

**MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013, 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

▶ by Mayor Foster

INVOCATION:

▶ Jennifer Jones said a prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

▶ Led by Council Member Orgeron

ROLL CALL:

▶ Mayor Foster, present; Vice Mayor Jewitt, present; Council Member Kelley, present; Council Member Crooks, present; Council Member Workman, present; Council Member Orgeron, present; Council Member Scott

ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Laura Bruno; Patricia Ronan, Town Attorney; Tina Abriani, Secretary

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

▶ Council Member Kelley noted an error in the Minutes of May 24, 2013 Work Session: the bottom portion lists December 2013, rather than June 2013. To be corrected by staff.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the agenda as amended and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. The vote was unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS:

none

CONSENT AGENDA:

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Council Member Kelley seconded the motion.

- ▶ Council Member Scott requested that the check in the amount of \$36,939.80 be removed from the Consent Agenda, as well as the Minutes of May 28, 2013.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt removed his motion to approve the consent agenda as did Council Member Kelley remove her second.
- ▶ Council Member Workman requested that check #35705 be removed from the Consent Agenda.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the consent agenda with the amendments as proposed by Council Person Scott, Workman and Kelley.
- ▶ The Mayor called for a vote. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.
- ▶ Town Manager Bruno advised Council Member Scott that this was the settlement for the Prutch v. Town of Quartzsite.
- ▶ Council Member Scott had a question regarding the minutes for Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The question was answered by Town Attorney Ronan
- ▶ Council Member Workman asked about the buffer for CDs. The Town Manager advised that the Library needed this to remove scratches and wear on the CDs, rather than replacing them.
- ▶ Council Member Kelley noted an error on the May 24, 2013 Minutes, it is dated December 2013. Town Manager Bruno stated that staff will make that correction.
- ▶ The Mayor to approve the excluded agenda items as presented and Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded the motion.
- ▶ The Town Attorney recommended that the motion also clarify that you are approving the modification of the minutes as proposed by Council Member Kelley.
- ▶ The Mayor withdrew his motion.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt withdrew his second.
- ▶ The Mayor moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as modified by Councilman Kelley and discussed at the Council Meeting.
- ▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded that motion. The vote was unanimously in favor and the motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- ▶ 3. **VENDOR FEE** – Consider official Town support for a Grand Gathering Event scheduled for March 6-9, 2014, and approval of a one-day special event fee of \$5 for participating vendors of the Event.
- ▶ Town Manager Bruno said Item #3 is a request from the Quartzsite Improvement Association and the Proud Neighbors of Quartzsite, along with other organizations who are organizing a Grand Gathering Event to be held March 6-9, 2014.
- ▶ The event is an attempt to set a record of grandparents and great grandparents in attendance and the folks that are involved with this have asked the Town for two things.

▶ They have asked that the Town consider a reduction of the Special Event fee for vendors, which is \$15, to consider reducing that to a \$5 for one day fee and that the Town consider declaring official support for the Grand Gathering event.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved that the Town permit a special one day permit fee of \$5 for the Grand Gathering event.

▶ The Mayor asked that the motion be held until the presenters were heard.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt withdrew his motion.

▶ Shanana Rain GoldenBear and Monica Timberlake, representing Proud Neighbors of Quartzsite and the Quartzsite Improvement Association (QIA), spoke regarding the Grand Gathering. They stated that it was John Hendrix that had the vision to bring more visitors to Quartzsite. The event will attract more grandparents and great grandparents than are already here. A lot of organizations have already agreed to participate.

▶ On Saturday, there will be a Senior Fair, or Senior Services Fair at the park. A D.J. from Sirius Radio will be there to promote the Quartzsite event. Mark Goldberg found around six hundred parking spaces. They will be looking for sponsors in Town and from lots of major corporations. The event will have entertainment, a show and more than one bingo at the QIA, a Library event – a book sale, dances at the Senior Center and a jamboree at the park on Friday night. It is a combined effort to put Quartzsite in a positive light.

▶ The requested permit is only for the Saturday event at the Park.

▶ Council Member Scott asked for clarification and received it from Rain.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve a special one day vending permit for the sum of five dollars to be valid only for Saturday, March 8, 2014 and only for those vendors who only vend on that day at this event.

▶ The Mayor stated he would like to amend that motion. He stated that he would like to move that for this one day event that any community non-profit organization that is participating, that the Town waive the fee for that.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt amended his motion to include that amendment.

▶ Council Member Workman seconded the motion.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt amended his motion to include a message of support for this function from the Town.

▶ Council Member Workman seconded that motion.

▶ Jennifer Jones suggested an amendment to the Town Code, Chapter 8, Section 1, to include in the single day event fee, anyone who comes into Town to vend for one day or for a one day event.

▶ Council Member Kelley said we need this event and we need to promote our town.

▶ The Mayor called for the vote. All were in favor of approving the one day permit and exclusions mentioned and a declaration of support from the Town. The motion passed.

▶ 4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – Discussion and possible action regarding a modification of the annual lease payments provided by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Quartzsite, AZ and the Educational Options Foundation.

▶ Council Member Orgeron stated he would like to recuse himself for this item as Ed Options is his employer.

▶ Council Member Kelley asked for this to help the community. It will be a draw to the town. The town needs a high school. The children need to stay in town to learn, not to be sent to another town to attend school.

▶ The Mayor moved to adjourn this to the next regular council meeting and that the Council ask that Mr. Duran appear before the Council to answer questions; an update as it were, on what the school is doing and what its plans are. The Mayor stated he understands that when he came here last year he was in the middle of a controversy, everything was in turmoil and right now he should have a grasp of where they're at and where they're going and what's going on. The Mayor would just like a community update as part of this process.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded that motion. The Mayor stated that it had been moved and seconded to adjourn this matter to the next regular council meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:40 AM

▶ The Town Attorney explained that the first bullet point contains a typo and will not be discussed. The very first paragraph and the second bullet point will be discussed.

▶ The mayor moved to adjourn this meeting to executive session.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. The motion passed.

OPEN SESSION: 10:10 AM

▶ Regular meeting called back to order.

▶ Mayor Foster, present; Vice Mayor Jewitt, present; Council Member Kelley, present; Council Member Crooks, present; Council Member Workman, present; Council Member Orgeron, present; Council Member Scott, present.

▶ 6. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT – Consider approval of an employment contract with Amanda Lilly for the position of Quartzsite Municipal Court Judge and direct the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Town.

▶ Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the contract as presented with Amanda Lilly for the position of Quartzsite Municipal Court Judge and that the Council direct the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Crooks. The vote was all in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

▶ 7. Announcements and Reports from the MAYOR on current events.

None

▶ 8. Announcements and Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

Council Member Kelley stated she provided hand-outs at the back of the room. She stated, "Again, we have made a first in La Paz County; we are known as the most aged." She went on to say: the poorest, underpaid people in the state. She said, "We have the oldest population and now we have the most ... of being the most underfed in Arizona." She said this is a report that was sent to her by Yuma. She said the Food Bank is in dire need of food for the people.

▶ 9. Reports from the Town Manager to the Council.

Town Manager Laura Bruno spoke regarding a Joint Work Session of the Town Council and the Councils Advisory Bodies regarding open meeting laws.

COMMUNICATIONS:

▶ Carol Callison, owner and operator of the Stage Coach Motel, read aloud a letter regarding the Mayor and Council Member Workman going to the La Paz County Health Department.

▶ Mayor Foster said due to questions from the community, a constituents concern, he went to La Paz Health Department and looked into it.

▶ Jennifer Jones wanted to thank Mayor Foster and Council Member Workman for addressing her concerns regarding the Stage Coach.

▶ Starr BearCat spoke regarding the football park and the dog park.

▶ Chester MacWarder, resident of Rainbow Acres, commented on the fact that the Mayor went to the Health Department. The Mayor explained that he merely went to answer questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

▶ Adjourned 10:20 AM

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2013, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on June 11, 2013.

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

DATED this 26th day of June, 2013.

Terry Frausto, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor