

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

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

INVOCATION: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council Member Warner.

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Ferguson, Town Manager; Trish Stuhan, Town Attorney; Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Richard Trusty, resident of Quartzsite, reminded everyone about Halloween, an event coming up for the kids in Town. He said the event would be held on October 29, 2016, at the Community Center from 4:00 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m.; afterwards, a Haunted House would be open in the Library. He said he would really like to see everyone come out and participate to support our kids.

Shanana Rain Golden-bear announced that the following night, at the Community Center, the Quartzsite Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism would debut the 52-minute French documentary on Quartzsite called Forever Young or Still Young (in French). She said the movie would be in French and was really well done with a sweet storyline. There would be no charge to view the movie.

Monica Timberlake, PTA President, announced that on October 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., the PTA would be presenting an "Are You Smarter than a Fifth-Grader" game at the Quartzsite Elementary School. She said Phil Cushman, Quartzsite Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism President; William Ponce, Quartzsite Chief of Police; and Loretta Warner, Quartzsite Town Council Member, would be playing in the game. Ms. Timberlake said there would be a dinner at 5:00 p.m., with proceeds from selling dinners going to support the Eighth Grade Class for their end of the year trip and graduation because they pay for those themselves.

1. PRESENTATIONS; PROCLAMATIONS

Dave Anderson of MyLaPaz.org gave a presentation and delivered news about the International Space Station events soon to take place. Initially, he provided a background of Quartzsite's Contact with the International Space Station Project. He said the contact date had been moved to the week of January 9, 2017.

Mr. Anderson recognized some of the Team Members: the Parker Industrial Development Association, the ARISS coordinated by NASA, school superintendents and teachers, the Q.I.A, Mayor Foster, and Council Member St. Germain. He gave special thanks to Mr. Dick Thompson from the Quartzsite Amateur Radio Association for making some remarkable things happen this year.

Mr. Anderson spoke of some of the challenges for the youth with regard to the lack of educational and recreational opportunities in La Paz County, and the social problems that arise from that.

Mr. Anderson announced the Jamboree on the Air was to be held Friday, October 14, 2016, through Sunday, October 16, 2016. He said that on those three days, approximately 1 million youth and teachers from more than one-hundred and fifty countries would be getting on hf radio and making contacts around the world forming new friendships while learning about radio science.

Mr. Anderson also talked about the upcoming Super Science Campout and invited anyone who knew any interested youth to contact him, as well as anyone that wanted to volunteer.

The Mayor said he thought Mr. Anderson deserved recognition and there was a round of applause.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

2. **LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS PAID – Consider approval of check series 40811 – 40815, 40817 – 40852, totaling \$54,236.37.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve check series 40811 – 40815, 40817 – 40852, and Council Member Warner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

3. **MINUTES – Consider approval of the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of September 27, 2016 and the Special Meeting of October 3, 2016.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to approve the minutes of the Town Council Meeting on September 27, 2016, and the Special Meeting on October 3, 2016, and Council Member Kelley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

4. TOWN PROSECUTOR'S REPORT – Review and discussion of the Town Prosecutor's Monthly Report – September 2016.

Town Manager Ferguson announced that the Town Prosecutor was in the audience and available to speak to the Council.

Mr. David Ward, the Town Prosecutor, asked if the Council had any questions.

Council Member Warner said it looked liked he had done a good job of prosecuting so far.

Mr. Ward said it is cyclical with some times of the year busier than other times of the year. He spoke of working with the local clergy, counseling classes, and services available by the internet to help offenders and victims. He spoke of the underlying issues and problems.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of the continued appointment of David Ward as Town Prosecutor.**
- **An 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 with David Ward for Town Prosecutor services.**

Council Member Orgeron moved to adjourn to Executive Session and Vice Mayor Davidson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:27 p.m.

The Mayor called the Open Session back to order at 8:31 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 8:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

6. TOWN PROSECUTOR CONTRACT – Discussion and possible action regarding a Town Prosecutor contract.

The Mayor moved to table Item 6 on the Agenda and Vice Mayor Davidson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Direction to staff regarding future agenda items.

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Reports from the MAYOR on current events.

None.

9. Reports from the COUNCIL on current events.

None.

10. Reports from the TOWN MANAGER to the Council.

None.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016, of the Town Council of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on October 11, 2016.

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

DATED this 25th day of October 2016


Tina M. Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Common Council

Approved:


Ed Foster, Mayor