

**Minutes of a Regular Session of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6:00 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 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Von Gausig.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert
Councilmember Rennie Radoccia

Councilmember Bill Regner
Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge
Community Development/Economic Director Jodie Filardo
Community Services/Human Resources Director Janet Perry
Utilities/Public Works Director Wayne Debrosky
Police Chief Randy Taylor
Deputy Clerk Mary Ellen Dunn

PUBLIC COMMENT – The Town Council invites the public to provide comments at this time. 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. Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2014 and Special Meeting August 26, 2014.
- B. Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month. August, 2014 check log and PPE dated August 9, 2014 and August 23, 2014.
- C. Board and Commission Minutes** – Acknowledgement of receipt of minutes and draft minutes of the previous month's Board and Commission Meetings.
Board of Adjustments Notice of Cancellation of meeting August 27, 2014
Design Review Board Notice of Cancellation of meeting August 6, 2014
Planning Commission minutes of the meetings held August 19, 2014

Parks and Recreation Committee Notice of Cancellation of meeting August 13, 2014

- D. **Extra Mile Day Proclamation** – Approval of a Proclamation declaring November 1, 2014 as Extra Mile Day.
- E. **Governor’s Office of Highway Safety Grant** - Acceptance of non-match, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety federal grant totaling \$3,500 from 10-01-2014 to 09-30-2015.

Councilmember Radoccia moved to accept Consent Agenda items A – E as presented. Councilmember Regner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAYOR VON GAUSIG’S SERVICE TO THE LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS – Consideration of a resolution of the Clarkdale Town Council, recognizing Mayor Doug Von Gausig’s exemplary service to the cities and towns of Arizona during his term as President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns from Feb. 2012 – Aug. 2014.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is governed by a 25-member Executive Committee, consisting of mayors and councilmembers from across the State. As an organization, the League promotes local self-government, municipal independence and provides professional and high quality assistance to the municipal governments in the State of Arizona.

Mayor Von Gausig has served on the Executive Committee of the League since 2008, was selected as the Vice President in November, 2010, and was selected through vote of the Executive Committee to lead the organization as President from February, 2012 – August, 2014.

Mayor Von Gausig is the first Mayor from Clarkdale and the second Mayor from Yavapai County (Prescott Mayor Whetstine held the position in 1944) to hold the President’s position since the League was formed in 1937.

The League has faced great challenges during Mayor Von Gausig’s term, and his leadership over the past two years helped the League continue to provide vital services and tools to all its members, focusing principally on representing the interests of cities and towns before the legislature. Throughout this time, Mayor Von Gausig has been a champion of the League’s vision to serve as a unifying force for municipal governments and an effective advocate for the League’s interests to all levels of government, the private sector and community members.

The resolution presented this evening is a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Clarkdale to recognize Mayor Doug Von Gausig’s exemplary service to the cities and towns of Arizona in his role as President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns from February, 2012 – August, 2014.

Staff joins with the Council in thanking Mayor Von Gausig for his leadership at the League, and recommends approval of this resolution.

Councilmember Regner called a point of order to insert the addendum to the agenda at this time. Vice Mayor Dehnert gave the recap of the addendum recognizing Mayor Von Gausig’s service as President of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns. Councilmember Regner read the Resolution and presented

the Mayor with two bottles of wine on behalf of the Council and staff. Regner compared the fine wine to the Mayor's leadership and further stated, "The respect that Clarkdale has received over the past four years by the membership of the League as a result of [the Mayor's] leadership will endure for some time to come. Thank you for the recognition and the respect you have brought to our little community, across the State, and most certainly, within the organization of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns."

Vice Mayor Dehnert stated that not only did the Mayor bring recognition to the Town of Clarkdale, the League itself is much stronger than it was when the Mayor first took over.

Councilmember Regner moved to approve Resolution Recognizing Mayor Von Gausig's Service to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. Councilmember Bohall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY DR. TIGHE, MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, REGARDING THE 2014 SCHOOL OVERRIDE – Discussion regarding the Mingus Union High School override issue on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Dr. Tighe, Mingus Union High School Superintendent will have a presentation regarding the 2014 School Override on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

The override funds would be used for deferred maintenance and replacement of several capital items like textbooks, classroom technologies, equipment, etc. Mayor Von Gausig asked about the deferred maintenance costs and Dr. Tighe stated that the costs accruing over 6 years would be about \$3 million.

Amy Lauer, Clarkdale resident, spoke to the Council in support of the override.

This item is scheduled as a presentation only, no action required.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE CANVASS OF THE AUGUST 26, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION – Approval of Resolution # 1476 canvassing the results of the August 26, 2014 primary election.

Election law requires the Town Council to canvass the votes not less than six days or more than 15 days after a primary or general election.

Calculation of a "majority of votes cast" at the primary election in order for a candidate to win at the primary was revised by HB 2126 due to the consolidated election. The new law which only applies to primary elections in 2014 and 2015 specifies that the number to win be calculated by adding all of the votes cast for all candidates for the office, dividing by the number of seats to be filled and then dividing the result of the calculation by two and rounding to the highest whole number. That number for the Council Member – four year term is 267 and for Council Member – two year term 266.

Curt Bohall and Bill Regner received a receive a "majority of votes cast" as provided for by HB 2126 for Council Member – four year term, and per Section 2-3-1 of the Town Code are considered elected and no General Election will be held.

Scott Buckley received a “majority of votes cast” as provided for by HB 2126 for Council Member – two year term, and per Section 2-3-1 of the Town Code is considered elected and no General Election will be held.

Curt Bohall, Bill Regner and Scott Buckley will be sworn in and will take office at the first regular council meeting in November, on a date to yet be determined, since the first regular council meeting falls on a federal holiday. Town Code Section 2-3-1 states that the effective date to take office would be the date of the General Election, which is November 4, 2014.

The Town of Clarkdale Proposition #430 – Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule), received the majority of votes cast “YES” and was passed.

Town Clerk Kathy Bainbridge presented information on this agenda item. She stated that Clarkdale had 22 ballots that were ineligible for counting.

Vice Mayor Dehnert moved to approve Resolution #1476, a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Yavapai County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on August 26, 2014. Councilmember Bohall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT REGARDING THE 2014 LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Discussion regarding information gathered at the 2014 League of Arizona annual conference.

Mayor Von Gausig, Vice Mayor Dehnert, Councilmembers Regner and Town Manager Mabery attended the 2014 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference. This is an informational discussion with the Council relating to the information they received and the sessions they attended during the conference.

Vice Mayor Dehnert reported the conference was outstanding and the highlights he noted were:

- keynote speaker Elliott Eisenburg – nationally acclaimed economist was highlight of conference who predicted that the population of Arizona will become stable;
- the Arizona We Want 2.0 breakout session;
- breakout session on wastewater, effluent and reclaimed water and strategies for the future;
- Arizona’s energy future panel discussion; and
- speed networking breakfast.

Vice Mayor Dehnert discussed the boundary agreement that occurred between Cottonwood and Clarkdale and how it slowed down aggressive annexation. He also noted that Guss Espolt and Town Manager Mabery put together the showcase and did a great job.

Councilmember Regner reported he was the flagbearer for the third year in a row. The Town’s tagline was “experience the Verde River”. Highlights of the conference were:

- Keynote speaker Elliott Eisenburg;
- innovative financing strategies for funding transportation projects breakout session;

- “On the Ballot and in the News” breakout session discussing current events in the campaigns;
- ADOT information and planning session.

Councilmember Regner stated he enjoyed networking with other council members from other Verde Valley communities but didn't feel the sessions had a lot to offer the smaller rural communities.

Mayor Von Gausig commented on his attendance and highlights:

- Legislative resolutions committee;
- forum of gubernatorial candidates;
- pundits panel discussed Arizona politics and election;
- Sonoran Mayors Forum – mayors from Sonora, Mexico - Mayor Von Gausig signed declaration to resolve to work closely together to enhance border issues;
- on the Arizona we Want panel with Laddie Coor;
- helped moderate rural forum – discussion revolved around economic development, wolves and short term rentals.

Town Manager Mabery thanked councilmembers who were able to attend. She stated that the attendees get together prior to the conference each year to strategize attendance at the various sessions so they are spread out and not all attending the same ones. The highlights she noted were:

- Deferred maintenance of infrastructure and the challenge it presents for cities and towns;
- gave presentation on geo-thermal energy in Centennial Plaza at the rapid fire innovation session;
- Showcase of Cities with Guss Espolt (Town staff) and recognition of business gifts from Town businesses and noted the Copper Art Museum's donation of 600 invitations;
- Greater Arizona Mayors' Association (GAMA) meeting.

This is discussion only, no action is required.

PUBLIC HEARING TO SET WATER RATES – Public Hearing to gather public comment regarding changing water rates.

A budget work session was held at the June 10, 2014 Council meeting which presented a proposed water rate structure for the Clarkdale Municipal Water Utility. During that meeting, Council directed the staff to move forward in the process for a water rate increase. On June 26, 2014, the Notice of Intent to Set Water Rates and the report with the data supporting the increase of water rates was submitted to the Town Clerk as required by A.R.S. 9-511.01. Council approved the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Set Water Rates at Regular Council Meeting held on July 8, 2014. Based on the approved NOI, staff scheduled the required public hearing on September 9, 2014 in order to officially consider a water rate as required by A.R.S. 9-511.01.

A.R.S. 9-511.01 governs the process to set rates:

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| June 26, 2014 | File report with data supporting the increase of rates with Town Clerk |
| July 8, 2014 | Council Adopts Notice of Intent to Set Water Rates at a Regular Council meeting. |
| August 20, 2014 | Public Hearing Notice published in newspaper. |

(Not less than 20 days prior to the public hearing.)

September 9, 2014 Hold Public Hearing & Consider Adoption of Rates by Resolution.
(Not less than 30 days after adoption of Notice of Intent.)

October 9, 2014 Rates become effective. (30 days after the adoption of the Resolution)

Utilities Director Wayne Debrosky presented information on this agenda item.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the discussion to the public for comment. There was no public comment.

This is a Public Hearing and no Council action is required.

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA AMENDING RESOLUTION #1474, INCREASING THE WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE – Discussion and consideration of Resolution #1477, a Resolution increasing water rates.

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Vice Mayor Dehnert moved for the approval of Resolution #1477, a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA AMENDING RESOLUTION #1474, INCREASING THE WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE. Councilmember Bohall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

YAVAPAI COLLEGE VERDE VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSESSION–
Discussion relating to the Yavapai College District Governing Board's formation of a Verde Valley Advisory Committee and their request for Clarkdale to make nominations for appointment to the committee.

During their August 12, 2014 meeting, the Yavapai College District Governing Board approved the formation of a Verde Valley Advisory Committee with the following Vision, Mission, Goals and Guiding Principles:

Vision: Recognized as the Verde Valley's voice for constructive and collaborative dialog between residents and the Yavapai College District Governing Board to promote improved access to quality higher education.

Mission: To provide advice to the Yavapai College District Governing Board based on objective analysis and feedback from Verde Valley communities.

- Goals:**
- 1.) Establish bylaws.
 - 2.) Select officers
 - 3.) Inform the communities of the purpose of the committee.
 - 4.) Determine issues to resolve and prioritize.
 - 5.) Create meeting schedule.

Guiding Principles: Integrity – We never compromise our integrity. Having integrity means more than simply the absence of deception. We tell the truth, honor our commitments, adhere to ethical standards, treat others with respect and act responsibly. We do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

Teamwork – We practice teamwork through such actions as assisting each other, providing each other feedback, exchanging information, and executing our tasks in a timely and integrated manner. We recognize that we make better decisions and produce better results together than working alone. Consensus and coherence are key to our approach. We speak with one voice once the group makes a decision.

Accountability – We honor our commitments and take responsibility for our actions.

Leadership – As citizen leaders, we lead by example. We foster an environment that empowers and motivates others to successfully accomplish their objectives. We mentor and develop each other and our peers.

Service – We commit ourselves not only to meeting expectations, but to exceeding them. We recognize that our citizens are the most important judges of the quality of the processes, advice and analysis we provide. We are faithful servants.

Stewardship – We strive to make the best use of resources within our control and to support others in doing the same. We recognize that we are caretakers of these resources.

The Verde Valley Advisory Committee will consist of 9 members, 8 of whom are to be selected to represent the following jurisdictions:

- City of Cottonwood
- City of Sedona
- Town of Camp Verde
- Town of Clarkdale
- Town of Jerome
- Yavapai Apache Nation
- Yavapai County, District 3
- Yavapai County, District 2

The 9th member of the committee will be the Yavapai College employee in the position of Greater Verde Valley Community Engagement Director (as long as that individual is a resident of the Verde Valley).

The Yavapai College District Governing Board has asked each of the cities and towns, the two Supervisors representing County District's 2 and 3, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation to submit two nominees to serve on the proposed committee. A Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications for each nominee should be submitted to Yavapai County Schools Superintendent Tim Carter by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Superintendent Carter will narrow the list of nominees and appoint the committee on behalf of the District Governing Board. The intent is for him to announce the members of the Committee by October 31, 2014. The Verde Valley Advisory Committee will hold their first meeting by November 30, 2014. At the first meeting, a Chair will be selected from among the group, and District Governing Board Members Harrington and/or Filardo will provide an orientation for the committee.

In previous discussion of the formation of this committee with the Town Manager, District Governing Board Member Al Filardo stated a preference for the Council to nominate elected officials from their respective Councils to fill the seat on the Advisory Committee. While this is Board Member Filardo's preference, it is not a requirement adopted by the District Governing Board. Please note that (as of September 4, 2014) the Town Manager has already received a Letter of Interest and Resume from one citizen, and has had interest expressed by another.

Council Member Regner has sponsored this agenda item to determine the Council's interest in moving forward with a process to nominate Clarkdale representatives to serve on this committee.

If the Council intends to forward nominations to the District Governing Board, staff recommends that the Council include the following topics as part of their discussion this evening:

- Whether the Council will consider nominating only elected officials (as suggested by Board Member Filardo), or if they will consider nominating persons other than Council Members;
- If the Council is interested in nominating persons other than Council Members, it would be helpful to have those persons required Letter of Intent and Statement of Qualifications for consideration at the September 23rd Council meeting; and,
- What kind of reporting the Council expects from the appointed Clarkdale representative back to the Town Council.

Town Manager Mabery presented information on this agenda item.

Al Filardo stated it had initially been his preference of having councilmembers as nominees but the council could name other candidates who could still report to the council with updates of the progress of this board.

Discussion followed regarding the various recommendations from the other sectors and Council ideas for consideration for Clarkdale representation:

Mayor Von Gausig: Bill Regner and Kathy Fleenor
Councilmember Radoccia: Becky O'Banion and John Tavasci, Jr.

Councilmember Regner: Ruth Wicks

Vice Mayor Dehnert asked if the Advisory Committee would be subject to the open meeting laws and Filardo noted that the issue was before the attorney at this time. He also noted that putting out a press release would let people know that the Council is open to suggestion. The Council will choose 2 people at next council meeting.

Mayor Von Gausig noted that the Council would not have control over this person or persons so it would not be appropriate to order them to appear before Council however they could be invited to appear.

This item is scheduled as a worksession only. No Council action is required.

REPORTS

Current Events – A brief summary of current events. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter in the summary.

Mayor Von Gausig's Report –

- 8/13/14 – Verde River @ Clarkdale quarterly coordination meeting
- 8/15/14 – Verde River Familiarization kayak trip
- 8/18/14 – League Officers conference call
lunch with Ann Kirkpatrick and Steve Estes to discuss needs of rural Verde Valley
- 8/19/14 – League Conference
- 8/20/14 – League Conference
Executive Committee Meeting – League Conference;
The AZ we Want panel – League Conference
- 8/21/14 – League Conference
- 8/22/14 – League Conference
- 8/27/14 – Water Resource Management Working group conference calls;
met with John Sherman – Walton Family Foundation survey assessing social impacts of restoration
- 8/29/14 – River trip – AZ State Parks Foundation
- 8/30/14 – Verde River Basin Partnership/Verde River Institute meeting
- 9/02/14 – Arizona Forward Water Committee meeting featuring Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith
- 9/03/14 – Meeting regarding Clarkdale Metals Property
- 9/05/14 – Verde River Familiarization kayak trip
- 9/06/14 – Verde River Familiarization kayak trip

Vice-Mayor Dehnert's Report –

- Attended annual League Conference
- Attended NACOG regional conference on August 28th in Flagstaff

Councilmember Bohall's Report –

- August 25 and 27, 2014 and September 2 and 4, 2014 participated in Board and Commission interviews
- Great-granddaughter turned 2!

Councilmember Regner's Report –

- Attended Annual League conference
- August 25 and 27 and September 2 and 4, 2014 Participated in Board and Commission interviews; revamped application process
- September 3rd attended Friends of Southwest Wine Center fund-raising meeting and gala planning meeting; attended Verde Valley Community College Citizens' Advocates group meeting

Councilmember Radoccia's Report –

- Mescal Canyon Retreat hosted Yellow Wood Ladies

Organizational Reports – Reports regarding regional organizations.

CAT/ VVTPO – Cottonwood Area Transit and the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization & other transportation affiliations. Councilmember Bohall:

No report

NACOG - Northern Arizona Council of Governments. Vice Mayor Dehnert:

Regional conference August 28th in Flagstaff - presentation was made about infrastructure campaign that Chino Valley is embarking upon; designed to encourage a lot of economic development there.

NAMWUA - Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. Councilmember Radoccia:

No report

VRBP – Verde River Basin Partnership. Mayor Von Gausig:

No report

VVLP – Verde Valley Land Preservation. Councilmember Radoccia:

No report

WAC/MVWAC - Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee/Middle Verde Water Advisory Committee. Mayor Von Gausig:

No report

VVREO – Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization. Councilmember Regner:

No report

YCL – A report from the Yavapai College Liaison. Councilmember Regner:

Verde Valley College Community Citizens Advocacy Group – presented video entitled “Crisis in Community College Education in the Verde Valley

Grand Opening of the Teaching Winery at the Southwest Wine Center Verde Valley Campus on September 12 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

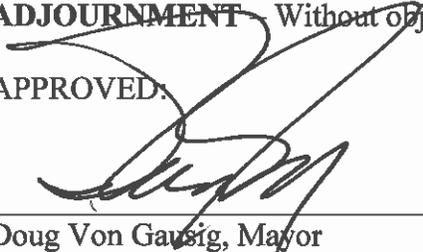
October 18, 2014 Southwest Wine and Dine in the Vines event

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

- Mayor Von Gausig would like to suggest moving reports back to front of agenda
- Councilmember Regner would like to have a worksession on what should be included in the reports

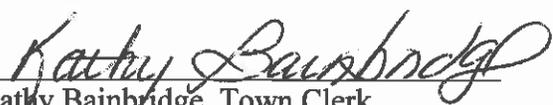
ADJOURNMENT Without objection, Mayor Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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 9th day of September, 2014. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15 day of October, 2014.

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk