

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of The Common Council of The Town of Clarkdale
 Held on Wednesday, November 12, 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 Wednesday, November 12, 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
Acting Planning Dir.	Steven Brown
Police Chief	Chief Haynie
Acting Fire Chief	Chief Eberle
Finance Director	Coleen Gilboy
Admin. Assistant	Charlotte Hawken
Police Officer	Serafin Razo
Police Officer	Robert Church
Town Crew	Tom Glen

Others in attendance: Paul Handverger, Rob Waskow, Carol Broughton, Kathy Razo, Shelby Church, Phillip Rodriguez, Zach Baily, Brian Buem, Karlie Kessel, Shawn Hayr, Mark Brownell, Tiffany Ave, Frank Hoene, Shirley Hoene, Margie and Dave Beach and others who did not sign in or whose names were not legible.

Mayor Bluff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all members of the Council were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Paul Handverger, 90 S. Coral Circle, Cottonwood, stated he had two matters. First, questions regarding the purchase of a water company:

1. How deep the water table is each well that they purchase ?
2. What is the present chemical quality of the water in each well? Quality problems are developing in the deeper wells in the center of the

INTRODUCTION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES AND POLICE EXPLORERS. Foreman McMullough introduced Tom Glynn and

valley.

3. What is the last few weeks/months of production?

4. When and why transfers have been made from one water company to another?

Secondly, regarding the Ruskin/Yavapai Ranch land trade of 150 acres, he asked if the Mayor's and Council's lobbying in favor of the trade was for the constituents here in Clarkdale and Cottonwood? He stated Mr. Ruskin is getting three wells external of his property surrounded in each case by forty acres of federal land that's providing water to his land when he gets it traded. He stated that Clarkdale and Cottonwood are getting nothing from the exchange. They're losing 150 acre feet to the Ruskin development on the traded land. He asked the citizens to lobby before November 22 when Senator McCain will visit here regarding these issues. He stated Mayor Bluff has told him that he is looking at water across the valley at Peck's Lake area and his rapid evaluation of it is that basin will provide approximately 157 acre feet of water at 12 inches of rain per year. That just covers the 150 acre feet for Ruskin. He asked who is going to move the water and pay for the development? He stated the federal government gets something, Ruskin gets something, but the residents of Clarkdale and Cottonwood get nothing.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE THAT HAS WORKED 15 YEARS FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE.

Town Manager Mabery introduced Mick McCullough the Town Foreman and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. She stated he has often been commended by the public for his work and, during the current six month transition between public works directors, has taken on some of the administrative duties of the director. Mayor Bluff presented Foreman McCullough with a plaque and a gift in recognition of his service to the Town.

welcomed him as a new Town Crew Member.

Police Chief Haynie introduced Serafin Razo and welcomed him as a new Town Police Officer,

noting that he is a certified federal truck inspector.

Police Chief Haynie stated that the Police Explorers are chartered through the Boy Scouts of America, which deals with the legal issues of riding along in police cars. They receive training in leadership and character and participate in fund raisers and community service. He introduced Officer Church, who has been in charge of developing the Explorer program, Bob Lower, Frank Hoene, and Beth Escobar, all of whom, along with Chief Haynie, are on the Explorer Advisory Board. He also introduced two younger students who are involved with the group, Brian Lower and Phillip Rodriguez.

Officer Church noted that the Phoenix Cement Plant donated twelve flashlights for Halloween traffic control, which was handled by the Explorers. He introduced the Explorers as follows: Shawn Haught, Zack Bailey, Justin Paul, Mark Brownell, Karlie Kessel, and Tiffany Ave'.

Mayor Bluff commended the Explorers for their good job on Halloween and presented a plaque stating "Community Service, Presented to Clarkdale Police Explorers in appreciation of your efforts during the Halloween Safe Streets Night, 2003" to Officer Church. Chief Haynie thanked the Council for their support in this endeavor.

Without objection, Mayor Bluff reordered Items 7, Award of Bid, and 9, Natural Gas Utility Rate Adjustments, to be taken next.

AWARD OF BID - Consideration of selection of a successful bidder to provide trash services. Finance Director Gilboy stated that the difference between the two bidders, based on the current service, is \$1,093.80. Waste Management was the only company offering curbside recycling and recycling made the difference in the trash bids. This is a three year contract to begin January 1, 2004 and is not mandatory service. There will be an increase in cost unless there is a reduction in service. The 2003-2004 cost were built into the budget. Customer costs

B) VICE-MAYOR'S REPORT - Vice Mayor Bauer stated she, Town Manager Mabery and others from Clarkdale attended the Central Basin Regional Council meeting. This is a group that consists of

would increase in July 2004.

Councilmember Groom moved to accept the bid from Waste Management. Councilmember Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Town Manager Mabery noted that staff will contact Waste Management to negotiate a contract which will be placed on a future council agenda.

NATURAL GAS UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS - Discussion of expected increases in natural gas utility rates in December, 2003. Hector Riojas from Unisource Energy Services discussed the billing statement changes in reserve development and transportation. He stated 90 therms is the average winter residential use in Northern Arizona. The company formerly purchased all supplies from El Paso for a fixed rate and now they get 80% from El Paso and do spot purchases at fluctuating prices for the rest. More information on the company website is at uesaz.com. Replacing old appliances and watching for energy leaks will pay off in energy efficiency.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A) MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Bluff stated that when he went to Washington, D.C. he spoke with Senator McCain. He stated that Congressman Renzi informed him that he can't do anything about helping the Town this year with grant funds for an effluent disposal line and the treatment plant, but they will hopefully consider it next year in the funding cycle.

H) VVTPO - A report regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization. Mayor Bluff stated he attended the meeting. One issue was discussion about the signage on the new Mingus Avenue extension directing traffic to the Town of Clarkdale and other entities in Clarkdale.

regional Chambers of Commerce, community organizations and some private organizations. Gail Howard, the Governor's policy advisor for economics, and Tom Belshe, the deputy director of

community development for the Department of Commerce, were there. They discussed continuing high unemployment, Arizona's per capita income as 85% of the national average and getting worse, high tech industry activity drastically reducing and Arizona having the least diverse economy in the nation. The Department of Commerce is focusing on education, economy and environment to improve economic development. The big question is what are the Yavapai County niche areas? One problem in the state is the concentration on retail economic development. The Department of Commerce will offer \$250,000 in planning grants in economic development in March 2004, with a regional collaboration requirement.

E) NAMWUA - Vice Mayor Bauer stated the last meeting was an all day worksession trying to plan for the future. The upcoming meeting will focus that planning.

C) TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Town Manager Mabery stated that Halloween was a big success. The Kessel family used a clicker to count 1440 participants. The Council will have a joint meeting with the Cottonwood City Council on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The Girl Scouts will serve a turkey dinner from 5:00-7:30 on November 19th at the Elks Lodge, with the funds raised going to community projects. There will be an Intergovernmental Meeting in Jerome on November 20th at 7:00. Holiday activities with Santa in the Park will be on December 6th.

G) COCOPAI - Councilmember Leibforth stated there was discussion about the Audubon Society designating Peck's Lake as an important birding area, eco-tourism's positive financial impact on communities and federal grant and loan programs for various purposes, including natural resources. The next meeting will be about the regional trail system in the Verde Valley.

F) WAC - Mayor Bluff stated there has been no meeting since his last report.

D) NACOG - Vice Mayor Bauer stated Congressman August and September 2003

Renzi spoke at the last meeting about the Northern Arizona land exchange. The transportation advisory committee discussed rural representation in terms of elected officials on the decision or suggestion making part of the use of federal funds. They worked out a way to get through the massive paperwork and come up with a rural consultation process.

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. Without objection the consent agenda was approved with some corrections to the Council minutes.

- A) **Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 2003 and the special meetings held October 10, 28 and 30, 2003.
- B) **Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month.
- C) **Board and Commission Minutes**
 Parks and Recreation Commission -
 October 20, 2003
 Planning commission - October 20, 2003
 Heritage Conservancy Board -
 October 22 and 30, 2003
 Library Advisory Board - October 2, 2003
 Board of Adjustment - October 8, 2003
- D) **Reports**
 Building Permit - October 2003
 Fire Department and Mutual Aid Responses -
 October 2003
 Police Department - October 2003
 Magistrate Court - October 2003
 cottonwood Area Transportation System -
 September 2003
 Verde Valley Humane Society -
- E) **Agreement** - Approval of an agreement with

he Department of the Interior, National Park Service and Tuzigoot National Monument regarding fire and emergency services.

- F) **Agreement** - Approval of an agreement with the Verde Valley Fire District for fire department administrative services.
- G) **Agreement** - Approval of an agreement with Sedona Recycles, Inc regarding the Town recycling collection center.

PATRIOT ACT - Consideration of the Town's actions regarding the United States Patriot Act.
Vice Mayor Bauer stated her concerns about due process and the records of library books used by patrons being available. Discussion ended with the Council planning to readdress this issue at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Council and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Michael Bluff, Mayor

SUBMITTED:

Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant

ATTESTED:

Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk