

**MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012, 2:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM by Senior Council Member Anderson

INVOCATION: Pastor Bruce Swart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance. Led by Council Member Orgeron

ROLL CALL:

Council Member Anderson, Council Member Jewitt, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Workman and Council Member Orgeron, One Seat Vacant

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Town Manager Frausto, Town Attorney Brannan, Planning & Zoning Director Yackley and Deputy Town Clerk Nelson

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Jewitt to approve as presented, Council Member Orgeron moved to amend as written to remove item one and the clause for emergency. Second by Council Member Crooks. Vote five (5) in favor, one (1) opposed and One (1) seat vacant. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senior Council Member Anderson announced the flag was at half mast today – news of US ambassador to Lybia was deceased along with fallen coworkers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

091212 – 01. Create by Ordinance 12-04 the position of Interim Town Manager.

Mark Orgeron, Council Member

Removed from Agenda.

091212 – 02. Recess into executive session to negotiate contract terms with Laura Bruno to serve as Interim Town Manager.

Mark Orgeron, Council Member

Motion by Council Member Orgeron to go into executive session with Laura Bruno. Second by Council Member Crooks. Vote Six (6) in favor, one (1) seat vacant. Motion carried.

Executive Session: 2:06 pm to 2:34 pm.

Roll Call to Reconvene to public meeting: Council Member Anderson, Council Member Jewitt, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Crooks, Council Member Workman and Council Member Orgeron, One Seat Vacant

091212 – 03. Accept or reject a contract with Laura Bruno to serve Interim Town Manager.

Mark Orgeron, Council Member

Motion by Council Member Orgeron to accept a contract with Laura Bruno, second by Council Member Crooks. Call for the vote.

Council Member Anderson – Aye

Council Member Jewitt – Aye

Council Member Kelley – Aye

Council Member Crooks – Aye

Council Member Workman – Nay

Council Memb Orgeron – Aye

Vote five (5) in favor, One (1) opposed, One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried

Attorney Brannan got into a discussion with someone in the audience over whether there should have been public discussion and at this point the Town Attorney stated he had been fired and left the area. Ms. Bruno was asked to take a seat up front. Acting Town Manager Terry Frausto was asked if she wanted to take her position as Town Clerk she went to take a seat in the area where the town clerk sits and Nora Yackley and Renee Nelson left the meeting. Laura Bruno then introduced herself and explained her terms to stay for six months. Mark Orgeron explained the Town Clerk was going to retain her job as Town Clerk and Alex Taft was going to remain on Administrative Leave. Restrictions were stated for communication between Alex Taft and Town Staff. Guidelines were stated for Laura Bruno and what she was to accomplish.

OLD BUSINESS

091112 -01. Pursuant to Quartzsite Town Council Procedure Policy Section 4.1, Council Members shall select a Chair and a Vice Chair to preside over meeting commencing with their appointment.

Motion by Council Member Orgeron to adjourn item until we find out who would be mayor. Second by Council Member Crooks. Call for the vote six (6) in favor. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried.

091112 – 02. Approve Resolution No. 12-16; adoption of The Town of Quartzsite Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Motion by Council Member Jewitt to adopt the budget allowing for adjustments and revisions. Second by Council Member Kelley. Council Member Workman stated that she didn't think they should pass the budget that doesn't have a provision to repay the HURF monies and direct town manager to place a hold on any new and unnecessary expenditures and to perform a complete analysis. To come back with the budget and have a workshop with the Council and Public and at that point make the revisions to the budget as necessary. Second by Council Member Crooks. Call for the vote. Six (6) in favor. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried.

091112 – 03. Discussion and approval to extend the term of the Intergovernmental Agreement for library support services between Arizona Western College and the Quartzsite Public Library.

Motion to adjourn till next meeting and direct staff to investigate it, by Council Member Jewitt. Second by Council Member Crooks. Call for the Vote. Six (6) in favor. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried.

091112 – 04. Discussion regarding utility issues at property located at 700 S. Central Blvd.

Motion by Council Member Orgeron to adjourn till next Council Meeting until Interim Town Manager could investigate the issue. Second by Council Member Workman. Call for the vote. Six (6) in favor. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried.

091112 – 05. Direct staff to report on the feasibility of publishing and distributing a newsletter from Town Hall.

Motion by council Member Jewitt. Second by Council Member Orgeron. Council Member Kelley stated the Town needs the public's help and if they wanted to volunteer to please fill out the volunteer form. Second by Mark Orgeron. Call for the vote. Six (6) in favor. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried

091112 – 06. Direct staff to draft an ordinance for Council consideration amending the Town Code to retain vendor permit fees at \$50.00 for return vendors who show proof they have paid town transaction privilege taxes under their most current previous vendor permit and provide for increased fees for new vendors and vendors unwilling or unable to show proof of such payment with a provision to refund the difference for new vendors upon their providing proof of payment of town transaction privilege tax.

Motion by Council Member Anderson to wait until it is approved by the Vendor Board when they come back in November. Second by Council Member Jewitt. Call for the vote. Six (6) in favor. One Seat vacant. Motion Carried

091112 – 07. Direct staff to draft an ordinance for Council consideration amending the Town Code and Council Procedure Policy to eliminate any authority for a member of the Town Council to give the invocation.

Motion by Council Member Orgeron. Second by Council Member Kelley. Call for the Vote. Five (5) in favor. One (1) opposed. One (1) seat vacant. Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

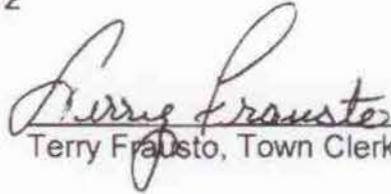
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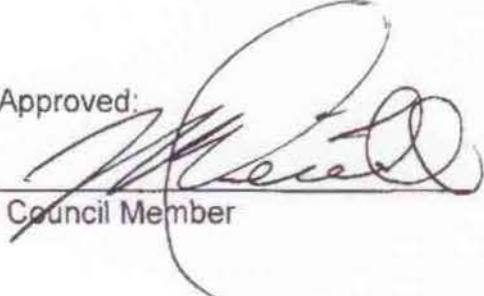
I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting adjourned to September 12, 2012, of the Town Council of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on September 12, 2012.

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

DATED this 24th day of September 2012


Terry Frausto, Town Clerk

Approved:


Council Member