

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Mayor Von Gausig.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert

Councilmember Patricia Williams

Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

Councilmember Bill Regner

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Community Development Director Sherry Bailey

Police Chief Pat Haynie

Utilities Director Wayne Debrosky

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge

CSP Manager Jodie Filardo

Human Resources/Community Services Director Janet Perry

PUBLIC COMMENT – The Town Council invites the public to provide comments at this time. Members of the Council may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Persons interested in making a comment on a specific agenda item are asked to complete a brief form and submit it to the Town Clerk during the meeting. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to five minutes.

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA - The consent agenda portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters that must be acted on by the Council. All items are approved with one motion. Any items may be removed for discussion at the request of any Council Member.

- A. Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
 - Building Permit Report – February, 2011
 - Capital Improvements Report – February, 2011
 - Magistrate Court Report – February, 2011
 - Police Department Report – February, 2011
 - Water and Wastewater Report – February, 2011
 - Clarkdale Fire District Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report – February, 2010
 - Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) Operations Report – February
 - Verde Valley Humane Society – January, 2011
- B. Intergovernmental Agreement with Cottonwood for a Public Transit System** – Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for a public transit system within the Clarkdale Town limits with Cottonwood known as C.A.T.
- C. Proclamation Declaring April, 2011 As Water Awareness Month** – Approval of a Proclamation declaring April, 2011 Water Awareness Month in the Town of Clarkdale.

- D. **Proclamation – April, 2011 As Substance Abuse Awareness Month** – Approval of a Proclamation declaring April, 2011 Substance Abuse Awareness Month in the Town of Clarkdale.
- E. **Resolution Adopting a Fair Housing Policy** – Approval of Resolution #1359, a Resolution Adopting a Fair Housing Policy, Making Known its Commitment to the Principle of Fair Housing, and Describing Actions it Shall Undertake to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.
- F. **Proclamation Declaring April 10 to April 16, 2011 As Volunteer Appreciation Week** – Approval of a Proclamation declaring April 10th to April 16th as Volunteer Appreciation Week in the Town of Clarkdale.

Councilmember Williams pulled Item A.

Councilmember William moved to accept the Consent Agenda items B-F as prepared by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bohall. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilmember Williams wondered what the Spilman Report was. Chief Haynie explained that was the tracking software the Police Department used.

Councilmember William moved to accept the Consent Agenda item A as prepared by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bohall. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLARKDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIZONA SOLAR CHALLENGE – Discussion and Consideration of Resolution #1360, a Resolution Supporting Clarkdale's Participation in the Arizona Solar Challenge .

Toni Bouchard, Arizona State Director – Arizona Public Service led a presentation regarding Arizona SmartPower. On February 6, 2011, a team from APS, Arizona SmartPower – a 501.c(3) funded by key foundations such as the Pew Charitable Trusts and the John Merck Fund, and the public relations firm of Policy Development Group met with the Mayor and key staff members to request Clarkdale's participation in the Arizona Solar Challenge – a statewide program run in partnership between Arizona SmartPower and APS. The purpose of this Challenge is to stimulate the installation of additional solar electric and heated water systems throughout the State, thereby reducing energy use, improving the environment and creating jobs by increasing the use of solar technologies.

To participate in the Challenge, the Town is being asked to encourage installation of solar electric or heated water systems on up to 5% of the base of owner-occupied homes in Clarkdale by 2015. While the exact number of owner-occupied homes will be available in April with the release of the 2010 Census numbers, we estimate the total number of installations needed to meet the Challenge is from 100 to 125. The number of installations will be tracked by the number of solar incentive checks APS writes to homeowners living in Clarkdale's zip code of 86324. Thus

far, APS has written 49 incentive checks to folks living in our zip code. Based on our own permits thus far, the Town has a total of 36 systems within town boundaries. The discrepancy may be accounted for due to the differences between the zip code and town boundaries. Clarkdale is probably already at 3%, but will have a more definite number after researching the census data for home owners.

With participation in this program comes the free use of a solar coach to help residents with the process of installing solar systems. The coach can help the homeowner determine the costs of a possible system, the costs expected to be deferred with the installation of solar systems, and a list of possible installers working in the area. In addition to the free use of a solar coach, the Town will be promoted in media released by the Arizona SmartPower organization on the program. As Arizona SmartPower continues to work with the solar purchase and installation process, the Town and its residents will have access to the latest information about solar installations through the help of the solar coach. In addition, if so desired, Town residents who have already installed solar electric or heated water systems may also participate in the program as solar ambassadors, encouraging friends and neighbors with their solar installations. They will also be working with people to get financing for solar loans. Focus is primarily on residential service more than commercial, but they have the ability to help commercial also.

In addition to the benefits, the Town must designate a person to coordinate related communications activities for the Challenge.

When the Town meets the Challenge, Clarkdale will earn the moniker "Arizona Solar Community" and will be provided 2 signs by Arizona SmartPower for posting at the entry to the town in a style commensurate with our sign code.

Clarkdale can help by passing the resolution, help support by attendance, and letting them know about groups or events that will connect them to the community.

Councilmember Regner moved to approve Resolution # 1360, a Resolution Supporting the Goals of the Arizona Solar Challenge. Motion seconded by Councilmember Williams. Motion approved unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 2-4-8, VOTING, OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE BY ADDING PARAGRAPH C; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY – Discussion and consideration regarding Ordinance #332, an Ordinance regarding being excused from voting and that a failure to vote shall be an affirmative vote.

On January 11, 2011, Council discussed amending Town Code to specify that abstentions from voting were not allowed except in cases when the Councilor or Mayor had declared a conflict of interest. When looking for clarification regarding voting abstentions and the effect of an abstention during a vote, it was found that there were conflicting answers between the Town of Clarkdale Public Service Handbook, the advice given from the Town Attorney, and lack of a Town Code provision. The Town of Clarkdale Public Service Handbook states that an abstention is a non vote, while the Town Attorney advises that an abstention defers to the

majority vote. Council instructed staff to move forward drafting language stating that abstentions count as an affirmative vote.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Ordinance #332, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Yavapai County, Arizona, Amending Section 2-4-8, Voting of the Town Code of the Town of Clarkdale by Adding Paragraph C; Repealing Conflicting Ordinances and Providing for Severability. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bohall. Motion approved unanimously.

TOWN OF CLARKDALE POST OFFICE – Discussion and consideration regarding the status of the Town of Clarkdale Post Office.

Councilmember Bohall was informed last week that the Clarkdale Post Office may be on the list for closings. The Clarkdale Post Office has 10 employees, 3 carrier routes, 1200 post office boxes with 752 currently rented, and residential delivery of 1250. Councilmember Bohall would hate to see Clarkdale lose the Post Office.

Town Manager Mabery spoke with the Clarkdale Post Office and they are not on the list currently, but once you are on the list there is only a two month process to closing the office. It is best to get started early and call attention to the matter because two months is not long enough to try and keep it open. It is important for additional community efforts towards keeping the Post Office open in Clarkdale.

Mayor Von Gausig was in Washington DC and spoke with Senators McCain and Kyle regarding the postal issues and Senator Kyle's staff will be in contact with the Mayor.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the item to public discussion.

Bill Schneider, Clarkdale. Owns and leases building to the postal service. It is in the second year of a ten year contract that has no escape terms. They will have to hire someone to deliver the mail plus pay lease costs. The last time they wanted to move the post office from the downtown area the citizens got involved with Senator McCain to help keep the post office downtown. Petitions were sent to the Post Office which did not work well, but did work better when the Senator got involved. Mr. Schneider plans on printing a couple thousand post cards to mail out informing residents of the possible closing and letting them know who they need to contact to try and stop the movement. The Town should calculate the impact the Post Office has on the downtown area.

Mayor Von Gausig would like the Town to coordinate any actions they are taking with Mr. Schneider's post card campaign.

Vice Mayor Dehnert would like someone with authority to officially announce the closing of the post office.

Mayor Von Gausig closed public comment.

Vice Mayor Dehnert suggested some type of service that would generate multitudes of comments to be easily e-mailed to the Senators.

Mayor Von Gausig opened public comment

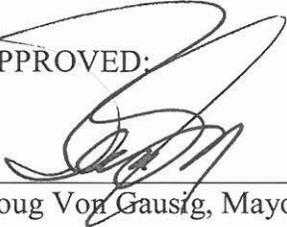
Elaine Sakelarios, Clarkdale. Thought word of mouth might be the best communication tool.

Anita Simgen, Clarkdale. Also heard of the closing by word of mouth, but thought that we should use the post office to send post cards to the Senators.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Listing of items to be placed on a future council agenda

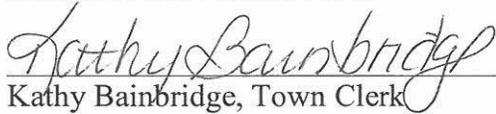
ADJOURNMENT - Without any further business, the Council adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:



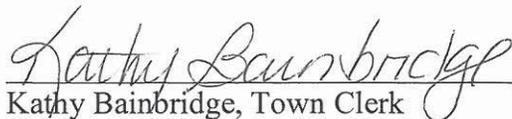
Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona held on the 8th day of March, 2011. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13 day of April, 2011

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk