

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

INVOCATION: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Mayor Jewitt 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.

ABSENT: No one.

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Bruno, Town Manager; Tina Abriani, Town Clerk; Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney, appeared telephonically; Michael Cafiso of the Law Firm of Greenberg, Traurig appeared telephonically.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the agenda as presented and **Vice Mayor Jewitt seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

USDA-RUS SEWER LOAN

a. Discussion and possible action regarding reconsideration of:

USDA-RUS SEWER LOAN – Resolution approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Ground Lease and a Town Lease, approving the execution and delivery by Town of Quartzsite Municipal Property Corporation of such Ground Lease and Town Lease and the government documents (as such term is defined herein), the negotiation of a note to the United States Government, acting through Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by such ground lease, town lease and government documents and this resolution.

b. USDA-RUS SEWER LOAN – Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Ground Lease and a Town Lease, approving the execution and delivery by Town of Quartzsite Municipal Property Corporation of such Ground Lease and

Town Lease and the government documents (as such term is defined herein), the negotiation of a note to the United States Government, acting through Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by such ground lease, town lease and government documents and this resolution and declaring an emergency.

Vice Mayor Jewitt stated that he, Council Member Orgeron and Council Member Timberlake took a tour of the sewer treatment plant. He said the current sewer treatment plant is twenty years old. He described the condition of the plant and the need to repair and upgrade. He stated the fastest way to get it done is to invoke the emergency request for the loan.

Town Attorney Goodwin explained Item a., the motion for reconsideration, would need to be approved to put the item back on the table just as it was prior to the original motion at the last meeting before discussing a resolution with an emergency clause.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to go to Item a., under section one, reconsideration of the USDA-RUS sewer loan and **Council Member Timberlake seconded** the motion – to reconsider the action of approval of the USDA loan.

Council Member Scott asked if she should vote on the motion to reconsider even though she was absent at the last meeting. Town Attorney Goodwin said Council Member Scott may vote on the motion to reconsider.

The vote was six ayes and one nay by the Mayor. **Motion Passed.**

Attorney Goodwin explained the second motion is the same agenda item except with the emergency clause.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to take a new vote on the USDA-RUS sewer loan and invoke the emergency clause and **Council Member Timberlake seconded** the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Motion Passed (summary: Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Mayor Foster.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:12 PM

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on December 17, 2013.

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

DATED this 23rd day of December 2013

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor

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