

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014, 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

INVOCATION: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Orgeron 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; Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney and Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA: Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to approve the agenda as presented and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1-a. **LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 36916 - 36988, totaling \$78,730.28.**
- 1-b. **MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2014.**
- 1-c. **ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLBY & POWELL, PLC – Consider approval of engagement agreement with Colby & Powell, PLC, to audit the Town of Quartzsite's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013.**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney in order to consider its position and**

instruct the Town Attorney regarding the Town's position regarding a contract with Skylor Miller as Town Manager that is the subject of negotiations.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to move the executive session to after item 6. Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

- 3. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONERS - Consider a three-year alignment of terms of two newly appointed Planning & Zoning Commissioners. The proposed re-aligned expiration date is March 1, 2017.**

Council Member Crooks moved to grant a three-year re-alignment extension to March 1, 2017 for two positions set to expire on March 1, 2014. Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

- 4. MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT - Consider the reappointment of Starr BearCat, a regular member of the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee, whose term expired in January 2014. The position's new term would expire January 2017.**

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to reappoint Starr BearCat to the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee. Council Member Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

- 5. MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT - Consider the appointment of one regular board member to the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee to replace the vacancy made by Carolyn Percifull's resignation. The position's term will expire January 2015.**

Council Member Crooks recused herself from the vote.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to appoint Darrell Crooks to the vacant seat on the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee. Council member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was 6 ayes and 1 recusal. Motion Passed.

- 6. AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM – Update, discussion and possible direction regarding the Town's after-school recreation program.**

Town Manager Bruno advised that this is an item that has come back at the request of Council Member Timberlake.

Town Manager Bruno informed the Council that the program is continuing to operate 4 days a week. The Town's regular Recreation Program operates a total of 8

hours per week. On Tuesday through Thursday, it operates from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The number of children in the program presently averages 15-18 per day on Tuesdays through Thursdays. The average is 1 to 5 youths on Fridays.

The program does have a second employee that works 10 hours per week. She is working out extremely well and her supervisor, Dana Andersen, has stated he is very pleased with her excellent skills and interaction with the children.

Town Manager Bruno has been canvassing other areas to see what possibilities might exist in interfacing with other recreation type programs.

Town Manager Bruno suggested that as the budget is developed for the coming year, the Council might want to consider looking at priorities in terms of how it might want to see that program either expanded or structured for the upcoming summer period.

Council Member Kelley asked if there are currently two people with the children in the afternoons. Town Manager Bruno replied in the affirmative.

Council Member Orgeron asked who fills in if one of the employees is not there.

Town Manager Bruno explained coverage through the Parks Program ensures there is always coverage at the Community Center.

Council Member Timberlake stated the after-school program does take preparation. Council Member Timberlake stated she is asking for one and a half positions for the kids in the community. She said it will help the program grow.

Town Manager Bruno mentioned augmenting the budget for the spring break, in order to have a second person available during the entirety of the spring break program.

Council Member Timberlake stated she is not asking for a full-time position, just a part-time position of 20 hours per week.

Council Member Orgeron stated he understands that special events, spring break, and the summertime require additional hours. This could be done on an as needed basis. He explained it is hard to justify the additional position. He stated that there are only 1 to 5 students on Fridays.

Council Member Timberlake explained the reason for Fridays having so few children. She said the older kids are there on Fridays and it has always been a challenge getting the older kids in there. She went on to say that is why the Town lost the Cenpatico funding.

Council Member Orgeron asked Council Member Timberlake about the justification for the part-time position.

Council Member Timberlake said the part-time employee will free up Yesenia to look for new grants, to go out and solicit donations, to do more planning and be more prepared to have the children there.

Council Member Timberlake clarified that she is asking for a part-time person.

Council Member Timberlake asked how much it would cost to fund the part-time position until the next budget cycle. Town Manager Bruno advised it would cost approximately \$2,500.

Yesenia Jackson of the Recreation Program spoke regarding the after-school program needs. She stated there is more to do on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday than on Friday.

Yesenia stated the helper is there ten hours a week and explained that help for 5 to 10 more hours per week is needed.

Town Manager Bruno made a recommendation to appropriate the funds to cover what would be 10 hours per week. She said if Yesenia had 5 hours per week, then the difference could be used for supplies, crafts and materials needed for the program.

Council Member Timberlake asked Yesenia what she would rather have, the person or the money.

Yesenia answered, "Having both".

At this point Ms. Jennifer Jones put \$100 on the podium, in front of Yesenia, the speaker. Ms. Jones stated it is for some supplies for the children. Later in the meeting, Yesenia stated that the donation is really going to help.

Council Member Scott and Yesenia spoke regarding the need for more help and how it would be used.

Yesenia explained she is constantly doing something and does need more help.

Council Member Timberlake asked Yesenia if she would rather have twenty hours a week of help or fifteen hours a week and money for supplies.

Town Manager Bruno explained that her suggestion may enable Yesenia not to have to go out and solicit for donations as much and devote more of her time to the planning aspect of the program.

Mayor Foster verified that if the Council funds the program with \$2,500 more, Yesenia could make the decision as to how the funds are used. The Council concurred.

Council Member Timberlake moved that the Council fund the Recreation Program for an additional \$2,500 from now until the end of the fiscal year and re-examine it on the next budget. **Council Member Scott seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to adjourn to executive session and **Council Member Crooks seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:32 AM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 9:47 AM

Mayor Foster called the Regular Session back to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 5 Announcements and Reports from the MAYOR on current events.**
None
- 6. Announcements and Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.**
None
- 7. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.**
None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Darrell Crooks approached the podium to ask a question regarding the existing members of the Municipal Utility Administrative Committee. Town Manager Bruno answered Mr. Crooks' question by reading the current list of members, including Mr. Crooks.

Jennifer Jones asked that someone match her \$100.00 donation to the after-school recreation program. She stated she believes the Council has abdicated all fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Quartzsite. She would like to see the procedure for approving expenditures return to that of 2008.

Terry Frausto, resident, spoke regarding clearing up some rumors regarding Mayor Foster. She asked the Mayor to provide her with proof of his graduation of college, proof of his engineering degree and proof of his retirement from military service. She asked him why he is trying to hold up the sewer plant. She asked who is paying for his attorney services. She also stated she would like to know these things in order to cut down on the rumors.

Shanana Rain GoldenBear spoke about the Grand Gathering. She passed out a schedule of events and an invitation to the Grand Gathering to the Council. She made special mention of the Guinness Record attempt at creating the world's largest human letter Q; it will take place Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. She asked the Mayor to be a steward in the event. The 50's dance will be held on Saturday night at the QIA.

Council Member Scott asked about the memorial wall, with people lining the street, on Wednesday. Shanana Rain GoldenBear said an estimate of the time the wall will come to Town is 3:30 p.m.

Richard Thompson, Dick, has been coming to Quartzsite almost thirty years. He spoke about the Quartzsite Improvement Association, the Rock Club and the LTAs. He said it is appropriate that the Town consider itself unique.

Vice Mayor Jewitt moved to adjourn and **Council Member Kelley seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 AM

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2014 of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on February 25, 2014.

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

DATED this 11th day of March 2014

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor