

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale
Held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.**

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 PM at Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, 19 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER 6:09 PMTown 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
Police Chief Pat Haynie
Deputy Town Clerk Walt Good

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge
Community Development Director Sherry Bailey
Public Works Director Steve Burroughs

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.

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale, requested that Councilmember's speak into their microphones so that the public can hear.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

1. Mayor attended Yavapai Association of Governments meeting in Prescott.
2. Mayor had meeting with Tom Jan Meuss discussing water wars in the west.
3. Mayor did Clarkdale Sustainability Park Presentation for APS. Will make another APS presentation for company heads in future.
4. Mayor did Clarkdale Sustainability Park presentation with Freeport in Phoenix to discuss possibilities on Verde Ranch.
5. Mayor attended the Public Clarkdale Sustainability Park presentation and about 60 individuals attended.
6. Mayor met with Greg Ruland to discuss the Clarkdale Sustainability Park project.
7. Mayor had lunch with Councilmember Dehnert to discuss Town of Clarkdale issues.
8. Mayor met with Vernon Woolf and Rennie Radoccia to discuss sustainability projects.
9. Mayor had lunch with Tom Taylor to discuss the Clarkdale Sustainability Park.
10. Mayor did Clarkdale Sustainability Park presentation at Orme School, students were very involved in the presentation and asked probing questions.
11. Mayor attended the Town of Clarkdale Board and Commission training on Open Meeting

- Law and Records Management.
12. Mayor attended the Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization presentation at Yavapai College Verde Campus.
 13. Mayor attended the Greater Arizona Mayors organizational meeting where bylaws were discussed.
 14. Mayor did Clarkdale Sustainability Park presentation at Northern Arizona University (NAU). NAU wanted to know what they could do to help and support the project.

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

1. Town Manager Mabery and Mayor Von Gausig attended the Planning Commission December meeting and a proposed February Joint Council/Planning Commission Meeting was discussed.
2. Town Manager Mabery informed Council that the Town Offices will be closed on January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
3. Town Manager Mabery informed council that at the January 26, Special Council Meeting Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge will be making a budget update report on the Town of Clarkdale 2nd quarter and Tom Piccioli update the Council on the Clarkdale Metals project.
4. The next Public Clarkdale Sustainability Park meeting is scheduled for January 27, at 3 PM. There will also be a February 22, at 6 PM and a March 20 at 10 AM presentation allowing residents different times and days to attend the presentation and learn about the Clarkdale Sustainability Park.
5. Town Manager Mabery informed Council the Court Consolidation Meetings are continuing. The discussions are in the analyzing stages now and the Town Manager will bring this item to Council with an update at a future Council Meeting.
6. Town Manager Mabery reminded Council that there is a Consent Item Addendum on tonight's agenda.
7. Town Manager Mabery stated that the State Budget issues continue to bring the Town new challenges daily.

CAT – A report regarding the Cottonwood Area Transit – Councilmember Williams had no report.

COCOPAI – A report regarding the Coconino Yavapai Resource Conservation District – Councilmember Williams had no report.

VVLPI – A report regarding the Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute – Councilmember Williams had no report.

NACOG - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Council of Governments – Vice Mayor Wiley reported that they had held their annual retreat and there is money available for weatherization and that individuals would have to qualify. Town Manager Mabery has the forms and information.

VVTPO – Report regarding the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization & other transportation affiliations – Councilmember Bohall handed out a Regional Transportation Advocacy Council report. Side effects of the State Budget cuts and the closing of the highway rest areas is that those drivers still need to stop and still need to relieve themselves. This is causing a trash and health issue on the side of the road and at rural overpasses.

NAMWUA - A report regarding the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association – Mayor Von Gausig reported that NAMWUA is working on correspondence to the State on the Arizona Department of Water Resources budget cuts.

VRBP – A report regarding the Verde River Basin Partnership – Mayor Von Gausig attended a coordinating committee meeting in Jerome.

WAC - A report regarding the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee – Mayor Von Gausig attended WAC meeting, discussed was federal legislations dealing with lower Colorado water allocations and the Arizona Department of Water Resources State budget cuts, and what those cuts will mean to Yavapai County.

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 12/8/09.
- B. Claims** - List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month. December Check Log, PPE 12/5/09 & 12/19/09
- 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 12/23/09 Cancelled
Design Review Board minutes of the meeting held 12/9/09
Heritage Conservancy Board minutes of the meeting held 12/16/09
General Plan Update Committee minutes of the meeting held 12/21/09
Library Advisory Board minutes of the meeting held 12/03/09
Parks and Recreation Board minutes of the meeting held 12/9/09
Planning Commission minutes of the meeting held 12/17/09 & 12/24/09 Cancelled
- D. Reports** - Approval of written Reports from Town Departments and Other Agencies
Building Permit Report – November 2009
Capital Improvements Report - November 2009
Magistrate Court Report – November 2009
Police Department Report – November 2009
Water and Wastewater Report – November 2009
Clarkdale Fire District Report and Mutual Aid Responses Report – November 2009
Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) Operations Report – No Report
Verde Valley Humane Society – November 2009
- E. Verde River Basin Partnership Allocation Of Funds** – Approval for allocation of \$100.00 to Verde River Basin Partnership.
- F. Resignation of Jesus Valdez From the Heritage Conservancy Board** – Acceptance of the letter of resignation from Jesus Valdez from the Heritage Conservancy Board.

ADDENDUM

Letter Of Support To Ralph Costa, Bureau of Land Management Recommending Freeport-McMoRan Corporation For The 2009 BLM Reclamation Mineral Development Award – Approval of a letter of support to Ralph Costa, Bureau of Land Management recommending Freeport-McMoRan Corporation for The 2009 BLM Reclamation Mineral Development Award.

Councilmember Bohall requested Consent Item F be pulled for discussion.

Vice Mayor Wiley moved to accept the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, and the Addendum as prepared by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Williams. Motion approved unanimously.

Councilmember Bohall read the letter of resignation of Jesus Valdez into the record and commended Mr. Valdez for his service to the Town.

Town of Clarkdale
Assistant Town Manager
Janet Perry

December 16, 2009

Dear Janet,

I am writing this letter to give notice of my resignation as a member of the Heritage Conservancy board.

I have been a member for a long time. I have forgotten when I first joined the board.

During these many years, I was involved in several interesting and challenging projects. It has been a productive and pleasant endeavor. I have enjoyed myself.

Now my life style does not permit me to enthusiastically participate in the current activities. I am not able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

It is time for me to step down and give someone else the opportunity to serve the Town of Clarkdale with new energy and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Jesus S. Valdez

Councilmember Bohall moved to accept Consent Item F. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LAS CARRETAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT – Discussion and consideration of a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for approval of a new liquor license application from Las Carretas Mexican Restaurant, 1481 Paloma Way, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Deputy Town Clerk Good reported to Council that the applicant had made their fee payment to the Town and were not in attendance.

Councilmember Williams moved to recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control for approval of a new liquor license application from Las Carretas Mexican Restaurant, 1481 Paloma Way, Clarkdale, Arizona. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Bohall. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARKDALE SUSTAINABILITY PARK – An update on the progress of the Clarkdale Sustainability Park (CSP) project.

Town Manager Mabery updated Council on the Clarkdale Sustainability Park.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the Clarkdale Sustainability Park Update for public comment.

Ellie Bauer, Clarkdale, read a statement to the Council:

To: Mayor Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Jerry Wiley
Councilmember Curt Bohall
Councilmember Pat Williams
Councilmember Richard Dehnert
Gayle Mabery, Town Manager

RE: Sustainability Park – Landownership and Feasibility Study

As the Clarkdale Sustainability Park project is talked of and thought about, it becomes more and more apparent, that the scope and complexity of the concept requires as neutral-based a feasibility study as possible. This seems like an opportune moment to offer this study to Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, as part of a private-public partnership. This corporation owns the property suggested and certainly has the capacity and human power to do a profit-based feasibility study – one that looks to find out if the dollar investment has the probability of producing a profit within a given period of time. Sherry Bailey, at the recent ‘State of the Verde Valley’ gathering, noted that \$100,000 was on the table for such a study to be done, through the Town of Clarkdale. The Sustainability Park venture, is a project that deserves a more in-depth, detailed and at the same time broad-based study, a study that is driven by an objective point of view. A private-public partnership study would give the people of Clarkdale a feasibility study through which they could reasonably discuss, think about and more clearly understand this project’s possibilities and constraints.

Cordially,

Ellie Bauer

Town Manager Mabery responded that the Town is seeking grants for the feasibility study in the three to four hundred thousand dollar amount. The Clarkdale Sustainability Park Study Group believes this is the amount needed to perform an extensive feasibility study.

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

Mayor Von Gausig requested that Northern Arizona Mayors organization information and bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT 6:52 PM

APPROVED:

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

SUBMITTED:

Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk