

**Minutes of a Special Session of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Thursday, November 27, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Thursday, November 27, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:01 P.M. by Mayor Von Gausig.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Councilmember Reynold Radoccia

Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert

Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

Councilmember Bill Regner

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Utilities/Public Works Director Wayne Debrosky

Economic/Community Development Director Jodie Filardo

Police Chief Randy Taylor

Deputy Clerk Mary Ellen Dunn

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.

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 – October, 2012
Capital Improvements Report – October, 2012
Magistrate Court Report – September and October, 2012
Water and Wastewater Report – September and October, 2012
Police Department Report – October, 2012
NAIPTA Transit Report – October, 2012
- B. **Approval of Waiver of Town User Fees for Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona** – To approve a request for a waiver of Town user fees for use of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium by Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona on January 9th & 10th, 2013, and charge the Basic Utility Costs, damage deposit and evidence of insurance.

Vice Mayor Dehnert moved to accept Consent Agenda Items A & B as presented. Councilmember Regner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CLARKDALE POOL DONATION FUND BALANCE – Discussion, consideration and direction to staff relating to the balance of funds in the Clarkdale Pool Donation Fund.

The Clarkdale Municipal Swimming Pool was closed in 2009 and 2010 due to the impact of the nation's unprecedented recession on the Town's budget. In 2011, as a result of the dedicated fundraising efforts of community members and town staff, and with the support of the Town Council, we were able to open the pool for 3 days per week for the swim season.

Unfortunately, after the 2011 pool season wrapped up, a number of significant issues with the pool's infrastructure were identified as needing repair or complete replacement. The following are the issues that must be addressed:

- The gutter/skimmer system on the pool has reached its 20-year life and what had been a small leak in that system has developed into a leak of such significance that it cannot be allowed to continue. After careful monitoring of water loss while the pool was open in 2011, and continued monitoring since that time, staff has determined that we lose approximately 6,500 gallons of water per day when the pool pump system is in operation. The gutter/skimmer system has to be functional in order for the Town to operate a pool for use by the public. We've developed a method to bypass the gutter/skimmer (thereby eliminating the continuing leaks), but that only serves to temporarily avoid the leak issue, and will not make the pool functional until the gutter/skimmer system is replaced.
- The pool's plaster shell is beyond its useful life. Large pieces are flaking off in the pool which causes maintenance and safety hazards. The pool needs to be completely replastered.
- Various other pool equipment has failed or is about to fail. The pump of the Kiddie Pool failed and the Sand Filter on the main pool is failing. The pump on the main pool is over 30 years old and inefficient.
- There are new federal regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that began in January, 2013. Neither the main pool nor the kiddie pool meet the new requirements. Both will need to be retrofitted in order to provide appropriate access to persons with disabilities. In addition, the pool's current restroom and shower facilities in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse are not accessible to people with disabilities and cannot be easily retrofitted. With this in mind, and because health regulations require that all patrons must rinse off before entering the pool, the construction of accessible restroom and shower facilities outside of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse and in close proximity to the pool will be required.

Both the Pool Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission expressed previous support for the Town to conduct further investigation into whether it is practical to make repairs to the existing pool's infrastructure; or whether a complete demolition and replacement would be more cost effective and efficient. The Town staff solicited estimates from multiple sources in order to explore costs associated with pool alternatives. Unfortunately, with no definitive design plans in

place, the ability to collect accurate cost estimates is limited. What is evident is that there is a need for a significant initial capital investment, followed by a commitment to an appropriate level of on-going annual operational funds if the Town of Clarkdale wants to have a functional Municipal Swimming Pool in the near future.

At this point in time, the Town has \$25,890 set aside in the donation fund that is left over from the fundraising drive that successfully allowed us to open the pool that year. In addition, the Town has continued to budget \$7,950 per year for the utilities, chemicals and staff time that are necessary to maintain the pool in its unused state.

The Parks and Recreation Commission met to discuss the status of the pool at their November 14th meeting. Although all members felt that they would like to have a community pool in Clarkdale, all were in agreement that, given the current state of the economy and the significance of the cost to either repair or replace the pool, that the Town should not pursue either option at this time. They expressed support for revisiting a discussion about a community pool on an annual or bi-annual basis, and holding the remaining funds in an interest bearing donation account that could be used towards a future pool project.

Should the Council agree with the approach as outlined by the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff would move forward to drain the pool before the end of this winter. Additionally, the FY2014 Trial Budget that will be presented by staff will include a shift of the \$7,950 that is currently in the pool operation and maintenance line items into the Parks and Recreation budget for new or expanded community programs. The Council will have the opportunity to consider that budget recommendation during the FY2014 budget worksessions next year.

Town Manager Mabery provided information to the Council on this agenda item.

Discussion followed regarding the alternatives for the use of the funding previously raised. Mayor Von Gausig asked how much was collected and Vice Mayor Dehnert responded that a little over \$60,000 had been raised. He noted the fiscal responsibility owed to the donors.

Vice Mayor Dehnert moved to authorize the establishment of an interest bearing account for the balance remaining in the current pool donation account; and, further that the Parks and Recreation Commission be authorized to schedule a discussion on the disposition of the account annually in November. Councilmember Radoccia seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Mayor Von Gausig suggested that the discussion be on the Parks and Recreation agenda soon. Councilmember Radoccia suggested an update to the citizens regarding this account. Town Manager Mabery noted that updates have been continual and in addition there is a Facebook page in regard to this subject that provides available updates.

The motion was approved unanimously.

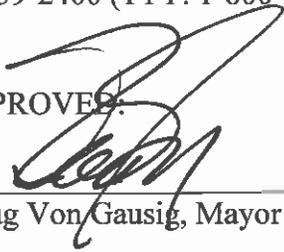
NEW BUSINESS - None

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

ADJOURNMENT – without objection, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:31 P.M.

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:



Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:



Mary Ellen Dunn, Deputy Clerk