

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Members Present

Felix Callicotte, Mayor
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember
Laura Dorrell, Councilmember
Ray Lorenzo, Councilmember
B. Waddell Reyes, Councilmember
Ray West, Councilmember

*Excused

A quorum was present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Greenlee County Sheriff, Tim Sumner, informed the Council that the Arizona Department of Transportation is now accepting comments on the future of U.S. Highway 191, from Morenci to Alpine.

Akos Kovach, South Clifton resident congratulated the town on the recent grant award by Freeport-McMoRan Foundation-Greenlee County Community Investment Funds to update the town's general plan.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya reported that the 21st Annual Festival of Lights Event had been a huge success and thanked all those who participated.

Council Member Ray West commended the staff on their continued efforts to address concerns presented by the annual audit.

Council Member Laura Dorrell also commended the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department for their continued participation in public events. She also relayed positive comments from the Greenlee 3-Gun Group on the great work done by the town's public works department to maintain the shooting range.

Council Member Ray Lorenzo provided an update on the recent Roads/Streets Committee meeting.

Council Member Barbara Ahmann reported on the value of the town's participation in the Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona. She recalled recent projects that affected the town to include issues affecting the San Francisco River.

Council Member B. Waddell Reyes informed the Council of the forthcoming Christmas Eve events scheduled on Park Avenue.

Mayor Callicotte had no comments.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items with corrections to the minutes as noted was

made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann:

1. Approval of the November 8, 2017 Work Session Minutes with correction to reflect that Council Members Ahmann and Dorrell were excused from the meeting; and November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes correction should include that council took formal action to reconvene into regular session immediately following the Executive Session.
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of November 2017 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council Member Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to approve a Proclamation regarding the efforts of local veterans to enhance Veterans Park: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey read the proclamation aloud. Motion to approve a proclamation was made by Council Member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

At this time, Steve Guzzo introduced the Mares Bluff Board Members and thanked the Council for their support and encouragement of recent improvement projects to Veteran's Park. Mr. Guzzo informed the Council that the group is currently working on memorial plaque displays which should be finalized by December 23, 2017.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the Request for Proposal process regarding a General Plan Consultant as funded by FMI Community Investment Grant Funds: Mr. McGaughey explained that cities and towns are required by state statute to adopt a general plan and must include required elements also prescribed by statute.

Motion to initiate the Request for Proposal process regarding a General Plan Consultant was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the Request for Qualifications process regarding Engineering Services for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Construction and Collection System

Improvements: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant as prepared by Bowman Consulting has been received by the town and forwarded to USDA-RD. He stated that the next step in the WWTP Construction and Collection System Improvements is to hire an engineering firm to prepare the construction plans.

Motion to initiate the Request for Qualifications process regarding Engineering Services was made by Council Member Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 06-2017: Adding New Chapter 113 Wireless Facilities in the Right-of-Way; Microcell Equipment related to the use of the Public Right-of-Way in the Town by Wireless Providers and to entities with Microcell Equipment on Strands in the Town: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that the town’s legal counsel has requested that the first reading of the ordinance be tabled at this time due to further modifications to the ordinance.

Motion to table the first reading of Ordinance No 06-2017 was made by Council Member Ray West; second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to recommend to grant or deny the request for a liquor license as applied for by Kim Kenneth Kwiatkowski on behalf of Circle K Stores, Inc., address 236 N Coronado Blvd: The Town Clerk explained that the application as well as information on the meeting time and place of the local governing board to consider the application was posted at the proposed site as required by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

There being no comments in opposition to the application, Council Member Ray West made a motion to recommend to grant the request for a liquor license as applied for by Kim Kenneth Kwiatkowski on behalf of Circle K Stores, Inc. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to acknowledge receipt of the FY2017 Financial Statements as presented by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that no new issues have been reported. He further stated that staff will be working to address the existing issues as recommended.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the FY2017 Financial Statements as presented by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP was made by Council Member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Manager’s Report: Mr. McGaughey reported on the following activities and projects:

- ✓ Informed the Council that representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will tour the town’s WWTP in January.
- ✓ Participated in a conference call discussion with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to explore funding opportunities for the WWTP.
- ✓ Reported that representatives from ADOT had been in town for a pre-scoping meeting related to the historic Chase Creek Bridge. Currently more data will be needed to secure the funding.
- ✓ Reported that Southwest Gas will be closing Ward Canyon Road beginning on January 8th through January 26th, 2018 to install a 2” gas line.
- ✓ Expressed his personal thanks to the Council for their support of the Festival of Lights Event.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.