

**Minutes of a Regular Session of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale  
Held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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 Scott Buckley

Councilmember Bill Regner  
Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

**Town Staff:**

Town Manager Gayle Mabery  
Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge  
Community Development/Economic Director Jodie Filardo  
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. 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.**

**PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN THOMAS BEAUTY OF THE YAVAPAI APACHE NATION REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING REVENUES UNDER PROPOSITION 202.**

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, 2014, the Yavapai-Apache Nation requested the Town of Clarkdale to submit a proposal to them identifying the Town's priorities for funding for the January, 2015 Proposition 202 distributions. Town Manager Mabery submitted a request for funding for interpretive/educational signs at our Verde River @ Clarkdale sites. See the request letter that is attached in your packet.

Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairman Thomas Beauty plans to attend the February 10, 2015 Council meeting to make a formal presentation to the Town Council on behalf of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Chairman Beauty presented a \$16874.00 check to the Town of Clarkdale for use at its own discretion. Chairman Beauty, Councilpersons Darlene Rubio and Billy Garner joined the Clarkdale Town Council and Town Manager Mabery for a photo.

**This is a presentation only, and 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 –

- 01/15/15: Arizona Forward Executive Committee meeting; MVWAC USGS monitoring meeting – Department of Water Resources and USGS agreed to contribute an additional \$17,000
- 01/16/15: ASCOT meeting
- 01/20/15: Met with Laurel Lacher regarding modeling & utilities strategic plan
- 01/26/15: Arizona League budget subcommittee meeting
- 01/28/15: Met with Cindy from the Clarkdale Heritage Museum
- 01/29/15: Took Solana Solar tour
- 02/03/15: Arizona Forward Water committee meeting; Arizona Forward Sustainable Funding committee meeting
- 02/04/15: Met with Dorothy FireCloud to discuss Tuzigoot fees
- 02/05/15: Met with Bill Snyder, Clarkdale businessman
- 02/06/15: String of Pearls Leadership Council meeting
- 02/09/15: Solimar International WFF Grantees meeting
- 02/10/15: National Geographic geotourism rollout meeting

### Vice-Mayor Dehnert's Report –

- 1/15/15: Offered the Town's welcome to Local First Arizona group – good turnout from all over the state.

Councilmember Bohall's Report –

- 1/15/15: Attended the Cottonwood Area Transit meeting
- 1/28/15: Attended the VVTPO meeting
- 2/04/15: Attended PSPRS Local Board meeting

Councilmember Bohall stated that his Town participation would be limited over the next few weeks due to Winnie's shoulder replacement surgery and subsequent recuperation period.

Councilmember Regner's Report –

- 1/15-16/15: Attended Food and Farm Forum presented by Local First Arizona; attended the USGS monitoring meeting in Camp Verde;
- 1/21/15: Attended the Verde Valley Advisory Committee meeting for Yavapai College District Governing Board
- 1/24/15: Attended John Tavasci's birthday party
- 1/26/15: Met with Verde Valley Committee chairman Paul Chevalier
- 1/27/15: Met with Yavapai College District Governing Board Chairperson Dr. Patricia McGarver, Board Member Al Filardo, and Verde Valley Advisory Committee Chairman Paul Chevalier
- 1/29/15: Met with former Clarkdale resident Jet Tennant regarding Verde River @ Clarkdale capacities
- 2/04/15: Attended Verde Valley Advisory Committee meeting
- 2/09/15: Attended meeting with Al Filardo
- 2/10/15: Attended National Geographic Geotourism conference

Councilmember Buckley's Report –

- Sat on permitting process board for Verde River @ Clarkdale
- Sitting on a Clarkdale-Jerome School Advanced Education steering committee
- Attended and provided food for the first quarter of the Local First /Arizona Food and Farm Forum meeting

Town Manager Mabery's Report –

- Monday is President's Day Holiday and offices closed
- No agenda items for second meeting this month so we may cancel
- Inter-governmental meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. here in the Men's Lounge
- Strategic Planning March 4 – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Acknowledgement of the efforts of Jodie Filardo and Community Development/Economic Development Department for the Food, Farm and Finance Forum
- Clarkdale Business Alliance and Town of Clarkdale have a great working relationship and thanked Jodie again for her efforts
- Local First Arizona partnership has paid off tremendously

**Organizational Reports – Reports regarding regional organizations.**

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

CAT January 15, 2015 and VVTPO on January 28, 2015: There is interest in Big Park (VOC) to get bus service into Sedona; 150 people signed a note of interest to get transit into Cornville; the Yavapai-Apache Tribe is working on extending their service up to McGuireville – 10 years sooner than they expected; Hwy. 260 project –possible postponement dependent on new Governor and the State Legislature

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

No report

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

No report

VRBP – Verde River Basin Partnership. Mayor Von Gausig:

No report

VVLP – Verde Valley Land Preservation. Councilmember Regner:

No report

YC Advisory Board – A report from the Yavapai College Advisory Board representative. Councilmember Regner:

- On March 3, 2015 meeting the board will be making a presentation to the Governing Board.
- There have been 4 meetings since orientation.
- Had a recent meeting with Yavapai-Apache Nation board.
- Future presentations on the agenda with John Morgan, Yavapai College's CTE Director and Tim Carter, Yavapai County School Superintendent.
- Meeting with Yavapai College Foundation.

**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 January 10, 2015 and Special Meeting held January 24, 2015.

- B. Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month. January, 2015 check log and PPE dated January 13, 2015 and January 27, 2015.
- 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 January 28, 2015  
Design Review Board minutes of the meeting held January 7, 2015  
Planning Commission minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2015  
Library Advisory Board minutes of the meeting held November 13, 2014  
Parks and Recreation Committee minutes of the meeting held October 8, 2014
- E. Verde River Valley Nature Organization (VRVNO) Proclamation** – Approval of a Proclamation naming the month of April “RiverFest” Month.
- F. Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Authorizing the Purchase of 105.18 Acres of Unimproved Property From Clarkdale Minerals, LLC, for the Purchase Price of \$459,000** – Approval of Resolution #1492, a Resolution authorizing the purchase of property from Clarkdale Minerals, LLC.

Councilmember Bohall pulled Item D.

**Councilmember Bohall moved to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, E and F as presented. Councilmember Regner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- D. Approval of the Town Manager’s Evaluation as Written by the Mayor** - Approval of the review of the Town Manager’s Evaluation conducted on December 9, 2014, by Town of Clarkdale Common Council in Executive Session.

On December 9, 2014, the Town of Clarkdale Council conducted an evaluation of Gayle Mabery, Town Manager. This review is a discussion of the consolidation of all the Councilmembers’ reviews from that evaluation and the overall Council assessment.

At Councilmember Bohall’s request, Mayor Von Gausig read into the record the council evaluation on the Town Manager Mabery.

**Councilmember Bohall moved for the approval of Town Manager’s evaluation as written by the Mayor. Vice Mayor Dehnert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**VERDE RIVER @ CLARKDALE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** –Consideration and possible action relating to the establishment of a Verde River @ Clarkdale Membership.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a worksession on August 8, 2014 to discuss establishing an annual vehicle access pass for the Verde River @ Clarkdale sites. During that worksession, there was a

general consensus of the Commission to create a membership for the Verde River @ Clarkdale supporters with an annual fee.

On January 14, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed membership benefits along with establishing an annual fee for a Verde River @ Clarkdale Membership.

The membership benefits will include:

- Annual Parking Pass for the Verde River @ Clarkdale River Access Points (Lower TAPCO and Tuzigoot River Access Points)
- Membership card
- Membership decal to display on vehicle
- Reduced Town of Clarkdale registration fees for Town of Clarkdale events/activities held at the Verde River @ Clarkdale River Access Points (including the Poker Run)
- Membership benefits expire twelve (12) months from the date of purchase

The conditions of use for the Verde River @ Clarkdale Annual Parking Pass:

1. Annual Parking Pass allows day-use access and parking at all Verde River @ Clarkdale sites for pass holder and passengers in the same vehicle, the number of which shall not exceed the recommended number of passengers for the make and model of vehicle.
2. Pass is not valid without owner's name on it. Pass holder may be asked to show identification.
3. Pass holder shall hang/display the dated "hanging card" from the rearview mirror for entrance and at all times while on the site premises.
4. Pass does not guarantee admission to a site that has been closed, restricted, or reached capacity.
5. It is illegal to copy or alter this pass.
6. Nontransferable, non-replaceable, nonrefundable.
7. Pass expires twelve (12) months from date of membership purchase.

The Parks and Recreation Commission moved to recommend approval of the proposed Verde River @ Clarkdale Membership with annual fees of \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents to the Town Council for final action. The Commission recommendation was unanimous.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dawn Norman presented information on this agenda item.

Mayor Von Gausig suggested a coordinated single pass to allow visitors to see multiple natural amenities in the Verde Valley.

When Vice Mayor Dehnert asked if stickers had been considered rather than placards, Supervisor Norman stated that due to people having multiple vehicles, the placard seemed a better option. The pass is associated with a particular person and not the vehicle.

Town Manager Mabery noted that setting the fees requires a separate 60 day process.

Councilmember Buckley stated that some visitors won't go to the river any more because they have to pay, but was informed that there is no fee right now to visit the site, this new membership pass is a convenience so people don't have to stop and fill out the form. Mayor Von Gausig stated that we'd

rather have people there and not pay than have people not come at all. The fees for the passes are optional as are the current donations.

**Vice Mayor Dehnert moved to establish the following Verde River @ Clarkdale Membership and provide direction on setting annual membership fees:**

**Verde River @ Clarkdale Membership benefits:**

- **Annual Parking Pass for the Verde River @ Clarkdale River Access Points (Lower TAPCO and Tuzigoot River Access Points)**
- **Membership card**
- **Membership decal to display on vehicle**
- **Reduced Town of Clarkdale registration fees for Town of Clarkdale events/activities held at the Verde River @ Clarkdale River Access Points (including the Poker Run)**
- **Membership benefits expire twelve (12) months from the date of purchase.**

**Councilmember Regner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, NAMING THE DAY USE/TRAILS SITE THAT IS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE NORTHWEST OF THE TUZIGOOT BRIDGE – Discussion and consideration of Resolution #1493 naming the day use/trails site located northwest of the Tuzigoot Bridge.**

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a worksession on April 9, 2014 to discuss naming the Verde River @ Clarkdale trail loop located near the Clarkdale Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). At that time, input had been received from a couple of the trail volunteers to consider naming the trail Apache Springs Trail due to the historical significance of the site. The Commission was hesitant to consider the name without confirming the historical information first.

In November, Mayor Von Gausig had the opportunity to tour all of the Verde River @ Clarkdale sites with Yavapai-Apache elder Vincent Randall. Mr. Randall gave the Mayor a wonderful insight into the area based on Yavapai-Apache history, and also provided the Apache names for places along the river. The spring that is located near the wastewater treatment plant was called Tu Cho Ha Li'i' (Big Spring) by the Apaches.

On January 14, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission was presented with the history of the sight provided by Mr. Vincent Randall and moved to recommend that the area be named "Big Spring" on the Verde River @ Clarkdale. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended a name for the trail loop through this area - the "Trail of Life". This name was selected from a list of suggestions offered by the Clarkdale-Jerome School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class following their participation in the Clarkdale Kids Conserve Program through the Verde NRC Ed Center Program led by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lynda Zanolli. The Commission felt both names were befitting with the history of the area and surroundings of the site, the wildlife, the vegetation, the flowing river; the Trail of Life seemed appropriate as it encompassed it all. The Commission also stated the importance of recognizing the class for the name selection and would like to include recognition on the signage at the site.

In reviewing the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation, Town staff feels that a minor modification to the Day Use Area be considered. Staff suggests the Council consider expanding the name to "Big Spring Natural Area" so that the name better encompasses the entire area being designated and not just the area where the spring is located.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dawn Norman presented information on this agenda item.

Mayor opened to public comment.

**Marsha Foutz, Clarkdale resident, and representative of Friends of Verde River Green – discussion of names for the areas**

Mayor credited Marsha Foutz for her hard work in this area. Then closed public comment.

Discussion followed regarding the naming of the trail and the recreation area.

**Vice Mayor Dehnert moved for the approval of Resolution #1493 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, NAMING THE DAY USE/TRAILS SITE THAT IS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE NORTHWEST OF THE TUZIGOOT BRIDGE, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Big Spring Natural Area (for the Day Use Area)**

**Name of the trail loop shall remain Reserved for later the name of the trail itself**

**Councilmember Buckley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

It was discussed that there would be variations to the resolution from its original form.

**Councilmember Buckley withdrew his second and the motion was re-stated.**

**Vice Mayor Dehnert moved to adopt Resolution #1493 with the following changes:**

- **Deleting one of the repetitive phrases (A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA) in the Title; and**
- **Removal of the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> "WHEREAS" paragraphs; and**
- **Naming the Day Use Area the "Big Spring Natural Area"; and**
- **Reserving the naming of the trail loop to a later date.**

**Councilmember Buckley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**VALLEY GIGABIT PROJECT – PHASE 1 DESIGN PRESENTATION** – A presentation to highlight the findings in the Phase 1 design project now known as the Verde Valley Gigabit Project (VVGPP).

Since 2009, the Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) has been working on a way to improve the availability and speed of broadband across the entire Verde Valley. To undertake this project, the Verde Valley Broadband Coalition (a VVREO committee) was formed in that same year, and at the request of the VVBC, each municipality plus Yavapai County passed resolutions of support to encourage pursuit of utility-grade internet access.

Staff from the Town of Clarkdale on behalf VVREO and the region has continued to work on this project over the intervening years in acknowledgement of the importance of this resource to the long-term viability of the local economies. During that time, the project has been pitched and presented at various conferences including the most recent Rural Economic Development Conference in Globe-Miami and in multiple settings to try to obtain funding for the first phase of the design. Further, an array of interested parties have been called together including providers serving the area in some capacity to maintain interest in the project and to coax out some project funding. The most recent requests for grant funding paid off, and the Arizona Department of Administration in their Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ASET) Office agreed to provide \$36,100 to fund the Phase 1 design of a project now known as the Verde Valley Gigabit Project (VVGPP). VVREO consented to provide a 25% project grant match which was funded through in-kind support from Yavapai College in the creation of data for the aggregate demand study of the region and in-kind support from the Town of Clarkdale and other VVREO Board members. VVREO contracted with a well-respected Tucson-based network design and construction firm, GSW Telecom to perform the Phase 1 design. In a very short six weeks, the project was completed. The project report was delivered on December 29, 2014 to VVREO and then forwarded to the Arizona Department of Administration as agreed.

The VVGPP design calls for a conceptual internet super highway (or middle mile network) across 47.1 miles of the Verde Valley, starting at the intersection of I17 at SR 260 and then continuing east to the town hall of Camp Verde and west into Cottonwood. From a junction at SR 260 and SR 89A in Cottonwood, the proposed network continues south along SR 89A into Clarkdale and then on to Jerome and north along SR 89A into Sedona. In addition to the middle mile network, the Phase 1 design outlines the concept of 40.2 miles of Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) to connect various areas of each of the municipalities to the middle mile network. A total of 3 MANs are proposed for the Town of Clarkdale.

Economic/Community Development Director Jodie Filardo presented information on this agenda item. Project vision: "One Gigabit per second for all". Mission: to provide leadership, community networks and data to accomplish the project vision.

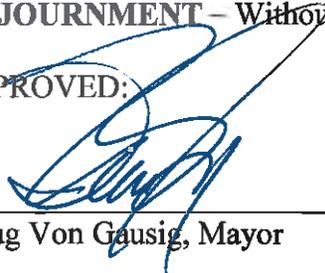
Mayor Von Gausig stated that the whole project was transformative for communities. He credited Jodie Filardo who he further stated has been spearheading this very large project from the beginning.

**The presentation tonight is intended to highlight the findings of the report for the Council. No action is requested at this time.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – Without objection, Mayor Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11 day of March, 2015.

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk