

**Minutes of a Special Joint Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale,
Planning Commission and General Plan Update Committee
Held on Thursday, September 29, 2009.**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 3:00 PM at Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men’s Lounge, 19 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER – Clarkdale Town Council at 3:05 PM

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
Assistant Town Manager Janet Perry
Utility Director Wayne Debrosky
Police Chief Pat Haynie
Planner II Normalinda Zúñiga
Building Inspector Paul Grasso
Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge
Community Development Director Sherry Bailey
Public Works Director Steve Burroughs
Community Service Supervisor Dawn Norman
Planner Guss Espolt
Utility Billing Deb LaFrance

CALL TO ORDER – General Plan Update Committee at 3:05 PM

Janet Regner, Chair
Jack Van Wye
David Gordon – Absent
Lisa O’Neill

Lew Dodendorf, Vice Chair
Karen Daniels
Ida deBlanc – Absent
Ruth Wicks

CALL TO ORDER – Planning Commission at 3:05 PM

Dave Puzas, Chair
Amy Bayless – Absent
Bill Regner

Jorge Olguin, Vice Chair
Sarah Vinson

PUBLIC COMMENT – The Town Council invites the public to provide comments at this time. Members of the Council may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Persons interested in making a comment on a specific agenda item are asked to complete a brief form and submit it to the Town Clerk during the meeting. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to five minutes.

No Public Comment

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE CLARKDALE SUSTAINABILITY PARK CONCEPT - Presentation and discussion on the concept of a Clarkdale Sustainability Park.

Mayor Von Gausig reviewed the Clarkdale Sustainability Park (CSP) Concept PowerPoint presentation with the Council, Planning Commission and General Plan Update Committee members present. The Town of Clarkdale came to a remarkable conclusion: the way municipalities would sustain themselves — financially, environmentally, and culturally — was about to change forever. The path to a new sustainable Clarkdale would have to be evolutionary.

The Clarkdale Sustainability Park Concept is an industrial, commercial, and a nature park devoted to sustainable industries and environmental improvement of the community. Each facility will demonstrate energy, water, economic and cultural sustainability with as close to a zero carbon footprint as is possible with today's technology. The Park could produce more energy than the entire Town of Clarkdale consumes and be a net exporter of energy to the grid.

The next steps in the CSP plan will include outreach, education, public input, and road shows to various regional municipal Councils, boards and commissions, legislative and regulatory agencies. Partnerships and relationships with various Verde Valley municipalities and state agencies along with ASU and Yavapai College, need to be forged and strengthened. A feasibility study needs to be completed on the CSP, and a Plasma Converter partner will need to be identified as the anchor tenant. Identification and solicitation of other component facilities and partnerships will have to be made and additional funding for initial operating expenses and staffing will likely come from public/private partnerships, grants and/or bonding.

A review of Pecks Lake area advantages and working with the current land owner, Freeport-McMoRan was discussed along with possible alternate CSP site location.

A video from the Discovery Channel on plasma converters was shown. The use of plasma converters in the communities of Ontario, Canada and in St. Lucie County, Florida showed the plasma converter project feasibility in those communities.

Discussion on the CSP was held with members of the Town of Clarkdale Council, Planning Commission and General Plan Update Committee members along with several public members in attendance.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Planning Commission **at 5:18 PM**

ADJOURNMENT – General Plan Update Committee **at 5:18 PM**

ADJOURNMENT – Clarkdale Town Council **at 5:18 PM**

APPROVED:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

SUBMITTED:

Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk