

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, July 29, 2008**

A special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 3:00 PM in the Town of Clarkdale Finance Department Conference Room, 890 Main Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley

Councilmember Curtis Bohall
Councilmember Richard Dehnert
Councilmember Patricia Williams

Town Staff:

Assistant Town Manager, Janet Perry
Finance Director Carlton Woodruff

Town Clerk Kathy Bainbridge

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Von Gausig informed the audience that the Council could not reply to comments on items that were not on the posted agenda per state law. The Council is interested in the public's comments, but may not be able to respond other than to offer clarification or direct staff.

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PRIMARY TAX LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET- A hearing to receive public input regarding the Town of Clarkdale's proposed primary tax levy, property tax collection, and final budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Finance Director Woodruff explained that Truth in Taxation is a legislative practice to inform residents that, even though their property tax rate may not be increasing, they would be paying more due to the increase in their property tax values. This process is required for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 since the amount of property tax collected will increase \$42,780.00. The primary tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008 was .7100, with a total of \$246,169 collected for the Town. The proposed rate for 2008-2009 is .7100, which calculates to a total collection of \$288,949 in primary property tax. The increase in the total collection is due to the property assessment process which assesses property every year, but has a two year lag time. Property assessment is currently based upon the 2006/2007 assessment. The reason for the increase is that the mill rate will stay the same as last year, but the County assessed property values have increased.

The public hearing is to allow the public a chance to speak in favor, or against the proposed budget. The complete budget has been published in the newspaper and is available at the Town Hall for inspection. The only deadline for adoption of the final budget is triggered by the

adoption of the property tax levy, which must be adopted at the August 12, 2008 council meeting.

All cities and towns in Arizona are subject to some form of expenditure limitation (the amount they can spend in a fiscal year). The Town of Clarkdale has adopted an alternative expenditure limitation in the form of a pure home rule option. This option states that each year the council will, after a public hearing, set the coming year's expenditure limitation (the fiscal year budget). Finance Director Woodruff stated that on July 8, 2008, Town Council adopted the preliminary budget for the Town of Clarkdale which set the maximum limits the Town could spend for fiscal year 2008-2009. The only change between the preliminary and final budget is the 6% reduction in HURF Funds from the State.

There was no public comment.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PRIMARY TAX LEVY –

Discussion and consideration of Resolution # _____, a Resolution acknowledging that, as a result of the proposed primary tax levy, property tax collections in the Town of Clarkdale will increase in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The primary tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008 was .7100, with a total of \$246,169 collected for the Town. The proposed rate for 2008-2009 is .7100, which calculates to a total collection of \$288,949 in primary property tax and is an increase of \$42,780.00.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to approve Resolution # 1272, a Resolution acknowledging the increase in property tax collections in the Town of Clarkdale for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Role Call Vote: Councilmember Bohall: Aye, Councilmember Dehnert: Aye, Mayor Von Gausig: Aye, Vice Mayor Wiley: Aye, Councilmember Williams: Aye. The motion to approve Resolution #1272 passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009– Discussion and consideration of a Resolution # _____ adopting the FY2008-2009 Budget per A.R.S. § 42-17105 (B) to consider, finally determine and adopt estimates of the proposed expenditures for the purposes stated in the published budget of the Town.

The final budget includes the expenditures for the following major funds: General Fund = \$ 2,722,486; Streets = \$804,967; Wastewater = \$1,156,576; Water = \$3,890,408 (includes improvements, O&M, and debt service); Sanitation = \$280,765. The budget has a built-in figure of \$1,500,000 for grants that, at this time, we are not aware the Town is receiving. By budgeting for this, if funds are received from grant sources, the municipality will be able to expend these funds.

Councilmember Bohall motioned to approve Resolution #1273, a Resolution adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. Vice Mayor Wiley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:09 PM

APPROVED:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

SUBMITTED:

Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk