

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of The Common Council of The Town of Clarkdale  
 Held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, in the  
 Men's Lounge, Clarkdale Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, Arizona.

A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse.

Town Council:

Mayor	Michael Bluff
Vice Mayor	Ellie Bauer
Councilmember	David Leibforth
	Rex Williams
	Tom Groom

Staff:

Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Planning Director	Lyle Richardson
Police Chief	Pat Haynie
Fire Chief	Don Eberle
Finance Director	Coleen Gilboy
Admin. Assistant	Charlotte Hawken

**Others in attendance:** Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Richard Imboden, Gary Hellem and Chris Boothe and others who did not sign in.

Vice Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that Mayor Bluff was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - There was none.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.** Town Manager Mabery introduced Public Works employees *Ted Rocha* and *Tom Glenn* (absent). Finance Director Gilboy introduced accounting clerk *Georgia Sa*. Town Manager Mabery noted that Vice Mayor Bauer will be honored with the Distinguished Leadership Award in Planning by the Arizona Planning Association later this week.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**VICE MAYOR'S REPORT** - A report on the Rural Development Conference and a report on the Clarkdale Water Group. Vice Mayor Bauer reported that the Rural Development Conference of town governments in Prescott reviewed the state's Economic Development Study, in which the She also noted that Planning Director Richardson is leaving the town's employment and will be working with a private consulting firm in Phoenix.

Verde Valley is usually included with either Prescott or Flagstaff. She stated she attended a meeting about arts and culture and economic development, which covered funding opportunities for towns, which will be addressed at the Council worksession on October 28. Another meeting dealt with team building and working in groups. She also listened to state legislators discuss some current topics. Two important bills regard rural water issues and municipal magistrate courts.

She reported that in September the Clarkdale Water Group met with Tom Whitmer from the Arizona Department of Water Resources and Virginia Turner, the Northern Arizona representative for the governor. Items that came up included the Drought Task Force where ADWR is doing work regarding water and severe drought possibilities and the roll of ADWR in overseeing regulatory activity in water conservation.

Mayor Bluff arrived at 6:14 p.m.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - No report.

**YAVAPAI COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Mayor Bluff reported that the committee continues to have monthly meetings at which there are presentations on water issues. He asked staff to make copies of the latest WAC minutes and distribute them to the Council.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** - Town Manager Mabery stated that Chief Eberle recently received a donation of \$500 from Wal Mart under their Neighborhood Heroes Program for Fire Department equipment purchases and programming.

She noted that the comment period to Arizona Department Of Transportation on the 89A improvements has been extended.

She stated that the Rural Conference focused on the need to coordinate efforts at a local level. Another general theme was the importance of the retention of the state Department of Commerce.

She stated there will be a benefit for Tony Valesquez, Clarkdale-Jerome School employee, at the Blazin' M Ranch on November 18.

**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 approved with one motion. Any items may be removed for discussion at the request of any Council Member.

Mayor Bluff noted the addition of Addendum Item H to the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Bauer pulled Item E, Councilmember Williams pulled Item D and Mayor Bluff pulled Item H. Mayor Bluff moved to approve Items A, B, C, F and G by unanimous consent.

Item D: Councilmember Williams asked chief Eberle what "assisting other agencies" means on the Fire Department monthly report. Chief Eberle responded that all of the local departments help with various types of calls when needed. Mayor Bluff moved to approve Item D by unanimous consent.

Item E: Vice Mayor Bauer noted that there is now an vacant position on the Mingus Land Exchange Group and Town staff will be accepting applications. Mayor Bluff moved by unanimous consent to approve Item E.

Item H: Mayor Bluff stated the Town pays workers compensation through State Fund, which has a dividend program whereby, if members join an association, they are eligible for dividends at the end of the year based on the performance of the group. The Town can join the association by becoming a member of the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Bluff and Vice Mayor Bauer removed themselves from the table for this vote due to the appearance of a conflict of interest, since their businesses are members of the Chamber. Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Town joining the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce in order to enroll in the State Compensation Fund

H) **Association dividend Program** - Approval of enrolling in the State Compensation Fund Association Dividend Program.

**CLUBHOUSE POLICY WAIVER REQUEST -**

Association Dividend Program. Councilmember Groom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A) **Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 9, 2003 and the Special meeting held September 23, 2003.

B) **Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month.

C) **Board and Commission Minutes**  
Parks and Recreation Commission -  
September 15, 2003.

Heritage Conservancy Board -  
September 24, 2003.

Planning Commission Minutes -  
September 15, 2003.

Library Advisory Board - October 2, 2003.

D) **Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies  
Building Permit Reports - September, 2003  
Fire Department Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report - September, 2003  
Police Department Report - September, 2003  
Cottonwood Area Transportation System - August, 2003  
Magistrate Court Report - September, 2003  
Clark Memorial Library Report - September, 2003

E) **Resignation** - Acceptance of resignation of Jane Winiacki from the Mingus Land Exchange Group.

F) **Proclamation** - Approval of a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

G) **Resolution** - Approval of Resolution #1081 appointing members to the Firemen's Relief and Pension Board.

**Request by Victor Molina to serve alcohol in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse for an event on February 14, 2003.** Mayor Bluff noted the correct date is 2004. Councilmember Leibforth moved to

deny the Clubhouse alcohol waiver request. Councilmember Williams seconded. Town Clerk Driscoll stated that Mr. Molina was advised of the staff recommendation to deny his request because he intends to serve alcohol without monitoring it and that he was not present at this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**BENT RIVER ROAD MAINTENANCE - A request by the Bent River Road Improvement Committee for the Town to hold and manage funds to provide maintenance for Bent River Road, a private road.** Town Manager Mabery stated the residents of this area raised enough money last year to have a substantial length of Bent River Road graded, bar ditched, and chip sealed. This item has to do with funds they had left over from that project. Councilmember Leibforth moved to approve the request by the Bent River Road Improvement Committee for the Town to hold and manage funds to provide maintenance for Bent River Road, a private road in Clarkdale. Vice Mayor Bauer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION - Approval of Resolution #1082 requesting the repeal of 2003 legislation regarding the sharing of municipal court collections.** Vice Mayor Bauer moved to approve Resolution #1082, requesting the repeal of 2003 legislation regarding the sharing of municipal court collections. Mayor Bluff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - Discussion of priorities set during the October 10, 2003 Strategic Planning Session.** Town Manager Mabery reviewed items in the order discussed, in order to update the public on the goals set, including the following items:

1. Wastewater
2. Water
  1. Whether the federal government can legislate water restrictions.
  2. The beneficiary of the water restrictions is the Salt River Project, therefore they should lead the enforcement of the regulations.

3. Planning Department projects
4. Community building
5. Fire and EMS services
6. Clarkdale's historic district: preserving the character of the entire district and revitalizing the central business district
7. Building a diverse tax base: 89A and commercial development, industrial park, Highway 89A design
8. Smart Growth - On what criteria do we base decisions or initiatives regarding growth?
9. Verde Valley Ranch/Peck's Lake area - what is our vision and direction?

**NORTHERN ARIZONA NATIONAL FOREST LAND EXCHANGE ACT - Discussion and possible action regarding State or local enforcement of the water conservation easements proposed for the Clarkdale portion of the Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act.** Mayor Bluff stated the purpose of the item was to have some discussion at the council level, whether or not the Town, either acting in its role as a future municipal supplier or in its role as a regulatory agency over development, believes it should have some input in ensuring that those water restrictions are enforced. He stated there has been discussion in Washington relative to the Land Exchange Act that involves the Department of Water Resources being reluctant to be the agency that monitors the water conservation restrictions that are in the bill. ADWR is reluctant because it feels it does not have the money for monitoring. He stated that the question is: to what extent does the Council want to be proactive in ensuring that those regulations are enforced ?

Discussion followed including the following issues:

3. The Town could have some oversight of the enforcement.
4. Reluctance as a community to accept that responsibility without knowing the expense and whatever infrastructure and whatever

bureaucratic design would be required.

5. The difficulty of getting an official comment from ADWR about their position.

Mayor Bluff opened the item to public comment. Seeing none, he closed it.

6. The council agreed they would prefer that those water restrictions not be in the legislation.

7. The Council agreed they want to have input into whether or not the water restrictions are enforced.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Listing of items to be placed on a future council agenda.** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business before the Council and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Michael Bluff, Mayor

**SUBMITTED:**

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Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant

**ATTESTED:**

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Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk