

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.**

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 6:00 PM at Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 North Ninth Street, Men’s Lounge, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley

Councilmember Patricia Williams
Councilmember Curtiss Bohall
Councilmember Richard Dehnert

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery
Public Works Director Steve Burroughs
Town Clerk/Finance Kathy Bainbridge
Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good

Assistant Town Manager Janet Perry
Police Chief Pat Haynie
Utility Director Wayne Debrosky

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Kerrie Bluff, Clarkdale, provided Council a letter from residents on upper Black Hills Drive from Sky Drive to Windmill Lane requesting maintenance of approximately ½ mile of non-dedicated roadway. Since there was clarification of the maintenance issues regarding Old Jerome Highway, the residents requested a future agenda item on this section of Black Hills Drive. Mayor Von Gausig thanked Ms. Bluff for her comments and asked her to contact the Town Manager as Ms. Mabery has some additional information on research done on the subject.

Mayor closed public comment.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

MAYOR’S REPORT – A report from the Mayor on current events.

1. Attended meeting on the plasma converter project feasibility. Information on the St. Lucy, Florida system was discussed and the possibility of applying for a research grant to explore the feasibility of the project and the use of the energy byproduct.

2. Attended the League of Cities and Towns Executive committee with two major points of discussion:
 - a. Phoenix Councilmember Greg Stanton, resigned from the League Executive Committee because he has taken a job with Attorney General Terry Godard's Office. This brought up the discussion of who has an automatic seat on the Executive Committee and what criteria should be used to fill vacancies. At present only Tucson and Phoenix have an automatic board member.
 - b. Discussion was begun about this year's League Conference what will be discussed, where it will be and when.
3. Mayor and Town Manager Mabery met with Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairman Thomas Beauty and some Tribal Councilmembers to discuss the Prop 202 donations procedures. Decision was made to have a joint meeting next year before the monies are dispersed and find an item that would benefit the most residents of the area and still comply with Prop 202.
4. Met with Tom Piccioli, Clarkdale Minerals, part of the discussion dealt with the possibilities of the plasma converter project being located on some of the industrial property owned by Clarkdale Minerals and what use the energy byproduct could be to Clarkdale Metals and others.
5. Attended the Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meeting in Sedona. ADEQ made presentation on a regional wastewater facility.
6. Attended Mayor/Managers meeting.
7. Attended water resource forum meeting for General Plan.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – A report from the Town Manager on current events.

1. The General Plan Update Committee will have their first meeting on March 16, 2009.
2. There is a proposed joint meeting between the Town of Clarkdale Council and the City of Cottonwood Council on March 31, 2009, in the Cottonwood Public Safety Room. The meeting will include a discussion with the Coconino Forest Service personnel about the best way to protect and preserve the forest service land between Clarkdale and Cottonwood.
3. The Council will be receiving a trial budget at the March 24, 2009 meeting. The first estimates on what we should be receiving from the State, should be coming in the next week.
4. Town has begun the process for WIFA money, five projects have been submitted. In the second phase the Town will need to supply more information. Town was informed that \$25 million in wastewater projects and \$50 million in water projects were submitted for consideration.
5. The Crest Group is working on the Tech portion of the Stimulus Funds. There will be a group going to Flagstaff to get more information.

COCOPAI – A report regarding the Coconino Yavapai Resource Conservation District – No Report.

CAT – A report regarding the Cottonwood Area Transit – No Meeting.

NACOG - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Council of Governments – Executive Council agreed to take the recommendation of the TPAC on the transportation stimulus funds. Executive Committee approved the social grant money distribution for next year. Town is in line for a portion of the transportation money distribution in 2010.

NAMWUA - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association – No Report.

VRBP – A report regarding the Verde River Basin Partnership – met and discussed discontinuing the possibility of consolidation of VRBP and WAC.

VVLPI – A report regarding the Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute – No Report.

VVTPO – Report regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization – No Report.

WAC - A report regarding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee - Mayor Von Gausig was appointed Co-chair along with Prescott Councilmember Bob Roecker. Discussion was held on the WAC finances and as long as members continue to make payments, the organization will be able to continue to fund the required studies. Also discussed was the map locating water sources in the county, showing where the water is but not how much water is available. Discussion held on the possibility of partnering with the Verde River Basin Partnership to get some of the research done with federal funding under the VRBP federal affiliation. Motion was voted on and defeated, WAC not to partnership with VRBP.

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.

- A) Approval of Minutes of the Common Council** - Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held 2/10/09 and the Special Meeting held 1/30/09, 2/24/09.
- B) Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month. PPE 1/30/09, PPE 2/14/09 & January Check Report
- C) Board and Commission Minutes** – Acknowledgement of receipt of minutes and draft minutes of the previous month’s Board and Commission Meetings.
Board of Adjustments minutes of the meeting held No Meeting
Design Review Board minutes of the meeting held 2/11/09
Library Advisory Board minutes of the meeting held 2/5/09
Planning Commission minutes of the meeting held 2/26/09
Parks and Recreation Board minutes of the meeting held 2/11/09

Heritage Conservancy Board minutes of the meeting 2/18/09

- D) Independent Contractor Agreement for Spanish Interpreter Services -**
Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Jonohn Cole for Spanish Interpreter Services.
- E) Ordinance of the Town of Clarkdale Creating Chapter 19, Article 19-4-1 (E) (1), Application for Water Service: Deposits, of the Code of the Town of Clarkdale, Repealing Conflicting Ordinances and Providing for Severability –** Approval of an ordinance creating Article 19-4-1 (E) (1).
Ordinance #317
- F) Resolution Making Adjustments to the Town Fee Schedule -** Approval of a resolution replacing Resolution# 1257, adjusting various fees for the Town of Clarkdale.
Resolution #1292

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bohall. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SET SEWER FEE RATE – Discussion and consideration of a Notice of Intent to Set Sewer Fee Rate.

Utility Director Wayne Debrosky presented the Council the Notice of Intent to Set Sewer Fee Rate with the supporting documentation. Discussion was held on if rates would be enough to bring the account into the black by the end of the fiscal year. Director Debrosky said that with the increased funds and the changes in operation being reviewed, he believes the wastewater account should be operating in the black by June 2010. Council requested that the staff bring the wastewater account before them to review in January of each year to ensure that the Town's wastewater fund be kept in the black and we have enough money to handle maintenance of the system.

Councilmember Williams asked when the increase would go into effect if everything proceeds as proposed. The first billing would be on the June 2009 bills.

Councilmember Bohall moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Set Sewer Fee Rate and post said notice and set a public hearing on the proposed Sewer Fee Rate. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dehnert. Motion approved unanimously.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT, LIFELONG LEARNING - Discussion and consideration of submitting a Lifetime Learning grant application for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant through the

Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records.

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director, informed Council that staff proposes to apply for a LSTA Lifelong Learning Grant. The program is for two groups of children and their parents. Group one is up to 24 months and the second group would be 2 to 4 year olds. The program is to assist parents on how to help their child be ready to read by the time they enter kindergarten. The program utilizes music and sight recognition. The Town would offer two sessions to each group and each session would run for eight weeks. Mayor Von Gausig asked if we had identified any Town financial impact and if some of the administrator's salary could be charged back against the grant. Director Bainbridge replied that the grant paperwork has not been finished but what she understood that the administrator cost would be an in-kind cost to the Town. Councilmember Dehnert asked if the Town would be able to review the grant if it was awarded to the Town to ensure the Town's liability. The grant, if awarded, will be returned to the Council for review.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to approve the submission of a LSTA Lifelong Learning Grant. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) GRANT, CENTENNIAL EXPERIENCE - Discussion and consideration of submitting a Centennial Experience grant application for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant through the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records.

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director, informed Council that staff proposes to apply for a LSTA Centennial Experience Grant. When the document is completed it will be a spiral bound book so that future pages could be added. Publishing estimates are about 2500 copies and should be ready to publish in 2010, if awarded. The Clarkdale walking tour pamphlet would also be updated under this grant if awarded.

Councilmember Dehnert moved to approve the submission of a LSTA Centennial Experience Grant. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE TO THE CLARKDALE FIRE DISTRICT - Discussion and possible acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed to the Clarkdale Fire District for real property commonly known as 921 Calle Tomallo, in Clarkdale, AZ.

Town Manager Mabery gave a history of the transfer of the Centerville Fire Station and the process used to obtain the deed restriction release. Mayor Von Gausig asked Fire Chief Moore if the Clarkdale Fire District still wanted this property. Yes, in fact the Clarkdale Fire District had just re-roofed the property this last weekend.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed transferring the Centerville Fire Station at 921 Calle Tomallo, Clarkdale, Arizona, to the Clarkdale Fire District. Vice Mayor Wiley seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF USE OF PROPOSITION 202 GAMING REVENUES DISTRIBUTED BY THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION – Discussion and consideration of the Proposition 202 Gaming Revenues distributed by the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Discussion was held to allow staff to determine the use of the funds during the budget process.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to instruct staff to follow our normal budgeting procedure with the \$14,542.00 donation, and determine its use during the annual budget cycle. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 SWIMMING POOL AND SALES TAX BUDGET OPTIONS – Discussion and consideration of swimming pool budget options and sales tax percentage options for the FY 2009-2010 budget.

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director, informed Council of the sales tax rate budget options for their review. Staff will bring options back to Council at the March 24, 2009 meeting with different sales tax rates in the Draft Budget. For the increase in sales tax to go into effect so the Town receives funds there is about a three month lag. The Council will have to approve the increase within the next few weeks for funds to start arriving by July 1, 2009. It was noted that Cottonwood has just raised their rate to 3% and Sedona is already at 3%. Governor Brewer is looking at raising the State tax rate by 1%. Mayor Von Gausig asked if these numbers were calculated with a loss of 15% off this year's figures and thought may be a high number.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the meeting to public comment.

Robyn Prud'homme Bauer, Clarkdale, mentioned to Council that even though she realizes that the Town needs to do something she wants the Council to realize there are repercussions to a tax rate increase. Most businesses in Clarkdale are service industries that do not pay or collect taxes. In this economy the increase in sales tax might cause purchasers to delay their purchases. Ms. Prud'homme Bauer stated that the point she wanted to make was that any increase comes with a cost.

With no other public comment the mayor closed public comment on this agenda item.

Councilmember Williams asked if we could place a sunset on this sales tax increase. Town Manager Mabery replied that she did not know if that was legal but would check and advise Council. However, future councils could revisit this

at anytime.

Councilmember Dehnert said that he believes that government should not collect any more or less money than is needed. The 15% reduction is not set, it is just a best guess.

Pool

Janet Perry, Assistant Town Manager, spoke with Council on the proposal to close the pool this year. To get the pool ready for a May 31 opening, the cost will be about \$10,000. This includes about \$2,500 to \$3,000 to have the pool in compliance for a County permit because of required changes to the drains. Costs could be higher if the pump height is not what is needed then the pool would have to be drained for conversion.

Discussion was that the pool cost the Town about \$60,000 a year to have and operate. The funds generated from the pool are less than \$10,000. It will cost the Town about \$10,000 to keep the pool full of water this year.

Councilmember Williams asked what would be required if the pool was drained. The Town would have to re-plaster the pool at a cost of about \$30,000.

It was mentioned that Cottonwood, Camp Verde and Sedona all have community pools.

Discussion was held regarding finding corporate sponsors to operate the pool. Town Manager Mabery replied that those corporate sponsors are having difficulties and the Town is not getting the funding for programs that it has in the past.

Mayor and Council requested that staff bring back a sales tax increase proposal and a plan to close the pool for this year.

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM– Discussion and consideration of an early retirement incentive program for Town of Clarkdale employees.

Assistant Town Manager Perry explained the proposed Early Retirement Incentive Program and that on average the Town would save about \$45 to \$55 thousand per employee that takes the incentive at a cost of no more than \$10,000 per employee and a program maximum of \$35,000. This is a onetime offer that has to have papers signed by May 1 and the employee has to retire by June 31, 2009. The plan is completely voluntary and just a method to reduce staffing cost for the Town.

Councilmember Dehnert asked if someone does retire would they be eligible for rehire. Ms. Perry said that if that the employee files retirement papers with ARS, the employee could return, but it would be under ARS conditions, and at the

current rate for a new employee.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to approve the Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program as presented. Councilmember Bohall seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

None

ADJOURNMENT at 7:51 PM

APPROVED:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

SUBMITTED:

Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 3:00 PM. in the Clarkdale Magistrate Courtroom, 49 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley

Councilmember Patricia Williams
Councilmember Curtiss Bohall
Councilmember Richard Dehnert

Town Staff:

Town Manager Gayle Mabery
Public Works Director Steve Burroughs
Police Chief Pat Haynie
Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge
Community Development Director Sherry Bailey
Utility Director Wayne Debrosky
Assistant Town Manager Janet Perry

CALL TO ORDER at 3:00 PM

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Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale, the League of Women Voters are hosting a water forum at the Verde Campus of Yavapai College in Room M137. The forum is in conjunction with Yavapai College and acknowledges April as being Water Awareness Month. Date of the event is Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10 AM.

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.

- A) Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
 - Building Permit Report – February 2009
 - Capital Improvements Report - February 2009
 - Magistrate Court Report – February 2009
 - Police Department Report – February 2009
 - Water and Wastewater Report – February 2009
 - Clarkdale Fire District Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report – February 2009
 - Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) Operations Report – January 2009

- B) Proclamation of April as Clarkdale Water Awareness Month**– Approval of a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Clarkdale Water Awareness Month
- C) Sedona Recycles, Inc. Agreement** – Approval of an agreement with Sedona Recycles, Inc. for recycling drop off services in the Town of Clarkdale.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the consent agenda as prepared by staff. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Wiley. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY COTTONWOOD AREA TRANSIT ON FIVE YEAR PLAN – Presentation by Shirley Scott, Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) and Jeff Meilbeck, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority (NAIPTA), regarding the five year transit plan and the implementation of July 1, 2009 route change phase.

Presentation by Shirley Scott of CAT and Jeff Meilbeck of NAIPTA on the five year transit plan that eventually will go from Flagstaff to Cottonwood and Clarkdale. Mr. Meilbeck presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the history of NAIPTA, the 1 to 3 year plan, and the 5 year goals.

NAIPTA is a transit coop and has no taxing authority. NAIPTA is operated by a Board of Directors made up of elected or appointed members of NAIPTA members – City of Flagstaff, Northern Arizona University, City of Sedona, City of Cottonwood, Coconino County and Yavapai County. The regional view is the inter-connection between communities. The advantages are shared expertise, staff and facilities, efficiency of operation, reduced duplication, transfer liability, and expanded federal funding opportunities. Ridership for CAT has increased 65% over the past 5 years. CAT average ridership passengers per hour is 3.17, Flagstaff Mountain Line is 25 and the State average is 5.27 passengers per hour average. This makes CAT cost per passenger \$16.08 and Flagstaff Mountain Line \$3.58. The options were to continue to do the same, add more routes or evaluate and change the existing service for more efficiency. The July changes will delete the Hwy 89A corridor and will do a loop from Old Town Cottonwood area via Broadway to Clarkdale Main Street to the Clarkdale/Jerome School and return back to Cottonwood via Main Street to Broadway.

Mayor Von Gausig asked if the current ridership cost of \$16.00 per person and the anticipation to double ridership would then reduce the cost to about \$8.00 per person. Reply was that was the goal. Mayor Von Gausig then said that the reduction in cost then would be shared by Clarkdale reducing our amount. Reply was that money would be used to defer the Dial a Ride/ADA Plus for Clarkdale riders. Mayor Von Gausig asked what the taxi rate from Clarkdale to Wal-Mart was, response was \$10-15.00 estimated and the CAT rate would be \$2.00 for ADA Plus, each direction.

Councilmember Dehnert asked about the difference between Dial a Ride and ADA Plus. The Plus in ADA is the old Dial a Ride.

Councilmember Bohall, earlier in the day had been to the eye doctor and his eyes were dilated. Councilmember Dehnert read Councilmember Bohall letter into the record.

I am speaking only for myself based on observations that I have made, and conversations with Clarkdale residents.

We have, have as a town, made annual payment to the Cottonwood Area Transit System for our share of the operating cost of the system. I feel we have received good value for the taxpayer dollars that we have spent.

We recently have had several meeting with management and staff at CATS and have found them to be very helpful and willing to hear our concerns. However, some degree of reorganization appears to have taken place, and NAIPTA seems to have a greater influence in route planning. Based on the latest map, the scheduled service to the Clarkdale area will be significantly reduced.

With the abolition of the 89A portion of the route, service to a large area will not be as convenient as before. The route being abolished serves a much greater population base, approximately 1500 residents than the Main/Street Broadway area that is being retained with a lower base population.

I have had some conversation with Staff (Town of Clarkdale Staff) and the idea of a Clarkdale Circulator was discussed.

Monday I traveled a proposed route starting at Garrison Park, down Mingus to Main, through Old Town Cottonwood to the Clarkdale town hall complex. This took 15 minutes with four one minute stops along the way. From there I continued west on Main to Cement Plant Rd. Then south to 89A I entered Mingus shadows at the roundabout and came out on Mingus Shadows Drive. From there to the park in Centerville, back out to 89A, a stop at Lamplighter Village. From there I turned west at Scenic, made a stop at Old Jerome Hwy. and on to Yavapai College via Sky Drive. From the College to the new Family Dollar store, to Mingus and back to Garrison Park. The total round trip was 43 minutes and with 14 one minute stops. I should have gone over Candy Lane to the medical complex/hospital returning to Mingus via Willard. I don't think this would have added more than five minutes.

I feel that we are losing much more than we are gaining by the proposed route change and something similar to the circulator route that I have described would be a much better choice for our area.

Discussion was held as a result of this information and on the new routes and Jeff Meilbeck will

work with Steve Burroughs and Councilmember Bohall on the Hwy 89A area service and return to Council with his findings.

Mayor Von Gausig is concerned with the defacto reduction of services to Clarkdale. What is the \$56,000 buying Clarkdale?

Councilmember Dehnert asked if demand service and route service ridership information was available. The CAT did gather information last week.

Councilmember Dehnert asked about the demand service ADA qualification process. Ms. Scott said that the information would be mailed out and if the individual had any questions they could call the CAT office for assistance or CAT would go pick the individual up take them to their office to help them fill out the 13 page application.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE AUTHORIZING THE FORFEITURE OF BONDS AND DEMAND FOR COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS OR PAYMENT FROM BOND SAFEGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE BONDS ON THE MOUNTAIN GATE SUBDIVISION PROJECT – Discussion and consideration for possible action the forfeiture of bonds for completion of improvements at the Mountain Gate Subdivision.

Resolution #1293

Community Development Director Bailey explained to Council the reason for the resolution prepared by the Town Attorney for the forfeiture of the Mountain Gate Subdivision bonds. This is the next step in getting the infrastructure done and the amount in the bond will not cover the total cost of the drainage system, roadway, fencing, lighting, and the arsenic removal system. Ms. Bailey has a meeting on March 25, 2009, with Safeguard personnel to discuss this issue. They will then decide if they will get contractors themselves to complete the list up to the bonded amount or pay the Town so we could hire and control the work to our standards. Last time this group met, Safeguard stated that this is a lower amount and maybe Safeguard will allow the Town to control the project.

Councilmember Dehnert asked if the Town could get more money to cover the items we now feel will not be covered. Ms. Bailey said the Town will only get the amount of the bond.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to approve the resolution authorizing the forfeiture of bonds and demand for completion of improvements or payment from bond Safeguard Insurance Company Performance Bond on the Mountain Gate Subdivision. Motion seconded by Councilmember Williams. Motion approved unanimously.

2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR TRIAL BUDGET WORKSESSION – A worksession to discuss the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Trial Budget.

Town Manager Mabery and Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director, presented Council a PowerPoint presentation on the 2009-2010 Trial Budget. Due to the unprecedented financial challenges that currently face the Town, the Council desired a new way to increase public

awareness and involvement in the budget process. We would like to use this process to define how Clarkdale will adjust to a new economic reality next year and in the future. The Town will hold Public workshops on the Trial Budget. The dates of those meetings to be held in the Men's Lounge are:

- Monday, April 6th at 10 AM
- Thursday, April 16th at 6 PM
- Wednesday, April 22nd at 2 PM
- Monday, April 27th at 6 PM

The Town intends to place a meeting announcement flyer with the utility billing, place the trial budget on the website, set out temporary signage to announce the meeting and have the press publish and broadcast the information to the public.

Discussions were held on each major fund with information at the bottom of the PowerPoint page indicating where the information was gathered from or conclusions made.

Vice Mayor Wiley and Mayor Von Gausig thanked Ms. Bainbridge for her presentation stating that it was very understandable. Town Manager Mabery stated that the Town staff had met this morning and reviewed the budget and has a good perspective of the budget. Vice Mayor Wiley was glad to see that the Town would be returning to 40 hours. Town Manager Mabery stated that if the budget is approved the Town staff would return to 40 hours but because of the unknowns in the economy she is recommending to make it four ten hour days. This is in case the Town has to return to a 36 hour schedule in the future to balance the budget.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that even with the best of projections and planning these are only expectations, however, they are best guesses and provide the Town with the tools needed for a balanced budget.

The budget will be brought back to the Council in May with updated information.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR TRIAL BUDGET – Public hearing to gather public comment on the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Trial Budget

Mayor Von Gausig opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale, the proposed property tax and sales tax increases for the Town, the proposed sales tax increase for the State and other tax increases being discussed are adding a burden to residents and business.

Mayor Von Gausig read an email into the record from Carol Johnson, Clarkdale:

Dear Mayor and Town Council,
It is difficult for people who are working to attend worksessions during the week in the afternoon.
These are difficult economic times for everyone. I request the Town Council consider the impact of raising sales tax, property taxes,

wastewater rates and fees and other fees as part of the budget for 2009/10 in light of the impact to the citizens and businesses in Clarkdale. If possible, please extend these increases over more than an one-year period.
Thank you,
Carol A. Johnson

Mayor Von Gausig closed Public Comment on this item.

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 SWIMMING POOL BUDGET OPTIONS – Discussion and consideration of swimming pool budget options for the FY 2009-2010 budget.

Assistant Town Manager Perry presented Council the proposed plan to close the pool for the 2009 season. Discussion was held on if the pool should be drained or left full of water which would cost the Town about \$8,800.00. No decision was made on the draining of the pool.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved that the Clarkdale Pool not be opened in 2009. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX RATE BUDGET OPTIONS – Discussion and consideration of the Transaction Privilege Tax Rate (local sales tax percentage) options for the FY 2009-2010 budget.

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk/Finance Director, provided Council the probable economic result if the privilege tax rate increase is approved by Council.

Mayor Von Gausig opened Public Comment.

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale, stated that we are not Cottonwood and do not need to have the same rate as them. In fact an advantage of not having the same rate is the advantage a new business would have. Ms. Bauer would hope that the Council would set the increase at 2.75% instead of the proposed 3%.

Mayor Von Gausig closed Public Comment.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to instruct staff to begin the process to increase the Town's Privilege Tax Rate to 3%. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Clarkdale Peddlers License – Councilmember Bohall

ADJOURNMENT 5:38 PM

APPROVED:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

SUBMITTED:

Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk