

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
September 8, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**Town Councilmembers Present:**

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

\*Absent

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:** Susan Snyder, Chase Creek Marketplace owner, commented on the success of the Hill Climb Event.

Daniel Cervantez provided members of the council with updated information on local services offered by Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program.

**Council Reports:** Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya reported on issues that were discussed during the annual League of Cities and Town's Conference. He informed the council of recent state legislation which could affect the town. The legislation would allow the State's Attorney General to file a complaint against a municipality on any issue. He reported that the League of Cities and Town's is actively working towards repealing this legislation. Additionally, he commented on the possible effects that the state and local government agencies might be addressing if the forthcoming proposition to legalize marijuana is successful.

Council member Ahmann expressed her gratitude to all the volunteers who planned and assisted with the Hill Climb Event. She continued to say that economic development and tourism are vital to our community therefore volunteers are essential to make these types of events successful.

**Consent Agenda:** Council member Ray West made a motion to approve the following items listed:

1. Approval of the August 3, 2016 Work Session Minutes; August 11, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes to consider Wastewater/Sewer Rate and Fee Increase, (*correction noting that Council member Barbara Reyes was present*); approval of the August 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of August 2016 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Ahmann. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Recognition to honor Margaret Gomez for her dedicated years of service to the Town of Clifton:** Mayor Callicotte read a Proclamation declaring September 10, 2016 “Margaret Gomez Day.” He also acknowledged her dedication and years of service to the town. He invited all in attendance to remain after the meeting for refreshments.

**Presentation by the Greenlee County Community Watch – Lt. Jason Seraglio and Watch Capt. Stephanie Dennis:** Addressing the Council was Lt. Smerglia. He provided an update on the program to include plans to increase participation. Organizers are hoping to schedule meeting times and locations more consistently. Plans are also underway to improve advertising/awareness of the program. Future topics that will be discussed include cyber-security; Holiday Safety Tips and November is dedicated as Fire Prevention Month.

**Discussion and/or action to appoint a committee to recommend solutions to address department concerns related to town facilities:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey recommended that he together with Police Chief - Omar Negrete, Town Clerk - Espie Castaneda, Council member - Ray West and Mayor - Felix Callicotte be appointed to this committee.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to appoint individuals as recommended. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to canvass the Town of Clifton’s 2016 Primary Election Results:** Members of the council were provided with a certified copy of the results as presented by the Greenlee County Elections Official, Yvonne Pearson.

Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that all four candidates attained the required number of votes to be seated therefore no further action or participation in the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election will be necessary.

Motion to canvass the Town of Clifton’s 2016 Primary Election Results was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

**Town Manager's Report:** Mr. McGaughey provided the Council with an update on the following activities and projects he has been working on:

- Informed the council that the annual flood gates test/drill has been scheduled for September 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- The FMI Community Investment Funds Grant has been submitted on behalf of the town.
- Reported that the town has been awarded a grant to purchase Shade Sails for the Soccer Field
- Explained an update on the current Shannon Road/Vista Heights Street Improvements Projects to include approval of a project change order to address sewer manholes for an estimated cost of \$7,000.
- Reported that the Park Avenue Swale Project is almost finished.
- Stated that the Chase Creek/Lynch St. dip/drainage is also complete.
- Invited the Council to attend a workshop planned for the Historic Preservation Commission with keynote speakers for SHPO on Wednesday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thanked the Council for their support on the 2016 Hill Climb Event. Mentioned that the date of the event will be changed next year to the Columbus Day Weekend.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

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Felix Callicotte, Mayor

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Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk