



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING REVENUES UNDER PROPOSITION 202** – Discussion and consideration by the Town Council to accept the Proposition 202 funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Staff Contact: Gayle Mabery, Town Manager

Meeting Date: February 8, 2011

Background: Proposition 202, passed by Arizona voters in 2002, specifies various guidelines for new gaming compacts between the State of Arizona and the respective Indian tribal nations in the state. A key provision of Proposition 202 is the sharing of gaming revenue with the state. The stipulations for gaming compacts also permit each individual Indian tribe to retain and administer a portion of the revenue.

Specifically, the compacts permit an Indian tribe to make 12% of its total annual contribution to “cities, towns, or counties for government services that benefit the general public, including public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.” These provisions were included in the legislation in recognition that communities that are in close proximity to gaming activities are impacted by those activities, and local Tribe’s should have an opportunity to help offset those impacts.

In December, 2010, the Yavapai-Apache Nation requested the Town of Clarkdale to submit a proposal to them identifying the Town’s priorities for funding for the 2010 Proposition 202 distributions. At the December 14, 2010 meeting, the Town Council identified three items for the Nation’s consideration, noting that funding for any of these items would be extremely beneficial for Clarkdale’s citizens:

- **Matching funding for the Clarkdale Swimming Pool**
- **Energy Conservation/Renewable Energy Projects**
- **Economic Development through Way-Finding Signage**

On January 24, 2011, the Town received notification (see attached letter) from the Nation that the Tribal Council had distributed \$10,000 to the Town of Clarkdale. The Tribal Council indicated that they had reviewed the Town’s request for assistance, and wanted to fund the opening of the Clarkdale pool in the amount of \$10,000. They urged the Town Council to follow the Tribal Council’s decision as to the use of these distributed funds. The notification letter included the check in the amount of \$10,000.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Town Council accept the Proposition 202 funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the Yavapai-Apache Nation and designate a use for the funds.



Yavapai-Apache Nation

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January 24, 2011

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor
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Dear Mr. Von Gausig,

The Yavapai-Apache Nation ("Nation") Tribal Council ("Council") is pleased to announce the distribution of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Town of Clarkdale. These dollars represent a part of the annual 12 percent contribution the Nation must make to local municipalities as required under Section 12(d) of the Nation's Gaming Compact with the State of Arizona.

In reviewing your itemized request submitted to the Nation, the Council decided to fund the Town's request for assistance in the opening of the pool in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Nation strongly urges the Town to follow the Council's decision as to the use of these distributed dollars.

We look forward to a continuous partnership and growing relationship on issues that impact all of us in the Verde Valley. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

Cordially,

David Kwail
Chairman

Cc: Tribal Council