

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Bruce Swart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Davidson.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

The Mayor called for the candidates in the audience to introduce themselves.

Town Attorney Goodwin reminded everyone that the candidates should not campaign.

Mr. Mikel Weisser introduced himself as the Democrat running for Congress in the western part of the state.

Mr. Bill Risen introduced himself as running for La Paz County Sheriff. He said he handed out some items listing his qualifications, email address, and phone number should there be any questions. He said he would be happy to meet with anyone that had questions about what to expect of him.

Mr. George Nault introduced himself as running for District 2. He said to believe him when he says he does represent the people.

The Mayor announced it was time for the general call to the public.

Pastor Bruce Swart, a resident of the Town of Quartzsite, spoke as the Chairman of the Cemetery Board. He said he drove past and through the Cemetery a few days ago and saw some of the Public Works Department employees doing some work. He said he wanted to recognize them for all the hard work that they have done. Pastor Bruce Swart said the employees had built the sign that was in front of the Cemetery and that they go to the Cemetery whenever they can to help clean up. He said the solar lights that the Department had installed had been damaged and stolen. Pastor Bruce Swart said

hopefully that could be repaired. He said that several months ago, ADOT had finally, put up new signs designating where the Hi Jolly Cemetery and the Memorial are located. He said the entrance to the Cemetery is not on Cemetery Road anymore, rather, it is off Kofa.

Shanana Rain BearCat said she spoke for the Quartzsite Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism when she announced a mixer to be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at Desert Gardens RV Park in the recreation room. The cost will be ten dollars per person and includes a choice of sandwiches, choice of soda, a raffle, a great deal of opportunity for networking, and BYOB if you want.

Monica Timberlake, Quartzsite resident and School Board Member, invited the Council and members of the public to the Quartzsite Elementary School's Eighth Grade Graduation, Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. PROCLAMATION – Older Americans Month May 2016.

The Mayor read the Older Americans Month proclamation aloud for all to hear.

2. PROCLAMATION – Mental Health Month May 2016.

The Mayor read the Mental Health Month proclamation aloud for all to hear.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 40181 - 40214 totaling \$53,092.82.

Town Manager Miller said the Town was still working to deal with the phone bills. He said the Town is dealing with the remnants of Etherspeak, ACC, and Tamco. He explained that even though the Town had paid for the equipment with Tamco, they require that every single piece of phone equipment the Town has had over the last eight years be returned, or replacement costs would be charged.

Town Manager Miller said he is working with the various companies, and that there would be a savings this year and in the future.

There was a discussion regarding how much better the phones work with the new system.

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve check series 40181 - 40214 for \$53,092.82, and **Vice Mayor Simpson** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
Motion Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

4. **MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of April 26, 2016.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council Meeting of April 26, 2016, and **Vice Mayor Simpson** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

5. **IGA WITH LA PAZ COUNTY FOR 2016 ELECTIONS – Consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between La Paz County and the Town of Quartzsite for the Primary Election to be held August 30, 2016 and the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between La Paz County and the Town of Quartzsite for the Primary Election to be held August 30, 2016, and the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016. **Council Member Kelley** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

6. **SCHEDULING A BUDGET WORK SESSION – Discussion to set date and time for a Council Work Session for review of the upcoming budget.**

There was a discussion regarding a date and time that would work for the Council and the Town Manager, to meet for a budget work session.

Town Manager Miller said there had been departmental budget talks already, and that he would like to get the department heads in front of the Council next week.

The Mayor directed staff to schedule a budget work session lunch for Friday, May 20, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

7. **INDEPENDENCE DAY FIRE WORKS DISPLAY – Discussion of coordination of the event with the Fire Department and vendor.**

Town Manager Miller said the Quartzsite Fire Department indicated they should be able to operate the fireworks display for the Town, one last time, on Independence Day. Town Manager Miller said he would send someone to school to learn to operate fireworks correctly and safely, and look for alternate fireworks vendors.

The Mayor directed Town Manager Miller to pursue training and to work with the Fire Department.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of assignments and evaluation of Town Manager Skylor Miller.**

- **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 that is the subject of negotiations with Desert Gardens, LLC regarding utility infrastructure improvements and requested reimbursement.**

The Mayor announced that Mr. Miller turned in his resignation.

Council Member Orgeron moved to adjourn to Executive Session, and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:44 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting back to order for regular business.

All the Council Members were in attendance and Council Member St. Germain attended by phone.

9. **TOWN MANAGER REVIEW – Discussion and possible action concerning the evaluation of the Town Manager, and to direct the Town Manager regarding the Council's current goals.**

Council Member Warner moved to table Agenda Item 9, the Town Manager review, and Council Member Davidson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

10. **Reports from the MAYOR on current events.**

The Mayor reported that the past Monday, May 2, 2016, he attended the County Board meeting, and at the coffee group session in the morning, the subject of the Zika virus arose. The Mayor said that he spoke at the meeting during the Call to the Public to ask if the County was, in any way, preparing for anything that might come from the Zika virus problem. The answer was that the County was capturing mosquitoes to check for the one species that carries the Zika virus.

The Mayor directed staff to talk to County Health officials about Ted's Truck Stop's basement that is a breeding ground for mosquitoes when it floods during the rainy season.

11. Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

Council Member Hal Davidson spoke of the small stroke he had and especially thanked Marilyn McFate for rushing over to his house to stay with and help his mother as he was transported to the hospital. He also thanked everyone for the prayers and well wishes.

12. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

Town Manager Miller announced that the day before, Monday, May 9, 2016, the Planning and Zoning Commission held an open house at the Community Center. He said he thought it was very well attended. A SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis was performed which elicited a number of comments from the public.

Town Manager Miller said the information from the public would be reviewed at upcoming planning meetings, and would ultimately impact amendments to the General Plan of the future. He thanked the public that attended the meeting.

Town Manager Miller said he would be with the Town for the better part of sixty days, because July 8, 2016, would be his last day. He said it had been a pleasure to work with the Town Council, members of the public and Town staff. He added that he was proud to have been a part of the Town of Quartzsite over the last two years.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on May 10, 2016.

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

DATED this 24th day of May 2016


Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:


Ed Foster, Mayor