

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 in the Men’s Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Clarkdale, Arizona

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, December 7, 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 Manager	Gayle Mabery
	Community Development Director	Steven Brown
	Fire Chief	Don Eberle
	Police Chief	Pat Haynie
	Police Sergeant	Mike Pierce
	Police Officer	Anthony Lozano

Others in attendance: Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer, Monty Bondurant, Drake Mienke, Linda McDonough, Jesus Valdez, Jerry Wombacher, Gary O’Sullivan and others who did not sign in or whose name was illegible.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that all Councilmembers were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Robyn Prudhomme-Bauer*, 1750 Cholla, thanked the Town Crew for helping to get the art exhibit set up.

Monty Bondurant, 460 Antelope Drive, stated his concern with the Cliffrose development. He noted the connection between density and water issues since higher density equals higher water use. He also noted that there is a maximum carrying capacity to the community, which calls for managing growth in a more aggressive way, perhaps even rationing growth.

Anke Pitrella, 570 Antelope Drive, stated she was concerned with several aspects of the Cliffrose Village proposal. First there is a sizeable commercial area in addition to the strip along Highway 89A. She stated that the commercial area might be located downtown or at the intersection of Eleventh Street and Highway 89A. Second, there is the possibility with smaller town home lots that they will not be owner occupied. She also suggested checking the operation of the fire hydrants periodically, and wondered if the water pressure was adequate for fighting fires and about permitting development when water is being over drafted from the aquifer. Mayor Von Gausig stated that Town Manager Mabery would be in touch with her to respond to her concerns.

RECOGNITION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES FOR DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE IN THE DELIVERY OF TOWN SERVICES.

Mayor Von Gausig presented Certificates of Recognition to the following employees:

Sergeant Mike Pierce for dedication to the community and volunteering behind the scenes.

Police Chief Haynie for working tirelessly with the Stewards of Public Lands and the betterment of the whole region.

Planning Manager Beth Escobar and Community Development Director Steven Brown for their creative planning regarding Mountain Gate and the Parks Master Plan.

Town Crew members Elpidio Rangel, Kevin Adams, Mick McCullough and Tim Wakefield for their excellent work in refurbishing the gazebo.

Coleen Gilboy for planning bus trips and for being sweet and considerate.

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 are approved with one motion. Items may be removed for discussion at the request of any Council Member.

Councilmember R. Williams pulled Item D. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Items A, B and C.
Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item D - Councilmember R. Williams noted that he and Councilmember P. Williams worked with members of the Clarkdale Heritage and the Town's Heritage Conservancy Board and that it was a pleasure to be involved in that process. Councilmember R. Williams moved to approve Item D. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- A) **Memorandum of Understanding** - Approval of an amended Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Cottonwood regarding acquisition of private water companies.
- B) **Agreement** - Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cottonwood regarding Cottonwood Area Transit System services.
- C) **Easement** - Approval of granting an underground utility easement to Arizona Public Service Company.
- D) **Agreement** - Approval of an Agreement with the Clarkdale Heritage Center for the use of a town facility.

WORKSESSION - Joint worksession with the Heritage Conservancy Board to discuss accomplishments, goals, priorities and challenges. Vice-Chair Drake Meinke presented a report, as follows:

- A. *Accomplishments of the Heritage Conservancy Board since it last met with the Council in November of 2003:*
 1. *Assisted in negotiating a draft lease agreement with the Clarkdale Heritage Center.*
 2. *Assisted in raising funds and designing the plaques for the gazebo project.*
 3. *Acquired the pulpit from the Methodist Church, which met for many years in the current library following items for the Town archive.*
 4. *Historic research related to the 1920 census.*
 5. *Display at Smithsonian presentation at Lawrence Hall , Jerome.*
 6. *Two displays in the library.*
 7. *Sponsored four dances.*
 8. *Responded to many requests for information and for documentation for downwinders claims.*
 9. *Cleaned and polished the copper ball that goes on the top of the bandstand.*
 10. *Attended an Arizona Humanities Council grant workshop.*
 11. *Salvaged the Verde Valley Country Club plaque rock.*
 12. *Located burial plots for several families.*
- B. *The Heritage Conservancy Board intends to focus for the next year on the following activities:*
 1. *Getting the archival space in the basement of the museum building ready and moving the archives and artifacts from storage in the library and various other locations into that space. The major challenge will be organizing the archival space to effectively preserve as many items as possible.*
 2. *Updating accessioning procedure and establishing research procedures.*
 3. *Establishing a working relationship with the Clarkdale Heritage Center.*
 4. *Processing the backlog of research requests, which have been postponed until the archives are accessible.*
 5. *Advising the Town Council on the historic aspects of projects and issues.*

6. *Developing policies and guidelines for the proper care and use of the Town archives.*

It was clarified that the Board members do research to prove residency in Clarkdale for claims applicants who were downwind to radiation fallout during specific time periods. The plaque rock is a large rock with a plaque cemented to it with the words Verde Valley Country Club on it. It was displayed near the clubhouse at the country club and Phelps Dodge gave permission for it to become part of the Town archive. Accessioning is the name used for cataloging archives.

WORKSESSION – A worksession to discuss areas of interest for future annexations. Town Manager Mabery noted the following areas have been considered in the past:

1. When the Yavapai Apache Nation develops their Quail Heights Subdivision once their trust status application is approved. The residents on that property would then vote in Clarkdale and Clarkdale would count them as residents for the census.
2. Hawk Hollow, adjacent to the proposed Quail Heights Subdivision.

Councilmember Sa mentioned areas beyond those two to the northwest, containing property owned by Verde Exploration and Hansen Aggregates who plan to enlarge their businesses. This area is suitable for industrial development.

Town Manager Mabery noted that landowners have to agree to annexation of their area.

YAVAPALAPACHE NATION DONATIONS – Designation of uses for remaining Yavapai-Apache Nation donation from February 2004; and consideration and possible direction to staff on priorities for use of future allocations. Mayor Von Gausig noted there was about \$6800 left to allocate.

Discussion included the following issues:

1. Streamlining the allotment process by setting percentages of any future donations to go to specific uses.
2. Increasing the amount to go to enhancing communication. Using a survey to target town communications to the residents.
3. Paying for professional development from Town budget funds.
4. Allocating some of the funds to public safety.

Town Manager Mabery noted she would like to send two people to a local government leadership development program recommended by the International City Managers Association and put on through the University of Virginia at a cost of \$3000 each. Nearby programs of equal quality meet only one a year and will not be available until late in 2005.

Mayor Von Gausig moved to allocate \$3000 of the remaining Yavapai-Apache Nation donation funds to send Police Chief Haynie to the University of Virginia leadership program and leave the remainder unallocated at this time. Councilmember R. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL PLAN – A presentation on the Open Space element of the General Plan. Community Development Director Brown noted the following points:

1. Open space identifies parks, wildlife habitats and riparian corridors.
2. It provides approaches for preservation and enhancement of open space.
3. There are 44 acres of open space in Clarkdale including National Forest, parks, schools, washes and a cemetery.
4. Open space increases adjacent property values and tourism revenues.
5. Identifying existing native species promotes natural plantings.
6. One goal is integrated systems of trails and open spaces
7. Development policies help maintain open spaces.

8. Town participates in regional integration.
9. Development of parks and recreation facilities is part of attracting economic development.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Listing of items to be placed on a future Council agenda. None.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Council and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVE:

SUBMIT:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant