

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Foster.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Simpson, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Warner, Council Member Davidson, and Council Member St. Germain

Absent: Council Member Orgeron

STAFF PRESENT: Skylor Miller, Town Manager; Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney; and Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL & CITIZENS DISCUSSION

The Mayor said the reasons for the Town Hall meeting were to provide an opportunity for feedback from citizens; to discuss the finances of the Town, where the Town is financially and why the Town might need a property tax.

The Mayor called for an open forum.

Town Manager Miller gave an overview of the Town's Income and Expenses.

The Mayor, Council Members, Town Manager Miller, and several residents of the Town spoke regarding the following topics. No decisions were made. No action was taken.

- **CURRENT TOWN FINANCES** - Overview of Town finances and current sources of revenue.

Town Manager Miller presented the overview of Town finances and described current sources of revenue for the Town.

- **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE** - Possible impacts of state and federal policies that will affect Town revenue.

Mayor Foster described his concern that the state may eliminate state income taxes, which will have the effect of eliminating revenue sharing. This would be devastating for the Town's finances.

- **TOWN SERVICES** - Services Quartzsite currently provides and impacts on those services if Town revenue is reduced: police, library, transit, water and wastewater utilities, streets, cemetery, parks and recreation programs, planning and zoning administration, community center, magistrate court.

Town Manager Miller reviewed the various services provided by the Town. Mayor Foster said that if there are not funds available, some services will be impacted.

- **SOURCES OF REVENUE** - Sources of revenue to maintain desired Town services: primary property taxes, sales taxes, grants, and HURF.

There was a brief Council discussion regarding possible sources of revenue. Many members of the public expressed their views on possible sources of revenues and said that alternatives to a primary property tax must be considered.

- **PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX** - Primary property tax: projected impacts on property owners; procedure to adopt.

Town Manager Miller discussed his calculations of the impact of a primary property tax on property owners. Members of the public expressed their views regarding those impacts. Mayor Foster said the question of whether to impose the initial primary property tax could be placed on the ballot for an election in May 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:38 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Town Council Town Hall Meeting of December 9, 2015, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on December 9, 2015.

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

DATED this _____ day of _____ 20____

Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:

Ed Foster, Mayor