

**Minutes of a Special Session of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale  
Held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Mayor Von Gausig.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Councilmember Bill Regner

Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert

Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge

Administrative Assistant Mary Ellen Dunn

**ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**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.

**There was no public comment.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SELECTION OF AN APPLICANT TO FILL THE COUNCIL VACANCY** – Discussion and consideration regarding the applicant interviews and appointment of an applicant to fill the vacant council position.

Council made individual comments about the decision making process. Council unanimously remarked on the difficulty of the decision and the excellent qualifications of each candidate.

Mayor Von Gausig remarked on the experience he had at a U.S. Congressional Hearing of the Water and Power Committee he attended and was asked to testify before yesterday. He noted that Clarkdale had a tough job ahead against vehement opposition to renewable energy, particularly on the part of the three U.S. Congressmen who made up the committee. With that in mind Mayor Von Gausig expressed preference of Reynold Radoccia to fill the council seat due to his experience and expertise in sustainability and renewable energy.

Councilmember Regner noted the need to pay attention to public perception in choosing a candidate and read statements he wrote about each candidate and his or her qualifications and

stated his preference to have Ruth Wicks fill the vacant seat. He further noted that there is a large number of people who do not support renewable energy and the direction the Town is taking. With that in mind, he expressed concern with regard to the political aspects of the choice of Reynold Radoccia.

*At the July 10, 2012 Council Meeting prior to the approval of the June 5, 2012 Minutes, a motion was approved to insert a clarification written by Councilmember Regner:*

*“Councilmember Regner read statements he wrote about each candidate and his or her qualifications and stated his preference to have Ruth Wicks fill the vacant seat. Councilmember Regner expressed the concern regarding the decisions that will confront the Council over the next two years as they further incorporate the concepts of sustainability and measure their short term impacts on the lives of our residents. The Council’s commitment to factor in the true costs of our consumption as we establish policies may cause hardships especially to those with limited and fixed incomes. Under the Council’s current leadership that process has moved forward on these issues at a measured pace with careful attention to citizen involvement and explanation on why these actions and policies make sense. Councilmember Regner expressed the importance to the residents of Clarkdale that those impacts are being fully considered and the concern regarding the perception of a Council that is too activist towards sustainability policies might generate a reaction that could derail this important work.*

*Councilman Regner’s comments in support of Ruth Wicks cited her deep ties to this community through a lifetime of involvement professionally and as a volunteer. Those comments also stated the value he places on having a respected woman’s perspective on our Council.*

Vice Mayor Dehnert also commented on the candidates backgrounds and expressed his interest in having Reynold Radoccia serve.

Councilmember Bohall moved to appoint Reynold Radoccia to the Town Council. Vice Mayor Dehnert seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Councilmember Regner expressed need for caution in the nomination. Mayor Von Gausig stated that the technical nature of the direction of the Town required the expertise of Reynold Radoccia. The matter went to a vote.

Motion was carried three to one with Councilmember Regner opposed.

Reynold Radoccia will be sworn in next Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Regular Session of the Clarkdale Town Council.

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING DAVID ANDREWS’ FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** – Approval of a Proclamation celebrating David Andrews’ 50 Years of service with Lions Clubs International and to recognize his dedication and accomplishments.

Mayor Von Gausig read the proclamation. David Andrews was not present and Town Manager Mabery stated that the proclamation, award and celebration is to be a surprise at a special ceremony later this week held by the Lions’ Club where Vice Mayor Dehnert will present the proclamation.

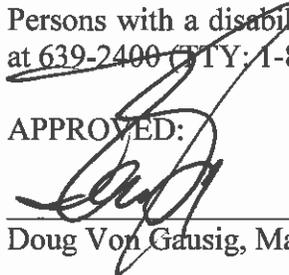
Councilmember Bohall moved to approve of a proclamation celebrating David Andrews' Fifty Year Anniversary with Lions Clubs International. Vice Mayor Dehnert seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Von Gausig adjourns the meeting at 3:33 P.M. without objection.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the Town Hall at 639-2400 (TTY: 1-800-367-8939) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

APPROVED:

  
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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:

  
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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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12 day of July, 2012

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk