

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013, 1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 PM

INVOCATION: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Vice Mayor Jewitt

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: No one.

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Bruno, Town Manager; Kelly Schwab, Town Attorney; Tina Abriani, Secretary

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the agenda as written and Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSION -

A. Discussion and consideration of recommendations regarding the Council Boards, Committees, Commissions and Corporations, including - the Board of Adjustment, Hi Jolly Cemetery Board, Health & Development Services Board, Library Board, Municipal Property Corporation, Municipal Utility Administrative Committee, Park & Recreation Committee, Personnel Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Public Safety Retirement Board, Vendor/Swap Meet/RV Parks Municipal Board.

- Hi Jolly Cemetery Advisory Board - review of recommendations and discussion.
- Utility Advisory Committee - review of recommendations and discussion.
- Personnel Advisory Board - review of recommendations and discussion.

- Municipal Property Corporation - review of recommendations and discussion.
- Public Safety Retirement Board - review of recommendations and discussion.
- Planning & Zoning Commission - review of recommendations and discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding having an alternate member for each board that can attend the board all year long.

- Community Advisory Board - review of recommendations and discussion.

Town Manager Laura Bruno explained the intent of the Community Advisory Board.

Ms. Bruno recommended the funding for the non-profits fall under the Economic Development group.

- Community Development Advisory Board – review of recommendations and discussion.

The Mayor moved to open this to public discussion and Council Member Timberlake seconded it. **Motion Passed.**

Jennifer Jones stated she would like to see the Vendor Board stay. She suggested that they be a citizens' advisory committee.

Herman Konyen spoke regarding the Vendor Board, the Economic Board and the La Paz County Economic Development Board.

Sally Ford said she is not pleased with the proposed changes.

Skip Gallup gave some statements about the Health Department and the Vendor Board.

Hal Davidson spoke about the allegations against the Health Department.

Herman Konyen spoke on volunteerism.

The Mayor said there is one positive aspect to the proposed changes which is the Council Liaison for each board.

Jennifer Jones spoke regarding the inadequacies of the Town website.

Shanana Rain GoldenBear made some statements regarding the Vendor Board, the Town's website and the Google calendar.

Jenny Mills, who owns an RV Park, holds a business license and a vendor's license, said she recently opened a Facebook page called Quartzsite Chatter. She also spoke about the Vendor Board and the Council's agendas.

Attorney Schwab stated that the open meeting law has limitations: 1. the agenda must be adequately posted and must provide enough specificity so that a member of the public can decide to attend based on the meeting's content and the discussion is limited to items specifically on the agenda; 2. each and every board and council are limited to discussing things that are within their jurisdiction.

The attorney went on to say one thing that could be considered is having independent bodies out in the public, not Town committees, public committees. Council Members could attend and report back to the Council.

Violet Kiss, former P & Z Commission Member, spoke on agendas, Planning & Zoning terminology, the rotary club, education and charity.

Starr BearCat spoke about background checks.

Shanana Rain GoldenBear said there is a difference in the names of one board's name in the proposed recommendations and in the proposed ordinance.

- Library, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – review of recommendations and discussion.

Council Member Scott asked about the Board of Adjustment.

The Town Attorney explained that whether the Council acts as the Board of Adjustment or there be an independent board is a policy decision.

The Mayor suggested that there continue to be a separate Board of Adjustment.

Jennifer Jones spoke on the subject of the Board of Adjustment.

B. Discussion and possible adoption of an ordinance amending The Code of Quartzsite, Arizona, by repealing Town Code Section 2-4-7 Boards, Committees and Commissions, to repeal Ordinance 9-29 Section VI Creation of Committees, Boards and Commissions, to repeal Ordinance No. 11-03 (Personnel Advisory Board), and to repeal Ordinance 13-2 (Planning & Zoning Commission); and by

amending Chapter 2 Mayor and Council, Article 2-4 Council Procedures is hereby amended by adding new Article 2-7 Boards, Commissions and Committees related to the reorganization of Town boards, committees and commissions and their creation, membership and duties.

Council Member Scott said she does not think the Council is ready to approve the ordinance.

Attorney Schwab asked for direction to bring the issue back to the Council in whatever form the Council wishes.

The Mayor said this is an unconstitutional usurpation of power of the Mayor.

Attorney Schwab said she will ask the Attorney General for an opinion on this matter.

The Mayor said the opinion of the Attorney General will be sufficient to resolve this issue as long as it clearly states whether or not an office created by initiative can be basically done away with through ordinance adoption.

Council Member Scott asked the Town Attorney to get an opinion from the Attorney General.

Item tabled. No action taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:51 PM

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Orgeron seconded the motion.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 24, 2013, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on October 24, 2013.

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

DATED this 12th day of November 2013

Tina Abriani, Secretary

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor