

Minutes of a Special Meeting of The Common Council of The Town of Clarkdale  
Held on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, in the  
Men's Lounge of the Clarkdale Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, Arizona.

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, November 25, 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 Attorney Robert Pecharich
- Town Manager Gayle Mabery
- Planning Director Stephen Brown
- Police Chief Pat Haynie
- Admin. Assistant Charlotte Hawken

**Others in attendance:** Beverly Andrews, Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer, Carol and Bill Lucas and George Benatz.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

Without objection Mayor Bluff reordered the agenda, taking Item 5, Highway 89A Design, first.

Town Attorney Pecharich arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**HIGHWAY 89A DESIGN - Consideration of ADOT's proposed design alternatives for the improvements to State Highway 89A between Black Hills Drive and Cement Plant**

**Road/11th Street.** Town Manager Mabery summarized the two alternatives that the Arizona Department Of Transportation (ADOT) is considering: 1) A four lane rural section (two lanes each direction with a center median the whole

The ADOT district engineer, Tom Foster, stated he shares the concern with runaway vehicles and that was the reason that trucks were prohibited from going over the mountain. He stated that at signalized intersections no one looks to the side when they have the right of way. Drivers may be more aware at roundabouts, which are also a safe

length) that would include a round-about at Cement Plant road and three intersections that would be signalized when they meet warrants, or 2) A four lane section that would include a center median the whole length, would prohibit left turns, and would include five (5) round-about when initially constructed. She stated that the Town Police and Fire Departments are comfortable with the safety of round-about.

There was discussion of the immediate need to put roundabouts at Centerville Road and Valley View Road and of the need to inform the public.

Without objection, Mayor Bluff opened public comment. He read a letter from **Larry Lloyd**, Lanny Lane, that made the following points:

1. No round-about on 89A.
2. Do not realign Black Hills Drive.
3. Don't limit left turns off 89A.
4. Yes to sidewalks and landscaping and bike lanes.
5. Yes to upgraded signage.

**Beverly Andrews**, 1120 Sunset Drive, stated she only knows what's been in the newspaper.

**Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer**, 1750 Cholla Lane, stated she has seen several presentations and agrees that public education is needed. She stated she believes it is the way to go for truck traffic and access and that the air quality would be better without the pollution of stopping and starting.

**George Benatz**, 1418 Main Street, stated his concern is with runaway trucks coming down from the mountain and safety at the intersection would be increased with a runaway ramp being placed on the highway from Jerome. He noted that the round-about at Happy Valley Road works well.

Mayor Bluff closed public comment.

location for trucks turning around. The is the possibility of a bypass lane heading east from Jerome to Cottonwood and one heading north from Cottonwood to Clarkdale. The original completion date was 2004, but that was set back to 2007. The money will be available 7/1/2006 and it takes one to one and a half years to complete plans,

acquire property. Drainage and the environment are main issues. He stated that Clarkdale and Cottonwood will be involved throughout the design process and ADOT wants community involvement.

Councilmember Groom moved to accept ADOT's design using roundabouts on 89A. Vice Mayor Bauer seconded.

Town Manager Mabery clarified that the motion to approve the roundabouts included 5 locations in Clarkdale (Cement Plant Road, Avenida Centerville, Lincoln/Lisa, the Mescal Spur Extension shown in the General Plan, and Scenic Drive).

It was noted that beginning bicyclists would use the pedestrian pathways and, with a 20 mile per hour limit, experienced riders would go through the round-about.

The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - Vice Mayor Bauer pulled Item C. Without objection Mayor Bluff adopted Items A, B and D. Vice Mayor Bauer read the proclamation for Arts and Culture Month aloud. Without objection Mayor Bluff adopted Item C.

- A) **Contract** - Approval of a one year extension of a contract dated December 8, 2002 with Arizona Engineering Company to provide Town Engineering Services.
- B) **Clubhouse Policy Waiver and Fee Waiver Request** - Approval of a request by Made in Clarkdale to serve alcohol at their event to be held December 5, 2003 and of a request to waive fees for this event.
- C) **Proclamation** - approval of a proclamation declaring December as "Arts and Culture Month" in Clarkdale.
- D) **Contract** - approval of a contract with the Arizona Department of Transportation regarding Downtown Revitalization Project grant funding.

**FUNDING REQUEST** - Consideration of a request by the Sedona Academy for Public Affairs

**for funding for the 2004 Verde Valley Forum on Achieving a Sustainable and Diversified Economy in the Verde Valley.** Kent Jones, Vice President of the Academy, stated it is a volunteer only organization. The Council agreed the Academy is doing a great job and that the town hall process on a local level is more effective than on the state level. Town Manager Mabery stated that \$5000 was a significant request and was not budgeted for 2003-2004. She suggested the request be represented at budget time. She stated the Town does have travel and education funds to send representative to the forum.

Mayor Bluff moved to adopt staff recommendation to not sponsor the 2004 Verde Valley Forum. Vice Mayor Bauer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**CONTRACT** - Approval of a contract with Steve Fettkether of the Old Town Players for use of Town facilities. Vice Mayor Bauer moved to approve the Old Town Players contract as presented with Steve Fettkether. Councilmember Leibforth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business before the Council, Mayor Bluff adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Michael Bluff, Mayor

**SUBMITTED:**

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Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant