

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale Held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006.

A special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

**Town Council:**

Mayor	Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
Councilmember	Frank Sa
	Patricia Williams
	Tim Wills

**Town Staff:**

Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Town Attorney	Anna Young
Police Chief	Pat Haynie

Others in Attendance: Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Curt Bohall, Ellie Bauer, Leslie Owen, Erin Lamb, Lee and Gail Daniels, Brian Nicoll, and Lynda and Don Zanoili.

**AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and noted that all Council members were present.

**AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT** -

Mayor Von Gausig stated that the water company acquisition took place today. This represents many years of hard work. He noted all the hard work that Town Manager Mabery had done. He passed out glasses of Clarkdale Municipal water to all present.

Town Manager Mabery stated there were some delays in closing the water company acquisition. They did not know it would close until late Monday afternoon, so the letters to the customers were sent out with shorter notice than anticipated. The closing was completed at 11:30 a.m. today and they notified ADEQ. The town has received some phone calls. Cottonwood Water Works sent out their final billing last week. The new fee schedule is effective now, with February bills.

*Ellie Baur*, 1201 Main, stated she was delighted to see the acquisition completed. She noted that she had received two letters with two different rates and that it would be nice to keep people apprised along

the way. She requested that Made In Clarkdale be placed on the town's website events calendar.

**AGENDA ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA** -

Councilmember Sa pulled Items A, D and E. Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Items B, C and F. Councilmember Wills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item A - Councilmember Sa asked about the wording on page 4. Councilmember Sa moved to approve Item A. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item D - Councilmember Sa clarified that there were no interviews held. Councilmember Sa moved to approve Item D. Councilmember Wills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item E - Councilmember Sa clarified that if all expenses are not incurred, the remaining funds go back to the General Fund. Councilmember Williams clarified the term of agreement and that Town Manager Mabery and Mayor Von Gausig are on the coordinating committee. Councilmember Sa moved to approve Item E. Vice-Mayor Wiley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- A) **5-Year Staffing Plan** - Approval of a Resolution adopting the Town of Clarkdale 5-Year Staffing Plan.
- B) **Non-Profit Funding** - Awarding of funds to government agencies, non-profit and not-for-profit organizations that provide services and/or projects that benefit Clarkdale citizens.
- C) **Board & Commission Appointment** - Approval of a Resolution making an appointment to the Design Review Board.
- D) **Board & Commission Appointments** - Approval of a Resolution making appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- E) **Agreement** - Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cottonwood and the Town of Jerome establishing issues presented in pending

adjudication affecting the Gila River water system (sub-flow water).

- F) Approval of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement transferring Advance in Aid of Construction Agreements from Cottonwood Water Works to the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Cottonwood.

**AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING** - A hearing to receive input from the public regarding the Town's proposed water rate fees. Town Manager Mabery stated a fee increase of \$1500 for new water connections had been proposed. If adopted, the fee will go into effect 30 days from today. These funds would be used to fulfill the town's obligation to compensate Cottonwood Water Works under the asset purchase agreement.

There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION** - Discussion and consideration of a Resolution setting water meter connection fees for the Town of Clarkdale.

Vice-Mayor Wiley moved to approve Resolution 1177, setting fees for the Town of Clarkdale. Councilmember Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION** - A worksession to discuss ideas for honoring Dorothy Benatz.

Mayor Von Gausig stated Dorothy was Town Clerk and Mayor of Clarkdale and he worked with her a lot in the 1970s and 1980s. He saw her walking every day. The Council decided at a previous meeting that they'd like to honor her.

Town Manager Mabery stated she talked with Dorothy's family. For decades Dorothy walked a set route along the railroad tracks. The town is running an effluent line along that route and negotiated a trail on the line easement. The family felt that naming the trail after her and installing commemorative plaques on the trail would best honor her.

The Council's consensus was to recognize Dorothy as the family suggested. Councilmember Sa volunteered to design a monument for the plaque. He noted that a plaque should be on each end of the trail.

There was discussion of also having interpretive signage

**AGENDA ITEM: LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN RENZI** - Discussion and consideration of the Town's letter of response to Congressman Rick Renzi's request for 2006 community priorities. Mayor Von Gausig noted that Rick Renzi requested municipalities to identify their top federal legislative and funding priorities. He described the priorities listed in the letter:

1. Wastewater treatment plant construction.
2. Arsenic removal from the public water system. Regional law enforcement dispatching/communications.
3. Secure funding to implement Title II of Yavapai Ranch land exchange bill.
4. Interstate 17 widening.
5. Securing water rights for N. Arizona.
6. Maintain full funding for CDBG program.

There was discussion of the priority order and a suggestion to fax the letter.

Councilmember Williams moved to fax the letter as written. Councilmember Sa seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Vice-Mayor Wiley requested council compensation.
2. Vice-Mayor Wiley requested a worksession regarding the clubhouse update.
3. Councilmember Sa requested water service agreements with Mountain Gate and Highlands.

**AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business before the Council, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**APPROVE:**

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk

**SUBMIT:**

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Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant