

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, August 10, 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, August 10, 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 (absent)
Staff:	Town Attorney	Rob Pecharich
	Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
	Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
	Planning Director	Steven Brown
	Planner II	Beth Escobar
	Police Chief	Pat Haynie
	Fire Chief	Don Eberle
	Finance Director	Coleen Gilboy
	Public Works Director	Alison Pujari

Others in attendance: Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Ellie Bauer, Sandy Boothe, Jeanine Peterson, Robin Bonfield, Lee and Gail Daniels and others who did not sign in.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and noted that Councilmember F. Sa was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Robin Prudhomme-Bauer, 1750 Cholla, reported that about 250 people attended National Night Out. She thanked the town for providing the site, the Police Explorers for helping set up and take down, Police Chief Haynie for cooking, Vice-Mayor Wiley and others for serving and the sponsors.

Ellie Bauer, 1201 Main, reported on the Regional Economic Planning grant that a local group is applying for from the Department of Commerce for \$40,000. Entities in this region have been meeting to outline a proposal on how to use the funds, focusing on these three areas:

1. Develop organizational structure for a Yavapai Regional economic organization.
2. Produce region-wide assets report and information/data base.
3. Moving forward activities.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. **MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Von Gausig outlined his schedule for the period from July 14th to August 9th.

B. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** - Town Manager Mabery noted the pool is open through August.

Staff is working with Yavapai County Health Department on treating the wastewater treatment pond to kill mosquito larvae. That treatment is working. The health department is also working with Phelps Dodge on Pecks Lake.

Regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project, staff has asked Arizona Department of Transportation to 1) allow the town to self-administer the project and 2) cut back on some items. Staff anticipates construction beginning in September.

The Mayor's Our Turn articles on water are available at town hall and the town's website.

During drainage improvement work on Lanny Lane a phone line was nicked, which affected about eighty customers. It will be restored between 8 and 10 p.m. tonight.

- C. **NACOG** - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Council of Governments. No report.
- D. **NAMWUA** - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. Mayor Von Gausig stated that Title II was the focus of the discussion and the group decided to send a letter stating the proposed legislation is fundamentally flawed and against partnership.
- E. **WAC** - A report regarding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee. Vice-Mayor Wiley stated they had a presentation on an Arizona plan for drought. They decided to invite Senator McCain to talk to a joint meeting of WAC and NAMWUA.
- F. **COCOPAI** - A report regarding the Coconino-Yavapai Nature Resource Conservation District. Grants Administrator Elliott submitted a written report stating the group discussed these issues: Sustainable Arizona, erosion control requirements, grants research resources, the Noxious Weed Identification Project and two upcoming conferences (AZ Association Conference on August 23-25 and Public Participation Training on September 16-17).
- G. **VVTPO** - A report regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization. None.
- H. **CATS** - A report regarding the Cottonwood Area Transit System. Councilmember P. Williams stated they were working on a three-year plan to obtain funding from the Arizona Department of Transportation.

CONSENT AGENDA - Without objection, the Council approved Items A, B, E, R, H and I. Mayor Von Gausig pulled Items C and D. Councilmember R. Williams pulled Item G. Vice-Mayor Wiley pulled Item J.

Item C - Planning Commission Chairperson Hansen's intention to not apply for another term when his term is ended was noted. Without objection, the Council approved Item C.

Item D - Mayor Von Gausig questioned the meaning of the last column on the Fire Department report. Fire Chief Eberle stated it was last year-to-date. He was asked to look into the dramatic increase in numbers and report back to the Council. It was suggested that all reports be consistent in their column headings and that comparable year-to-date figures be presented. Without objection, the Council approved Item D.

Item G -the importance of this event to the Latin community was discussed. Town Clerk Driscoll noted that the staff recommendation was based on the policy approved by the Council. However, the Council has the authority to approve this application.

Council discussion included the following issues: how to enforce the policy consistently, seeing the previous policy, and putting this issue on a work session agenda.

Police Chief Haynie stated that this could be a no-win situation. The applicant is required to hire two police officers to keep the peace, who address any criminal acts related to alcohol, but they do not enforce clubhouse rules. The policy was adopted due to damage to the building. The police at some events have had to call in reinforcements. Whether there is a problem or not all depends on the people involved. There have been situations where drugs have been involved as well.

Town Manager Mabery noted there are events that have limited alcohol that the Council wanted the flexibility to approve on appeal.

Council discussed the significant differences between a wedding toast, an art event and a party atmosphere.

Councilmember R. Williams moved to approve the request with the condition the applicant hire two police officers. Councilmember P. Williams seconded and the motion passed three to one, with Mayor Von Gausig opposing. The council directed staff to put this policy on a work session agenda.

Item J - Vice-Mayor Wiley stated the library has been shut down for three weeks due to poor planning and that this is the third time the Council is reviewing change orders. He stated he wants it to get done once with no more changes.

Public Works Director Pujari stated that, with the demolition complete, the number of change orders should go down. The architect has said that the condition of the heating/cooling duct in the library was not apparent and that the change order should bring it up to standard. She stated there was nothing the architect could have seen ahead of time.

Vice-Mayor Wiley stated that it should have been known what was there because the heating/cooling unit was installed a short time ago.

Town Manager Mabery noted that one change order is a thirty-day extension in the Police Department only.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to adopt the change orders. Mayor Von Gausig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- A) **Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 13, 2004 and the Special Meetings held July 20 and 27, 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 meeting scheduled July 19, 2004.
 - Board of Adjustment Minutes of the meeting scheduled July 28, 2004.
 - Library Advisory Board Minutes of the meeting scheduled July 1, 2004.
 - Heritage Conservancy Board Minutes of the meeting scheduled July 28, 2004.
 - Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of June 14 and July 12, 2004.
- D) **Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
 - Fire Department Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report - July 2004
 - Police Department Report - July 2004
 - Verde Valley Humane Society - June and July 2004
 - Cottonwood Area Transportation System - June 2004
 - Magistrate Court Report - July 2004
 - Building Permit Reports - July 2004
 - Clark Memorial Library Report - June 2004
- E) **Agreement** - Approval of a Library Service Agreement with the Yavapai County Library District.
- F) **Proclamation** - Approval of a proclamation recognizing September as Grandparent/Elder Recognition Month.
- G) **Waiver of Clubhouse Rental Policy** - Denial of a request to waive the Clark Memorial Clubhouse

Rental Policy to allow the serving of alcohol for an event.

- H) **Liquor License Request** – Recommendation of approval of an application by Verde Valley Moose Lodge to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a temporary extension of premises of their liquor license.
- I) **Resolution** – Approval of a resolution amending resolution #947, adopting a range placement table for employee salary ranges.
- J) **Change Orders** – Approval of change orders to the Facilities Master Plan Contract with ETW Group, Inc. for the town facilities remodel project.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC – Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding ways to enhance communication with the public. Mayor Von Gausig reiterated that the Council is looking for ways to better involve the public. Many things have been tried, not all successfully. Previous discussions included the following ideas:

1. Mayor's column in the Talk of the Town (there is one in the August issue)
2. Community meetings that rotate, which are attended by the Mayor and one Councilmember.
3. Digital billboards.
4. Kiosks throughout town.

Without objection, Mayor Von Gausig opened public comment.

Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer suggested that the town plan out many different ways to communicate with big projects. She likes the idea of community meetings and suggested bringing people who have been involved in a project together throughout the process.

Peggy Chaikin, 215 Hollow Reed Road, suggested signage that would direct people to a phone number to listen to different topics and an incentive to look through a spruced up newsletter, such as a hidden code to pick up a prize.

Steven Brown, 590 Siesta, suggested neighborhood kiosks in new developments as they come in and along trails being developed and information in windows downtown.

The Council discussion included the following issues:

1. Some of these ideas would require many volunteers, maybe someone to build kiosks.
2. Preference for passive way to get word out, but don't know what that is. The billboard idea is passive and does not require much action of the public.
3. Community meetings on "hot" topics.
4. Could ask churches for space to hold meetings.
5. Yavapai College has been good about using their space.
6. Everyone buys groceries. Store managers may allow community billboards.

Ellie Bauer, 1201 Main, suggested that talking face to face creates grapevines, because everyone has networks, people they talk to.

7. The town website and the Talk of the Town give the email address of all council members.
8. Putting a reminder in the Talk of the Town to call.

There was a consensus to schedule a work session on this topic.

PUBLIC HEARING – A hearing to obtain public input on a proposed increase in monthly residential and commercial wastewater user fees. Without objection, the public hearing was opened. There was no public comment.

ORDINANCE – Consideration of an ordinance setting forth the valuations of property in the Town of Clarkdale for the year 2004-2005, also the tax rate for said property.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Ordinance #267 with a correction changing the rate to 1.1526. Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously. with a roll call vote wherein all votes were yes.

MAYOR’S ROLE AS SPOKESPERSON FOR TOWN – Discussion and possible action with regard to the Mayor’s responsibility to clarify whether his public statements on issues that affect the town are personal or are on behalf of the Town. Discussion included the following issues:

Councilmember R. Williams referred to an referred to an article in newspaper by Angela Wells, where she asked, “What do you think of Fred Ruskin’s threat?” and Mayor Von Gausig’s response that he was disgusted by it.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that in general he would say he is “speaking for myself and not the Town,” but he is not sure he said that in this instance. He stated he would be more careful in the future.

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

1. Work session on communication on September 28th.
2. Work session on Clubhouse policy on September 28th.
3. Expend of Yavapai-Apache Tribe on a light agenda in the next couple of months.

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

APPROVE:

SUBMIT:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Charlotte Hawken, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST: _____

Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk