▶ Violet Kiss spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Dean Taylor spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Susan Fonda spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Dick Thompson spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Carolyn Guthrie spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Jennifer Jones spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Sue Zuege spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Ron Zuege spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Council Member Kelley spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Council Member Anderson spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt and Council Member Kelley spoke on who put the item on the agenda.
- ▶ Council Member Orgeron spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Norma Crooks spoke on the subject.

- ▶ Mayor foster asked about the committee that is working on the water rates. Mayor asked the attorney if Laura Brunos interpretation of the committee was correct. Acting attorney Ward responded that this committee is not in violation.

- ▶ Mayor Foster asked what the mission of the committee was and what authority it had and what they are doing. Interim Town Manager Bruno gave a brief description on what the committee was doing concerning the water rates.

- ▶ Starr Bearcat spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Mayor Foster asked Interim Town Manager Bruno about the budget. Interim Town Manager Bruno gave a brief description on where the town stands with the budget. Mayor Foster asked the Interim Town Manager how we were going to pay the Towns bills. Interim Town manager Bruno reviewed where we were with current cuts that had been made. She also reviewed where we were with the cost of insurance coverage.
- ▶ Council Member Anderson asked about the statement made on one year and twelve month coverage. Interim Town manager Bruno explained about paying for the

insurance and it being expensed in two fiscal years. Council Member Anderson ask about the amount Bruno was being paid. Interim Town Manager Bruno explained the amounts in the contract. Council Member Workman asked about the amount Bruno was being paid in comparison to Taft. Those amounts were explained. Mayor foster asked about the benefits package Interim Town Manager Bruno would be receiving and it was explained.

- ▶ Dean Taylor spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Skip Gallup spoke on the subject.
- ▶ Jennifer Jones spoke on the subject.

▶ **Motion:** Move that we continue Ms. Brunos contract for one year subject to the conditions of the original contract action: Approve, Moved by Vice Mayor Jewitt, Seconded by Council Member Crooks.

▶ **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yea = 5, Nay = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yea: Vice Mayor Jewitt, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Orgeron.

Nay: Mayor Foster, Council Member Workman.

▶ **Consider the appointment of one regular member to the Health and Development Services Board with a term ending April 2015. Recommendation is Carolyn Guthrie.**

▶ **Motion:** Recommend Carolyn Guthrie to the Health and Development Services Board with a term ending April 2015, Action: Approve, Moved by Council Member Anderson, Seconded by Council Member Crooks.

Motion passed unanimously.

Communications from Citizens:

▶ Shanana Rain GoldenBear spoke on a letter that was released by a Council Member that it go through the proper channels.

▶ Jennifer Jones spoke on Council Members having the right to waive the right to confidentiality.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 am



CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2013, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona.

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

DATED this 12th day of March, 2013

Terry Frausto, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor

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