

**Minutes**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**April 13, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

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

\*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:** Danny Cervantez provided information on the Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program (SEACAP), in particular the beneficial services of the senior citizen transport van.

Greenlee County Sheriff, Tim Sumner expressed his thanks to the Clifton Police Department for their continued efforts in working together. He specifically mentioned the revitalization of the neighborhood crime watch program.

**Council Reports:** Council member Reyes offered her appreciation to the town's Public Works Department for their work to improve Highline Dr. and the follow up work to clear the tree limbs after the work done by the Gila Watershed to remove the overgrowth of the Salt Cedar.

Council member Dorrell extended her gratitude and thanks to the Town Manager for his help to make the recent circus event a success.

Mayor Callicotte suggested that staff look into the town's Chase Creek parking lot due to complaints from the affected businesses who are concerned that there are long term vehicles taking up valuable parking spaces.

**Consent Agenda:** Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the March 2, 2017 Work Session; March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 22, 2017 Special Session Minutes
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of March 2017 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Discussion from the Council included acknowledging the Code Enforcement Officer for providing a very detailed and helpful report.

Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the town to accept the property donation proposal as presented by the Elks USA, Fraternal Organization/Safford-Clifton Elks Lodge #1607:** Council member Barbara Ahmann made the motion to accept the property donation proposal as presented by the Elks USA, Fraternal Organization/Safford-Clifton Elks Lodge #1607. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to initiate the bidding process to seal coat town roads as determined by the Public Works Director:** Town Engineer, Chad Crockett provided information on the street maintenance process. The recommended location is the lower Chase Creek area which includes the area from Nabor's Barber Shop up through the Greenlee County Historical Society.

Motion to initiate the bidding process to seal coat town roads as determined by the Public Works Director was made by Council member West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to approve the lease proposal terms related to 234 Chase Creek Street as presented by Pattie and Ed Weiss:** Town Manager, McGaughey reviewed the proposal offered by Pattie and Ed Weiss. The proposal includes initiating the agreement by May 1, 2017 and renting the facility on a month by month basis for an upholstery & consignment business. The rental fee offered is \$400.00 per month plus 10% of sales. Also, a security deposit of \$500.00 and proof of insurance will be required.

Mr. Weiss reiterated the terms of the proposal and offered to clarify any concerns the council might have.

Discussion from members of the council included that it would be an advantage to have the building occupied since it's been vacant for quite some time and that the proposal was agreeable and noted that Mr. Weiss was also taking a risk by establishing the business. Council member West suggested that the rental terms were too low for the area and suggested that Mr. Weiss should provide the town with a business plan.

There being no further discussion, Vice-Mayor Montoya made a motion to approve the lease proposal terms as presented by Mr. Weiss. Second to the motion was made by Council member Reyes. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to amend the February 2017 list of town property for sale by auction:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that Tingle Auctioneering has scheduled an auction at the Graham County Fairgrounds for May 13, 2017 and other departments have added items to the list.

Motion to approve the revised list of town property for sale by auction was made by Council member West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Dorrell. Motion carried

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Credit Card Service Agreement as presented by Payment Service Network, Inc.:** Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Credit Card Service Agreement as presented by Payment Service Network, Inc. was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya, second to the motion was made by Council member West. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2017: Declaring the Documents entitled "Code of Ordinances of the Town of Clifton, Arizona as a public record, adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the Town of Clifton, Arizona "by reference, and amending the Code of Clifton:** The title of the ordinance was read by Mayor Felix Callicotte as required in the ordinance process as the second reading.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2017: Declaring the Documents entitled "Code of Ordinances of the Town of Clifton, Arizona as a public record, adopting the "Code of Ordinances of the Town of Clifton, Arizona "by reference, and amending the Code of Clifton:** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2017 was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2017: Related to the prohibition of the use of hand-held mobile telephones and portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle:** The title of the ordinance was read by Mayor Felix Callicotte as required in the ordinance process as the second reading.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2017: Related to the prohibition of the use of hand-held mobile telephones and portable electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle:** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2017 was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-2017: An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Declaring The Document Entitled “Nuisances And Nuisance Abatement Code Amendments, April 13, 2017” As A Public Record; Adopting The “Nuisances And Nuisance Abatement Code Amendments, April 13, 2017” By Reference; Amending The Town Code Of The Town Of Clifton Arizona, By Repealing Title IX General Regulations, Chapter 92 Abandoned And Inoperable Vehicles And Chapter 93 Litter In Their Entirety And Adopting A New Chapter 93 Nuisances And Nuisance Abatement, Related To Enforcement Of Nuisances And Providing A Procedure For Abatement Thereof; Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For Severability; And Providing Penalties:** The title of the ordinance was read by Mayor Felix Callicotte as required in the ordinance process as the first reading.

**Manager’s Report:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported on the following activities and projects:

- Provided an update on the Frank Johnston property cleanup on Hill St.
- Reported that abandoned railroad rails which became exposed and a danger were promptly removed by the Arizona Eastern Railroad Company.
- Informed the Council about the settlement to reimburse the Arizona Department of Revenue for the overpayment of Transaction Privilege Taxes which occurred in April 2015
- Reported that he has been working to obtain right-of-way documents for properties affected by town efforts to construct check-dams to minimize flooding issues.
- Reported that the Grants & Fundings Committee has met and applied for a Cenpatico Grant for part restroom upgrades. Council member Ahmann has offered to prepare the grant.
- Informed the Council that the current police cadet sponsored by the town has resigned from the academy and that the Chief will immediately begin searching for a new candidate.
- Stated that the next budget work session is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and informed the council that health insurance renewal rates have been received with an 18% increase.
- Invited the council to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Arizona at Work Office.
- Announced that the premier of the “Towns” video has been scheduled for viewing at the Clifton Train Station on April 21, 2017 with two opportunities to preview the show. Refreshments will be available for minimum price.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.