

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

INVOCATION: Suellen Pennington led a prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Orgeron.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Foster, Vice Mayor Simpson, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Warner, Council Member Orgeron, Council Member Davidson, Council Member St. Germain appeared telephonically

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Michael Roth spoke regarding aquaponics, duckweed, making money, using human waste to turn a profit. Making the Town profitable, eliminating business licenses, allowing places to sell for free. He suggested giving something to the people for free. He spoke of billboard opportunities and the need to prepare for the economic winter that is already upon us, including finding more ways to allow a free market. He talked about confiscating wealth, paying debt, inflation, police, rioting situations, and stealing.

Monica Timberlake, a community member and a parent, spoke about her concerns regarding the upcoming Youth Council trip. She said it was her opinion that 13 - 17 year olds should have adult supervision in the hotel rooms with the youth. She stated she spoke to Town Manager Miller, and he said there were to be no adults in the rooms. Ms. Timberlake stated there were three boys and three girls going on the trip that would be staying in hotel rooms. She said, for the record, that she asked the hotel about their standard procedure. The hotel advised her that an adult must be in the room with the minor or an adjoining room. Council Member Kelley volunteered to stay in the room adjoining Ms. Timberlake's daughter's hotel room.

Starr BearCat spoke regarding animal control. She stated that finally she saw some action regarding an animal control problem of which she was aware. She said the Quartzsite Police Department checked out a situation in which some dogs were being kenneled in an abandoned house. She said the Council needs to look at the animal control laws because the current information and laws are conflicting.

Starr said it is time now, due to the upcoming season, to get the animal control ordinances in order and suggested a possible licensing fee for animals.

Jennifer Jones spoke regarding animal control issues and laws. She offered the Council a custom written animal control ordinance. She said she would tailor it to the Town's situation. She expressed her disappointment in the Council as it is scheduled to move to adopt a final budget without trimming it more than it has been trimmed. She said she did not see fiscal responsibility in the Council Members. Ms. Jones advised everyone that she had been in contact with the Special Investigation's Department of the Arizona Attorney General's Office regarding shifting employees from other departments into Public Works and paying them from HURF.

Carolyn Henshaw explained that she had performed a great deal of research had been in contact with various youth experts regarding youth staying alone in a hotel room, and none found it to be inappropriate. She provided several current examples of larger groups of children with only one chaperone. She complimented Town Manager Miller for his tact and patience in dealing with the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shanana Rain BearCat announced that the voting for the volunteer awards had been opened. She stated there was a voting form in her newspaper, now on the stands. She said everyone would be able to vote on-line the following day. She noted the Health & Development Services Board was handling the awarding process. She said the deadline to vote would be August 24, 2015, and that the winners would be announced on Labor Day celebration in the Town Park. She said the winners would be presented to the Council for recognition on September 8, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 39187 - 39238, totaling \$77,538.81.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve check series 39187 – 39238 totaling \$77,538.81 and Vice Mayor Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

2. **MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2015.**

Vice Mayor Simpson moved to approve the minutes as presented and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

3. **THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LAND LEASE – Discussion and possible action to approve the CBRE, Inc. Brokerage Services letter of proposal to extend the lease of the Town property located at 309 N. Plymouth**

Ave., thereby initiating draft lease documents for the Council's review. The lessee is The United States Postal Service (USPS).

Town Manager Miller said the letter of proposal is almost a pre-agreement, and they are requesting formal action from the Council by way of motion. The property under discussion was stated to be the satellite Post Office property, also known as the Annex.

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the letter of proposal from CBRE, thereby initiating the draft lease documents for the Council's review. Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

4. QUARTZSITE YOUTH COUNCIL – Discussion and possible adoption of a resolution congratulating the Quartzsite Youth Council, recognizing its mission and encouraging its participation in the community.

The Mayor said the Town made sure that the Youth Council is not an official organ of the government. He explained they will not be subject to open meeting laws and all the legal entanglements that would entail. He said the Town wanted to preserve the Youth Council's flexibility to perform their mission. He advised that the Youth Council established bylaws and a mission statement.

Town Manager Miller invited peer appointed Board President of the Quartzsite Youth Council, Rhiyanna Timberlake, to the lectern.

Council Member Davidson spoke of a \$2,000 donation to the Youth Council from a philanthropic organization with which he has involvement.

The Mayor directed staff to create a Town account for receiving donations on behalf of the Youth Council, in order that people and businesses seeking to financially support the Youth Council, have a way to do so.

The Mayor read the resolution regarding the Youth Council aloud.

Council Member Orgeron moved to adopt Resolution 15-10 and Council Member Davidson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 5. Reports from the MAYOR on current events. - None**
- 6. Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.**

Council Member Kelley said that at the League Conference of last year, she and the Council hoped that the Town of Quartzsite would have its own Youth Council by the following conference. She thanked the Youth Council and those involved with for helping it to come to fruition.

7. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

Town Manager Miller stated a budget hearing and possible action on the 2015-2016 Budget had been scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. He said arrangements would be for teleconferencing for any Council Member that could not attend physically.

Town Manager Miller announced the Town Recreation Program Coordinator resigned and that the position needed to be filled. He said the Town was looking at combining two positions to reduce the overall staff numbers. He explained that there were duties that need to be attended to, so the Town will be looking to a recruitment process and having a qualified candidate for the Council to review at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

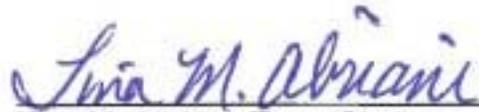
Vice Mayor Simpson moved to adjourn, and **Council Member Davidson** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2015, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on August 11, 2015.

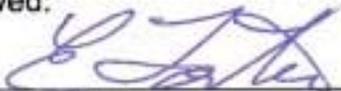
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 25th day of August 2015


Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:


Ed Foster, Mayor