

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
August 10, 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: Daniel Cervantez expressed his gratitude for the continued volunteer work done by local school bus stop monitor, Dorothy Alvarez.

Representing the Greenlee County 3-Gun Organization was Nathaniel Henry. He proposed that the council consider allowing the organization to install a flag pole at the Table Top Shooting Range.

Council Reports: Council Member Reyes encouraged the council to stop by the Visitor's Center to see the new photo display.

Council Member Ahmann commended Jeanette West for her efforts in developing the Visitor's Center for the town.

Council Member Dorrell reported that \$2,000 in financial support from the United Way Organization has been awarded to the 2017 Colors of Copper Event. Council Member Dorrell also informed the Council that she has been accepted to the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy of Arizona.

Vice-Mayor Montoya invited members of the council to the August 18th SEAGO Executive Board meeting to be held in Clifton, hosted by the Town of Duncan.

Mayor Callicotte expressed his frustration that motorists continue to ignore the local

ordinance on cell phone use while driving.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed was made by Council Member Ray West:

1. Approval of the July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of July 2017 Demands.

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

Old Business

Discussion and/or action regarding Park Avenue properties identified as property parcel #200-82-051(e) and property parcel #200-89-015: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that the property owned by Freeport McMoRan, (FMI), has been secured with a chain link fence. However, they are still researching legal ownership of the building.

Regarding the property owned by Patricia Loar, there has been no response from her as of this date forcing the town to install a fence around her property. The Manager offered two options for Council's consideration: initiate the abatement of dangerous buildings as provided by town ordinance or allow the property owner additional time to respond. Mr. McGaughey recommend moving forward with the abatement process due to public safety and the current condition of the building.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to direct the Manager to move forward with the abatement process. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

New Business

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 05-2017: Amending Title V. Public Works, Chapter 51 Wastewater, by amending Section 51.24 Enforcement, related to the turn-on charge for reinstatement of utility services: The Town Clerk read the title paragraph of the ordinance as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to approve Ordinance No. 05-2017: Amending Title V. Public Works, Chapter 51 Wastewater, by amending Section 51.24 Enforcement, related to the turn-on charge for reinstatement of utility services: Vice-Mayor Montoya made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2017, second to the motion was made by Council Member Ahmann. Motion carried.

Presentation by the Visitor's Center Manager. – Jeanette West: Mrs. West thanked the Council for their continued support in establishing the Visitor's Center. She has been the Manager since 2013 and although she has resigned from the position she expressed that continued support from the town had inspired her to do a good job.

Presentation by the Greenlee County Fair Event Coordinator, Lendsy Basteen: Ms. Basteen explained that her goal is to encourage the residents of Clifton/Morenci to participate in the annual event by providing the northern part of the county with informational pamphlets on submitting exhibits and all other activities offered at this year's event. This information will be located at various locations including Clifton Town Hall.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the purchase of a Vacuum Excavation System, a.k.a. "ditch witch" as requested by the Public Works Director, Larry Barela: The Town Manager reported that this piece of equipment had been included in the Public Works Department General Fund Budget.

Council Member West made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the FX50 – Ditch Witch Vac as quoted by Ditch Witch of Arizona, (\$65,880.89). Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to determine the procurement method to purchase the Vacuum Excavation System:

- a. **Authorize the Mayor to execute the National Joint Powers Alliance - Joint Powers Agreement (or)**
- b. **Initiate the town's procurement process as defined by Chapter 33: Purchasing; Clifton Town Code**

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained the benefits of utilizing cooperative purchasing agreements. He stated that this is a cost-effective method by saving on newspaper advertisements, staff time dedicated to drafting the necessary information on the procurement, etc. Over all, he feels this is a benefit for small communities who can't afford the establishment of a procurement officer.

Vice-Mayor Montoya expressed concern on the use of too many cooperative purchasing agreements and the town's obligation to its citizens to obtain a competitive price for goods.

Council Member Barbara Ahmann made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the National Joint Powers Alliance – Joint Powers Agreement. Second to the motion was made by Council Member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the purchase of an asphalt zipper machine:

Public Works Director, Larry Barela explained that this purchase opportunity was presented by the company representative as a closeout option of the equipment.

Mr. Bryan Knight, Asphalt Zipper Representative was available to discuss the promotional product offer.

Discussion from members of the council agreed that the equipment could be useful however, there is no street maintenance plan in place to restore the excavated area in a timely manner. Furthermore, the current budget does not include the allocated funding for the machine. Mayor Callicotte suggested that prior to moving forward with this request, a work session of the council might be in order to further discuss the request.

By consensus of the council the item was tabled for further discussion in a work session of the council.

Discussion and/or action to determine the procurement method to purchase the asphalt zipper machine:

- a. **Authorize the Mayor to execute the HGACBuy – Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing (or)**
- b. **Initiate the town’s procurement process as defined by Chapter 33: Purchasing; Clifton Town Code**

This item was also tabled.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the License Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport Minerals Corporation related to Ward Canyon Wash and Cromb Place retention ditch: Mr. McGaughey explained the town’s efforts to build a storm water basin at the RV Park hoping to mitigate further storm water issues affecting the park. The affected property owner is FMI and any improvements will need their consent.

Council Member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the License Agreement as presented. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Funding Agreement Between the Arizona Department of Housing and the Town of Clifton for Waste Water Treatment Plant Planning and Engineering: Mr. McGaughey explained that this agreement is the 2016 SSP Grant Award in the amount of \$272,000. He recalled that the town has also leveraged \$60,000 of sewer funds towards this project.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the funding agreement between the Arizona Department of Housing and the Town of Clifton was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya, second to the motion was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2017-14: Adopting a policy governing the use of town publications and electronic signs by individuals, groups, businesses and organization: Council Member Laura Dorrell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-14. Second to the motion was made by Council Member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Colors of Copper Event: Council Member Barbara Ahmann explained that various organizations have sponsored the Colors of Copper and suggests that the town might consider taking over sponsorship hoping to attain sustainability for the event. She also expressed that additional participation would be encouraged if the town assumed the sponsorship role.

Members of the Council suggested that this discussion should be brought up during the budget preparation since there will be a financial impact to the town.

Discussion and/or action to recommend to grant or deny the request for a liquor license as applied for by DG Retail, LLC., address 540 Chase Creek St.: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that the appropriate posting requirements had been followed notifying the neighborhood and community of the application.

Motion to recommend the request for a liquor license as applied for by DG Retail, LLC was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

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

- Informed the Council of the Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Grant Award which will address the historic Chase Creek Bridge providing access to North Clifton area.
- Reported that the grant submitted through FEMA/Homeland Security to upgrade flap gates and drains received a notable score and he will move forward to the next phase of the grant application process.
- Explained that the new drainage pipe installed by FMI near Riverside Dr. has resulted in ponding along that area.
- Stated that a meeting has been scheduled this month with Arizona Eastern Railroad (AZER) to discuss continuing problems at railroad crossings due to malfunctioning gates/arms.
- Reported that he has obtained the services of a real estate appraiser to appraise the town's Chase Creek buildings.
- Notified the Council that Ed and Patti Weiss will not be moving forward on their initial proposal to rent the 2nd building on Chase Creek for a Bait & Tackle Shop.
- Explained that he is still pursuing a college student to work on the town's general plan.
- Reported that he had received a letter from local resident, Kimberly Hendrson expressing her gratitude for her positive response from the Clifton Police Department, notably Sgt. Jason Mingura.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.