

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 in the Men's Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, Arizona

A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 North Ninth St., Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:	Mayor	Doug Von Gausig
	Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
	Councilmember	Patricia Williams
		Rex Williams
		Frank Sa

Staff:	Town Attorney	Rob Pecharich
	Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
	Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
	Planning Director	Steven Brown
	Police Chief	Pat Haynie
	Fire Chief	Don Eberle

Others in attendance: Gail Daniels, Sandy Boothe, Peggy Chaikin and others who did not sign in.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and noted that all Councilmembers were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mayor Von Gausig noted there was a letter from *Ellie Bauer* to enter into the record, as follows: **Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers:**

Thanks to the Town Staff and Crew for making the 2004 Fourth of July Celebration memorable; not that the day's events were different, but the setting was indeed spectacular. The gazebo, in its white plastic sarong, stole the show. Dressed this way since the Friday before the 4th, it also became an object of curiosity for several people, who driving by, stopped and took the time to peek behind the drape. It is hard to share the deteriorating substructure and structure with the world.

As a member of the previous council that made the decision to 'refurbish' the gazebo, I must admit that I erred, I gave in to the emotion of the moment and was simply not thinking clearly and did not take a moment to remind my council colleagues that one of the many meanings of refurbish is 'to build anew'. I had lost focus, that being - what history do we want to leave for the day after tomorrow?

The gazebo is one of over 400 buildings that comprise the Clarkdale Historic District. Some of these individual buildings are suitable for placement on the National Register of Historic Places and some are not. That some are not eligible for placement on the National Register does not detract from the 'Historic District' designation. For example, the library's roof line, the post office's roof line and exterior material surface are substantially different than the 'original'; the craftsman, bungalow and Spanish colonial style homes that have changed surface materials, enclosed porches, added stories, altered building mass relationships, added garages, removed sheds, updated fences, removed fences, added walls signify the latitude to change within a Historic district. Even our Town Park has changed from the original; BUT it has not moved, it has not changed its use, it still remains that in-the-open community meeting place that looks like, acts like, feels like a park that's been around for a long time even though it has relatively new restrooms and a playground. And the park itself will continue to change as it is updated via the approved

park master plan. AND it will continue to look like a park, act like a park and feel like a park that centers the Town of Clarkdale.

We know that the gazebo itself has been changed from the original and that it may be the only town owned structure in the original townsite center that is not made of long-lived materials (except for its filial). We can speculate on the reasons why this is so since many gazebos of that bygone era were made of stone or brick, metal and cement. We also know that there are in America, particularly in the northeast, many covered bridges and other public small structures that are still in very usable condition even though they are much older than our gazebo. We can agree that a gazebo in our town center park is a given, a feature that we want to gift to those who are here the day after tomorrow so that they too, can have memories – private and/or shared –and the spirit to continue to build anew when necessary to keep the spirit of place alive.

Curt Bohall reminded me of a Navy tradition that may help find a good solution to the current ‘gazebo dilemma’. When the Navy decommissions a ship and builds its replacement, a small, still good piece of the original ship is built into the new ship. This historic ship remnant is noted and memorialized, as is the original ship’s name that is borne by the new. And so, I would urge the Council to revisit the gazebo decision and look seriously at the refurbish meaning – build anew. Consider a gazebo that meets the needs of today and with luck, the day after tomorrow.

A considerable amount of funds have been raised for the gazebo’s ‘refurbishment’. As a donor, I am confident that the overwhelming majority of donors will be willing to continue their donation to a gazebo worthy of Clarkdale’s continuing history and Clarkdale’s on-going life when they are presented with the deteriorated condition of this structure. In the balance, a gazebo, worthy of Clarkdale and the vitality of its history, for all its citizens can again grace the towncenter park. The Town of Clarkdale is big enough to not be selfish nor self-centered – in other words to share with those who follow today, because as a Town, it is small enough to care. I urge the Council to reconsider the decision of the previous Council.

Ellie Bauer, 08 July 2004

Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer, 1750 Cholla, distributed a flyer about a National Night Out event at the pool on August 3rd from 6-8 p.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Recognition of a Town Employee for 15 years of service. Police Chief Haynie stated it was a pleasure working with *Anthony Lozano* who is a dependable officer.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Von Gausig stated he met with Yavapai Apache Nation Chairman Jamie Fullmer regarding the land trade and trust status and they have begun the process of getting all the mayors together. He also attended Water Advisory Committee and Natural Resources Committee meetings, inspected the guidance clinic and began addressing the Council chamber sound system. He reported that the Fire District is progressing. He congratulated the Town staff for their efforts on the 4th of July. He stated he met with Ann Williamson of Phelps Dodge regarding the 404 permit, moving the effluent off the tailings, and the material dredged from the bottom of Peck’s Lake not working for the soil cap.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT – Town Manager Mabery thanked everyone for their efforts on July 4th, especially Administrative Assistant Katie Cannon and Town Clerk Joyce Driscoll. She stated there would be a worksession with the Yavapai Apache Nation and Board and Commission appointments on the July 20th Council meeting. The Arizona Department of Transportation board will be addressing the

bid award for Clarkdale's Downtown project at its meeting in Sedona on July 16th

NACOG - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Council of Governments – A Resolution was considered encouraging governor to reinstate economic action.

NAMWUA - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association – Arizona policy forum met over period and came up with recommendations to legislature, that a \$500 impact fee be imposed throughout state to find water in rural Arizona. NAMWUA was fairly split on the proposed Title II legislation, a sub committee is drafting a letter giving input in the legislation which will be considered by NAMWUA on Friday.

WAC - A report regarding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee – A Representative from ADWR passed out two items on a drought preparedness plan and a conservation strategy.

COCOPAI - A report regarding the Coconino-Yavapai Natural Resource Conservation District – No report.

VVTPO - A report regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization - Councilmember Sa stated the meeting was canceled.

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. Council members pulled Items A, F, G and H. By unanimous consent the Council approved Items B, C, D, E, I and J.

Item A - Vice-Mayor Wiley clarified that the trails committee is meeting on August 1st. Mayor Von Gausig moved to approve Item A, Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item F - Vice-Mayor Wiley mad a correction to a staff report. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Items F and G, Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item H - Mayor Von Gausig made a change on page 2 regarding evidence and the annual report. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Item H, Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- A) **Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 8, 2004 and the Special Meetings held June 1, 15, 22, and 29, 2004.
- B) **Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month.
- C) **Board and Commission Minutes**
 - Planning Commission Minutes of the meetings scheduled June 7 & 21, 2004.
 - Board of Adjustment Minutes of the meeting scheduled June 23, 2004.
 - Library Advisory Board Minutes of the meeting scheduled June 3, 2004.
 - Heritage Conservancy Board Minutes of the meeting scheduled June 23, 2004.
 - Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the meeting scheduled June 14, 2004.
- D) **Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
 - Fire Department Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report - June 2004
 - Police Department Report - June 2004
 - Verde Valley Humane Society - May 2004
 - Cottonwood Area Transportation System - May 2004
 - Magistrate Court Report - June 2004
 - Building Permit Reports - June 2004
- E) **Resignation** - Acceptance of a resignation from the Library Advisory Board submitted by Mary

Loux.

- F) **Contract** - Approval of an intergovernmental mechanical repair services agreement with the City of Cottonwood.
- G) **Contract** - Approval of an intergovernmental mechanical repair services agreement with the Clarkdale -Jerome School District.
- H) **Request for Funding Procedure** - Approval of Non-Profit/Community Service Organization Funding Requests procedure.
- I) **Ordinance** - Approval of an ordinance amending Sections 17-3-3, 17-4-1, 17-5-3 changing the date the Parks and Recreation Commission, Design Review Board and the Heritage Conservancy Board elect their chairperson and vice-chairperson; and amending Section 17-3-2 deleting term start and end dates; Repealing conflicting ordinance; providing for severability.
- J) **Contract Amendment Request** - Approval to request an amendment to the Housing Rehabilitation Contract #145-02 with Arizona Department of Housing to increase the investment limit on a housing unit.

TITLE II, NORTHERN ARIZONA NATIONAL FOREST LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 2003 LETTER - Approval to send a letter to congressional representatives regarding the Town's position on Title II. The Council discussed several changes to the letter drafted by the Mayor and noted that Clarkdale is the first public body to discuss and comment on Title 2. Councilmember Sa moved to approve the letter, with the deletion of the last sentence of paragraph 1, and sending it to congressional representatives. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

INTENT TO ADOPT FEES - Consideration of adopting a Notice of Intention to increase residential and commercial Sewer User Fees. Town Manager Mabery explained why the fee needs to be raised and noted that Phelps Dodge is paying one half the cost of the new effluent line. Discussion included a suggestion to review costs and fees annually. Councilmember R. Williams moved to adopt the Notice of Intention to increase Wastewater User Fees, and direct staff to publish appropriate notices and schedule a Public Hearing on the August 10, 2004 regular Council agenda. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC - Discussion and possible direction to Staff regarding ways to enhance communication with the public. Discussion included the following issues:

1. Public feeling blindsided by issues they did not know were being discussed and had not been explained to them.
2. During campaigning, candidates met in homes and had good give-and-take discussions.
3. Much misinformation is out there.
4. Holding rotating casual non-public meetings in different sections in town with mayor and council members.
5. Mayor's column in newsletter.
6. Community coffees with mayor and council members on rotating basis.
7. Staff has important roll communicating to the public.
8. Newsletter goes to every house but it is unknown how many read it.
9. Face-to-face is the best communication.
10. Will have to do something to get people to come to meetings.

- 11. Previous councils had storefront office hours.
- 12. More worksessions to discuss details.
- 13. Kiosks.

The Council agreed to put this on the August 10th regular meeting.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to open public comment, Councilmember P. Williams seconded and it passed unanimously.

Sandy Booth, 123 Sunset, stated that, she went to some of the meetings the previous Council held. However they stopped holding them because they were poorly attended. Email is a good way to inform people, with the main points as bulleted items. Publicize the website. Put rate information in with the water bills.

Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer, 1750 Cholla Lane, stated this is an ongoing issue because people only remember after they have heard something seven times. The website is getting information out and suggested putting staff reports on the site. All boards and commissions do not have their agendas and minutes on the website. Town halls are useful. We have to communicate in many ways.

Peggy Chaikin, 215 Hollow Reed, suggested community meetings within walking distance, jazzing up the billboard, power point presentations and having a comfortable meeting space.

Hank Chaikin, 215 Hollow Reed, stated there are different learning styles. He really likes the newsletter and suggested investing money in making it graphically appealing, with photos.

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

Councilmember Wiley requested private swimming pools as an item.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Council and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVE:

SUBMIT:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk