

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Men’s Lounge, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:

Mayor	Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
Councilmember	Pat Williams (absent)
	Frank Sa
	Tim Wills

Town Staff:

Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Comm. Dev. Director	Sherry Bailey
Public Works Director	Steven Burroughs
Finance Director	Carlton Woodruff
Deputy Town Clerk	Walt Good
Admin. Assistant	Janet Perry
Fire Chief	Jerry Doerksen
Police Chief	Pat Haynie

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Von Gausig noting that Councilmember Williams was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT-

Robyn, Clarkdale, gave the Council information on the May 13th block party by the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce.

Ellie, Clarkdale, spoke in favor of the block party, reported on an education forum held by the League of Women Voters and on state trust land legislation.

Police Chief Haynie, Sedona, thanked the Council for supporting the Stewards of Public Lands and noted there are now two groups.

AGENDA ITEM: 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. Any items may be removed for discussion

at the request of any Council Member. Councilmember Wills pulled Item A, with the following comments:

Upon reviewing the 77 pages provided regarding Capital Improvement Projects and Long Range Projects (difference?), I offer the following comments:

Projects 01-01 through 10-12 (numbering system???)

The projected timeframes for the most part are in a good order as projected in the respective fiscal years. Past, current and future ventures with grants, developer contributions and Other/In kind funding seems appropriately applied.

- *I feel the Library to Court/Council chambers is short sighted and will be too limiting for near and long term needs and a poor investment. This project needs a larger space that can be grown into or expanded easier than the current library.*
- *Similarly, the Fire Department renovations would be investing in a poor location for such a service. Hopefully a new fire district could plan us out of this project; otherwise property and facility plans closer to 11th Street and 89A would better serve the community.*
- *Why does the outside painting of several of these projects seem so high? Are there surface (stucco/plaster) issues as well?*
- *Technology upgrades in Planning/Building, Police and Fire will be significant over the next few years if we want to pursue something close to the ‘silver’ standard. It will be cost prohibitive to pursue the gold standard.*
- *Several ‘pocket’ Parks/Trails projects are included-good. They are nice but fall short of legitimate sports field(s) to be used by youth and adult alike. More of these fields are needed, built with multi functionality (i.e. Ctwd Middle School fields). Field lighting is not needed. Fields should be distributed to provide bicycle and pedestrian access*

with having to cross MAJOR roadways. With more housing and people comes a greater need for such resources. Mongini Field is/has been single focus (softball), and probably should not attempt to serve two organized sports. CJES fields are maxxed out spring, summer and fall. A quality integrated trail program would be nice. Primary development funding could be provided by new development.

- *Water and effluent distribution should be HIGH priority to redistribute class "A" water as soon as it is available for ball fields, parks and cemetery first, private enterprise second.*
- *Curb and gutter in proposed areas is good. Sidewalks are nice but in established neighborhoods are sidewalks on both sides of the streets necessary?*
- *Could the street sweeper be a shared venture with Jerome, Cottonwood or a larger commercial development?*

Council discussed the facilities master plan in relation to the court facilities. Councilmember Wills noted that paint costs are high due to the stucco repairs needed and the type of paint being used.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to approve Item A. Councilmember Wills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A) Capital Improvement Plan – Adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan.

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION – Discussion and Consideration for approval a Resolution adopting the Clarkdale Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Community Development Director Bailey stated that for the past year the town staff, along with various representatives from Yavapai County, the State of Arizona and the consultant from JE Fuller has been working to develop the Clarkdale Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan must be consistent with the adopted state plan as well as meet all of the federal requirements. Failure to

complete the plan and adopt it would make Clarkdale ineligible for FEMA monies in the event of a disaster. She noted the most likely types of disasters to occur in Clarkdale are flooding/flash flooding, thunderstorms/high winds, wildfires, hazardous materials incidents and transportation accidents. She noted that the plan includes strategies to address these and that the goals strategies must be evaluated annually. She clarified that the committee is responsible to evaluate and implement the goals and strategies.

Council discussed the following issues:

1. Current and future water gauges on the Verde River, favoring an additional gauge in Cottonwood instead of the Tuzigoot Road bridge location.
2. The tabulation of potential economic loss in the vulnerability analysis
3. Implementation strategies; the plan says the town will work towards doing some of them, not that it will implement them.

Councilmember Sa moved to approve Resolution #1187 adopting the Clarkdale Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, with the stipulation that the economic loss numbers are checked and corrected in the final document if corrections are needed. Councilmember Wills seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: WORKSESSION – Work session to discuss holding a Water and Growth Forum for local residents with regional participation.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that, now that the town has had a water company for a short time, it may be a good time to have meetings/forums on water.

Discussion included the following issues:

1. Need to provide factual information, such as law moratoriums, water supplies, and water policies the council has discussed, the growth rate in Arizona and Clarkdale, county regulations, the impact fee study, CIP, construction sales tax, growth projections,

- density and low vs. high impacts.
- 2. Suggestion to have information hand outs.
- 3. There is a lot of misinformation being stated.
- 4. Encouraging public participation and ways to promote forums.
- 5. Comments the council has received from citizens.
- 6. Make up of the panel at a forum.
Possibilities are the mayor, town manager, public works director, councilmember, and a Cottonwood water employee.
- 7. What questions would Cottonwood answer that Clarkdale would not be able to answer?
- 8. Forums would be 2-3 hours starting in May.
- 9. Without objection, the item was opened for public comment.

Ellie, Clarkdale, stated that the beauty of past forums was that people from across town could meet together. She wants to help people see that each community is not alone. She stated that either there is growth or death. The question is not growth, but what type of growth does Clarkdale want. The water group is willing to assist. She suggests a show garden be developed in town complex lawn area using low water plants.

Robyn, Clarkdale, agreed that this is a timely discussion and agrees with most of what Ellie said. She wants to include positives of growth in the discussion. She suggested that current volunteers should commit to bringing five other people with them.

Without objection public comment was closed.

Mayor Von Gausig reordered the agenda to take Item 7 next.

AGENDA ITEM: PRESENTATION -

Presentation of a distribution from the Yavapai Apache Nation.

Chairman Fullmer stated that with Proposition 202 the state passed gaming compacts, wherein the state negotiated that 3% of revenues from their size of

casino would go to the state. Of that 3%, the Yavapai Apache Nation was able to give 12% to the local communities. He is proud to say that the Nation was instrumental in some of this money being able to go to local governments. The Nation has a unique relationship with Clarkdale. He noted how growth issues affect the Nation. Cliff Castle Casino has been rated the best casino in Arizona for seven years in a row. The Nation is the number one employer in the Verde Valley. They strive to be a good neighbor and regional partner.

The Yavapai Apache Nation is proud to present a check for \$34,152.60 to the Town. They ask that the town respect the priorities of the Nation and distribute the funds as follows:

- 20% directly to the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce.
- 20% to the Clarkdale-Jerome School athletics program
- 20% to the Clarkdale-Jerome School tutoring program
- 40% to the town's priority, which he understands is infrastructure.

Mayor Von Gausig thanked Mr. Fullmer and stated he appreciates how the Nation has reached out to the region. He opened the item to public comment.

Robyn, Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce, listed what they did with the funds the Nation donated to them last year, as follows:

1. \$500 for the Chamber's expenses as the co-applicant and administrator for grant to create the Yavapai Economic Region's Action Plan.
2. An ad in the AZ Tourist News promoting Clarkdale.
3. Partial payment on the ramp to the Caboose.
4. Matching funds for a grant to develop signs.

She requested that the Nation provide an image for the copper banners to be installed on Main Street.

Cathleen, Clarkdale-Jerome School, thanked Chairman Fulmer and the Yavapai Apache Nation.

AGENDA ITEM: BUDGET WORKSESSION –
Budget work session on Streets, On Call Fire Pension Fund and Development.

Finance Director Woodruff reviewed the streets revenue. He noted there will be some updating as numbers come in to him. He clarified the Scenic Drive maintenance line item, noting that the donations account revenue was budgeted for \$3,000. However due to the street lights donation program, \$6,801.43 was received in donations.

Town Manager Mabery noted the large amount in the cash carryover account because three years of chip seal projects are being rolled over to 2006-07.

Finance Director Woodruff reviewed the streets expenditures, noting that he is restructuring all of the new positions included in the personnel budget. He noted that the equipment purchase and tools budget is higher due to the expected purchase of a utility truck. Street sweeper lease payments are also included in equipment purchases.

Public Works Director Burroughs reported that that the town is doing a joint chip seal with Cottonwood. The current cost is \$2.00 per square yard. Jointly the cost may be \$2.25 for a better product that has a life span 2-3 times as long.

AGENDA ITEM: RESOLUTION – Discussion and consideration of a Resolution adopting a range placement table for employee salary ranges to go into effect July 1, 2006.

Town Clerk Driscoll introduced the item.
Discussion included the following issues:

1. The ranking of the animal control officer and the parks and recreation coordinator.
2. This schedule is competitive with regional salary schedules, but other communities are not necessarily hiring at the starting rate.

Councilmember Wills moved to approve Resolution # 1188 adopting a Range Placement Table for employee salary ranges to go into effect July 1, 2006. Councilmember Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

Listing of items to be placed on a future council agenda.

Water.

AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Council, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVE:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk

SUBMIT:

Charlotte Hawken, Administrative Assistant