

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006**

A Special meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ladies Lounge of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale Arizona.

Town Council:

Mayor	Doug Von Gausig (absent)
Vice Mayor	Jerry Wiley
Councilmember	Frank Sa Patricia Williams Curtiss Bohall

Town Staff:

Town Manager	Gayle Mabery
Town Clerk	Joyce Driscoll
Comm. Dev. Director	Sherry Bailey
Public Works Director	Steven Burroughs
Finance Director	Carlton Woodruff
Fire Chief	Jerry Doerksen
Police Chief	Pat Haynie

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER – Vice Mayor Wiley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that Mayor Von Gausig was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

AGENDA ITEM: SR89A, CEMENT PLANT ROAD-BLACK HILLS DRIVE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – ADOT presentation of widening of SR89A, discussion with possible direction to staff.

Dallas Hammond, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) engineer stated that the draft alternatives specify roundabouts on this part of SR89A with a raised median between the roundabouts.

Alvin Stump, ADOT resident engineer, made the following presentation:

1. Although they didn't have roundabouts on other ADOT roads at the beginning of this project, they do now.
2. They have roundabouts in the district at Middle Verde, Payson, Willow Lake Road

in Prescott, and Wickenburg.

3. Performance of the roundabouts includes reduced delays, community and adjacent business support, and community interest for additional roundabouts.
4. Misconceptions include:
 - 1) They are dangerous (75% reduction in injury accidents and 90% reduction in fatalities).
 - 2) Will only work in low volume situations (8500 vehicles per hour).
 - 3) Confusing (all right turns).
 - 4) Work only in other countries (proven to work in the U.S.).
 - 5) Elderly drivers (low speed allows more reaction time).
 - 6) Will not work with tourists (easy u-turns).
 - 7) High speed roads (ideal).
 - 8) Unequal volumes (not true).
 - 9) Right-of-way needed (roundabouts take up less ROW than stoplights).
 - 10) Pedestrians/bicycles (roundabouts can accommodate both).
 - 11) Emergency vehicles (fewer serious accidents to block traffic – sufficient width can be provided).

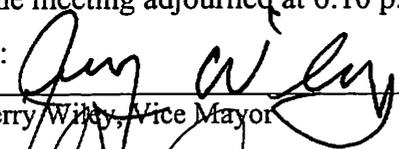
Discussion included the following issues:

- 1) State Route 89A would not have had stoplights installed in the short term.
- 2) The design does not allow enough time to start making the turn.
- 3) There is not enough illumination or signage on the 11th Street roundabout. SR89A would have more signage and warning.
- 4) No problems with a roundabout in Colorado.

- 5) The Middle Verde roundabout is not wide enough.
- 6) With rapid growth, Cottonwood is proposing three additional roundabouts on SR89A. In five years there could be eight roundabouts within 2.5 miles.
- 7) There is a lot of opposition.
- 8) Concerns about elderly tourists with recreational vehicles and emergency vehicles.
- 9) Suggestion to only install three as a test project.
- 10) Discussion of alternative, stop lights, people making u-turns, raised medians, mountable curbs for emergency vehicles, any design would include raised medians, and fire departments feel better to have roundabouts.

AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Council and without objection the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

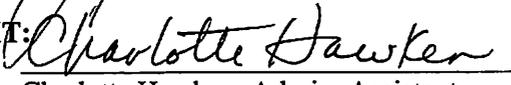
APPROVE:


Jerry Wilby, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Driscoll, Town Clerk

SUBMIT:


Charlotte Hawken, Admin. Assistant