

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bruce Swart gave a prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Mayor Simpson led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Council Member Davidson.

STAFF PRESENT: Skyior Miller, Town Manager; Kelly Schwab, Town Attorney; and Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Frank Oulman spoke regarding his property off of Mockingbird at 448 N. Emerald. He said he had spoken to the Council and the Town Manager last winter regarding the issue of his property having no access. He said he had spent five years trying to gain access from the Bureau of Land Management, the BLM, and how he had worked with one Town Manager after the next. Mr. Oulman expressed his displeasure that he had not been contacted since last winter and said that his problem had not been resolved.

Starr BearCat said she went to the County to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting at which Dan Field's employment was on the agenda. At the meeting's call to the public, she heard a volunteer animal shelter worker speak regarding animal abuse and horrendous conditions at the shelter in which she assisted. Starr said that Dan Field stated that there was an opening with the County for an Administrator/Animal Control person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shanana Rain BearCat announced that Proud Neighbors of Quartzsite would be hosting and sponsoring a Quartzsite booth space at the Arizona Off-Road Expo in Scottsdale during the upcoming weekend. She spoke of the Town's booth that would be there and its offerings that would promote Quartzsite and everything the Town has for the winter and summer seasons.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. **PROCLAMATION – Proclamation declaring October 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

The Mayor read the proclamation declaring October 2015 Domestic Violence Awareness Month aloud for all to hear.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. **LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 39350-39397, totaling \$162,196.29.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the ledger of accounts paid for check series 39350 through 39397, totaling \$162,196.29 and **Council Member St. Germain seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. **LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING - Conduct hearing and consider recommending approval of an application for a Remote Tasting Room License for Quartzsite Wine Works located at 50 E. Kuehn St. #11, Quartzsite, AZ 85346 to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing and stated it would be open for public comment.

Starr BearCat spoke regarding alcohol in Quartzsite. She noted the Town should have an ordinance regarding drunk and disorderly conduct in public.

There was no further public comment so the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Council Member Orgeron moved to recommend approval of the remote tasting room application for the Quartzsite Wine Works located at 50 E. Kuehn St. #11, Quartzsite and **Council Member St. Germain seconded** the motion. The vote was five ayes and one nay from Council Member Kelley. **Motion Passed.**

4. **LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING - Conduct hearing and consider recommending approval of a Special Event Liquor License for a Rotary Club of Quartzsite sponsored Beer Garden during the Rock Fiesta at Desert Gardens Showgrounds.**

The Mayor asked if there was anyone of the public that wanted to speak regarding the application. There was no response so he closed the public hearing.

The Mayor invited Violet Kiss of the Rotary Club to the lectern.

Council Member Orgeron asked Mrs. Kiss how many of these licenses the Rotary Club had applied for and had been approved for various events around Quartzsite and if there had been any problems or issues with the events.

Mrs. Kiss replied that in some years there had been one event and in other years there had been a few. She said there had been no problems or issues with any of them.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Kiss.

Council Member St. Germain moved to approve the special event liquor license for the Rotary Club of Quartzsite sponsored Beer Garden during the Rock Fiesta at Desert Gardens Showgrounds and **Vice Mayor Simpson seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. **MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015 and **Council Member Kelley seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

6. **DONATION – Acceptance of the donation of a digital projector from Mr. Elmer London, Town Resident.**

Town Manager Miller explained how the gift from Mr. London had come about. Town Manager Miller listed many uses for the projector by the Town and its residents.

7. **PRESENTATION BY TOWN PROSECUTOR – Dave Ward, the Town Prosecutor, will give a presentation providing an overview of the duties of a Town Prosecutor.**

Mr. David Ward explained some of the duties of a Town prosecutor and his view of the responsibilities.

Council Member St. Germain asked Mr. Ward what his thoughts were regarding the new La Paz Veteran's Court.

Mr. Ward said spoke highly of the court and praised its value.

Council Member St. Germain asked what guidelines cause some cases to require special prosecutors and not Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward said when there is a direct conflict a special prosecutor must is required.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Ward.

8. QUARTZSITE IN MOTION PROGRESS REPORT – Update of the “Quartzsite in Motion” Public/Private Partnership and discussion with Dave Anderson.

Mr. Dave Anderson and Miss Heather Caton spoke regarding the goals and focus of the plans for “Quartzsite in Motion”.

9. ARRL SPECIALTY CONVENTION – Update of the expansion plans for the local QuartzFest ARRL Specialty Convention. (AARL - Amateur Radio Relay League)

Mr. Anderson and Miss Caton spoke of the efforts and plans of the AARL and the exceptional participation and efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thompson as part of the AARL.

10. PASSPORT PROGRAM – Discussion and possible action to partner with La Paz Focus Future II, its Hospitality and Tourism Committee and the Passport Program through a monetary contribution to aid in the promotion of the Town of Quartzsite and the region.

The Mayor summarized the information presented at the last meeting regarding the Passport Program.

Mrs. Linda Goldberg spoke of the program’s contributors and sponsors.

Council Member St. Germain moved to make a \$1,000 partnership contribution to the Passport Program and **Council Member Warner seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

Town Manager Miller said the donation dollars would be taken from the Town’s economic development fund.

11. PROPOSED TOWN CODE UPDATE – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Town Code update for Vendor Permits and their issuance.

Council Member Kelley moved to have the agenda item tabled until the second meeting in October and to have the item opened to the public. **Vice Mayor Simpson seconded** the motion. The vote was four ayes in favor of the motion and two nays, Council Member Warner and Council Member Orgeron. **Motion Passed** Council Member Warner explained her intent by stating she was opposed to waiting to discuss the matter.

Council Member Warner spoke of the short time remaining before the vendors arrive.

Town Manager Miller said vendor permits had already begun to be issued.

Council Member Warner moved to reconsider the date of the proposed Town Code update.

Council Member Warner moved to move the Town Code update to the next meeting, which would be the first meeting in October rather than the last meeting and to have the agenda item open to the public. **Vice Mayor Simpson seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

12. TOWN ENGINEER – Discussion and possible action to rescind the appointment of Emmett Brinkerhoff as Town Engineer of Record.

The Mayor stated that a State Board contacted the Town advising the Town of a violation.

Council Member Orgeron stated that in the future, regarding similar matters, the Council will require written legal opinions.

Town Attorney Kelly Schwab said the Town's attorneys had looked at the matter legally and found no requirement for a designated town engineer to be licensed.

There was discussion regarding avoiding a disagreement with the Board of Technical Registration. The possibility that the Board would take legal action if the Town did not comply, by removing the designation of Town Engineer from an unlicensed person, was discussed.

Council Member Orgeron moved to remove the designation of Town Engineer of Record from Mr. Emmett Brinkerhoff and to advise the Town Manager to proceed with procuring another Town Engineer of Record via RFQ. **Council Member Kelley seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Reports from the MAYOR on current events.

The Mayor announced that he had received a call from Channel 5 Yuma. The Mayor said they were impressed by the named entertainers at the upcoming Rock Fiesta. A Channel 5 representative asked him if the Town was serious about having the Rock Fiesta in Quartzsite. The Mayor replied that the Town was very excited by the prospect.

14. Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

Council Member St. Germain thanked the Town's Public Works' staff for what they did during the heavy rains. He said they did a great job putting up barricades and signs.

15. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

Town Manager Miller said he, too, received a call from ABC Channel 5 Yuma to discuss the Rock Fiesta.

Town Manager Miller provided an update on the internet service GovNET is working to provide to Town Hall and nearby areas. He also said the Town Hall's new telephones had arrived and would be operational soon.

Town Manager Miller said he would be working with the Youth Council in their sponsorship of the concessions for the Town's upcoming Free Movies in the Park Nights (dates to be determined) at the baseball diamond

ADJOURNMENT: 8:12 p.m.

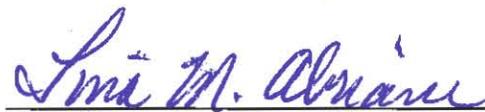
Vice Mayor Simpson moved to adjourn and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2015, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on September 22, 2015.

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

DATED this 13th day of October 2015



Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:



Ed Foster, Mayor