

Minutes of a Special Meeting of The Common Council of The Town of Clarkdale  
Held on Thursday, November 6, 2003, in the  
Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, Clarkdale, Arizona.

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:

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

Town Staff:

Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Librarian	Charlotte Hawken

Library Advisory Board:

Chairperson	Sue Hill
Vice Chairperson	Pat Harris
Boardmember	Betty Lyall
	Jean Stevens
	Mary Loux (absent)
	John Stevenson
	Mary Lu Estlick

Others in Attendance: None.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Bluff who noted all the councilmembers were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**WORKSESSION - A worksession between the Town Council and the Library Advisory Board to discuss accomplishments, goals, priorities and challenges.**

Mayor Bluff stated the Council appreciates the work of the board members and is looking to get everyone on the same page and for ways to make the board's job easier.

Issues that were discussed included the following:

1. The number of people entering the library has increased from 13-14 per day last year to 19-20 per day this year.
2. Check outs have also increased.
3. During Cities and Towns Week three Clarkdale-Jerome School classes (two kindergarten and one eighth grade) were introduced to the library. The kindergarten classes also enjoyed a storybook reading while they were there.
4. Story hours are being organized. The board has agreed to purchase books to give to the participants.
5. Heather Redden at the Discovery Connection, which does after school and summer programs at the Clarkdale - Jerome school, has been bringing groups of 6-10 children to the library on Friday afternoons. There are three groups , K-2nd, 3rd- 5th, and 6th-8th. She reads stories to them and they each check out three books.
6. Rearrangement of the library has begun, in order to accommodate the children's groups.
7. The Board continues to hold two fund-raisers a year. They are currently getting ready for a book sale in conjunction with Made in Clarkdale art show. It is held in the Ladies Lounge and made \$350 last year. The Ice Cream Social on July 4<sup>th</sup> made \$326 this year. There is also an ongoing book sale in the library and the board receives miscellaneous donations.
8. The board has previously purchased shelving and furniture for the library and is now planning to replace some of the old shelving.
9. The Board has also donated to the light fixtures at the ball field and paid about one-third of the cost of the air conditioning in the library.
10. Donated new books could be used as rental books in the library.

11. Although the library has received no requests yet, Board member Stevens has organized a homebound book delivery program. Currently some patrons take books to other patrons who cannot get to the library on a casual basis. She stated she has notified local churches and plans to put posters at the mobile villages and recurring notices in the town newsletter.
12. Mention was made of the Delta Society, which has a program where children read to dogs to help them relax and become confident readers.
13. The Board is considering other services and programs, such as a toy checkout.
14. There have been requests for the library to stay open in the evening, perhaps from 7 to 9. This is hampered by the library being in an isolated dark location and by the complicated computer system which currently only Library employees can operate. Better lighting could be installed in the parking lot and the open hours could coincide with other evening events in the town complex.
15. Volunteers who check books out with the computer would need to work enough hours to keep up with the demands and frequent changes. Otherwise they might use the system that is used when the power is out. There could be comfortable seating in the children's area.
16. Art rental is another possible service.
17. Local tutors use the library for tutoring.
18. Volunteers are needed who can commit long term. After a certain number of hours they could be given an appreciation pin or dinner and it could be posted at the post office and in the newspaper.
19. The library steps are too steep for some patrons.

Councilmember Williams suggested using funds designated for the facilities master plan to address the lighting issues and the steep stairs.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business before the Council, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Michael Bluff, Mayor

**SUBMITTED:**

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Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant

**ATTEST:**

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Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk