

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 13, 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: Daniel Cervantez commented on the recent post storm clean up efforts of the community.

Representing the 4-H program, Tim Sumner informed the council that the group will be organizing a “clean-up” project in the Mares Bluff area.

Steve Ahmann provided updates on the Community Garden and Birding Trail activities. He also offered suggestions for storm water diversion hoping to reduce the excessive soil/rock debris that occurs during a heavy storm.

Council Reports: Council member Ray West provided members of the council with a copy of the Arizona RV Trail Guide publication which includes advertisements featuring the town.

Council member B. Waddell Reyes complimented the parks department for their efforts in maintaining town parks and landscaping. She also recognized the public works department for their prompt cleanup of the Johnston property which was an abatement issue.

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

1. Approval of the October 13, 2016, *(correcting the page header to reflect appropriate date)*;
2. Receive Department Reports; *(correcting Code Enforcement Report)*

3. Approval of October 2016 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Vice Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business

Presentation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Report-Chad Crockett, Bowman Engineering: Mr. Crockett explained that the current processing system was introduced in the 1930's which is now outdated. He reviewed the current condition of the facility which disclosed many issues that need immediate attention. He cautioned the council that although the WWTP is currently operational and processing water to meet the current Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) requirements, if the system should have a major malfunction, it would be difficult to address due to the age of the system.

Mr. Crockett offered the following alternatives: 1. Do nothing; 2. Repair the current system; 3. Construct a new extended aeration waste water treatment plant which would take approximately 2-3 years to accomplish and an estimated cost of \$2,148,000.

Mr. Crockett reported that this report/presentation does not include the 2 lift stations nor the collection system.

Discussion continued with concerns to include possible discharge of waste water into the San Francisco River, safety issues for town employees and what impact a new facility/technology would have with regards to training or additional personnel.

Presentation by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("Stifel"): Mark Reader, Managing Director: Mr. Reader explained that his role is to assist the town with financing options for large development projects should the town consider to pursue a new WWTP.

Mr. Reader provided council with a Wastewater Utility Finance Case Studies Report which outlined Public Policy Considerations; Summary of Federal (USDA-RD) and State (WIFA) Financing Programs; Sample Wastewater Economic Model; Sample Wastewater Case Studies and Legal Structure.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures (SAVE) Cooperative Purchasing Agreement on behalf of the Town of Clifton: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that entering in to a cooperative purchasing agreement saves the town time and money yet allows the town to comply with its procurement requirements.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures (SAVE) Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 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 authorize the Mayor to execute the engagement agreement to confirm discussions related to a potential USDA-RD Loan/Promissory Note and Grant

Agreement and to formalize Stifel's role as placement agent: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that by engaging Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("Stifel") the town will begin discussion on potential funding for the town's WWTP.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the engagement agreement was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution 2016-12: A Resolution of the Town of Clifton calling for the removal of SB 1487: Mayor Callicotte explained that this resolution addresses the issue of recent state legislation which would allow the State's Attorney General to file a complaint against a municipality on any issue. He further explained that the League of Cities and Town's is actively working towards repealing this legislation.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-12 was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann, second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to approve Freeport-McMoRan Maintenance Services Division to look into addressing drainage of storm water in the Shannon Hill area: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that recent rain events have caused erosion to an area on Cuba Road near the FMI railroad tracks. FMI personnel together with town staff visited the site and recommend approval to allow FMI Maintenance Services Division to look into improving the drainage there.

Motion to approve FMI Maintenance Services Division to look into addressing drainage of storm water in the Shannon Hill area was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council member Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to revise the 2016 Auction List: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to revise the 2016 Auction List, as specifically requested by the Library Department. Second to the motion was made Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Sewer fund in the amount of \$63,854 to cover the FY16 sewer fund deficit: Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to authorize the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Sewer fund in the amount of \$63,854 to cover the FY16 sewer fund deficit. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant-In-Aid Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Town of Clifton: Police Chief, Omar Negrete reported that 12% of gaming funds are available for eligible government entities. He reported that the police department annually submits a grant and this year's application was successful. The grant award totaled \$2,609.83 for 6 Glock 17 9mm pistols.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant-In-Aid Agreement between the town and the Tohono O'odham Nation was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Clifton Police Department to participate under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Graham/Greenlee Counties

Multidisciplinary Team: Police Chief Negrete explained that this agreement will allow for multi-law enforcement agencies to share information with each other relating to victimology, family violence, sexual assault, and/or child abuse. He stated that all information is confidential and the agreement requires no funding commitment.

Council member Ray West made a motion to authorize the Clifton Police Department to participate under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Graham/Greenlee Counties Multidisciplinary Team. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding the 20th Annual Festival of Lights Event: Members of the council were provided with a list of items and assistance from the town to support this year's event.

Motion to approve supporting the event as requested was made by Council member Ray West, second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Prior to voting on the matter, Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya noted that he would be abstaining from the vote due to his direct participation in the event.

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to accept the resignation of Council member Roy Tyler and establish procedures seeking his replacement: Council member Barbara Ahmann made a motion to accept Council member Roy Tyler's resignation. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried

Mayor Callicotte recommended that the advertisement to replace the vacancy establish a deadline prior to the November 2016 Regular Meeting, request interested individuals to submit a letter of intent, with possible appointment to occur in December.

Discussion and/or action to appoint members to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that the matter to re-appoint the commission was due to confusion of membership terms. He suggested that the process start over with appointments, then upon the first organizational meeting of the commission, membership terms would be decided and recorded at that time.

Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 34-431.01(A) Discussion or consideration regarding appointment of Historic Preservation Commission Members: At approximately 8:55 p.m. a motion to convene into executive session was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

At approximately 9:25 p.m. a motion to reconvene to regular session was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Upon reconvening into regular session, a tally of votes for each Council member's nomination to the commission was called for by the Mayor. Each council member nominated five candidates to serve on the Historic Preservations Commission.

Receiving the majority votes and appointed to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission were Deborah Brinkley, Betty Pine Antonson, B.Waddell Reyes, Danette Reyes and Mark Vinson.

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

- Noted that each member of the council had been provided with the 1st quarterly financial report for the town;
- Provided a report on the status of storm water damage/debris cleanup around town;
- Reported that the Clifton House property has been cleaned up as required by the town;
- Reported on the recent abatement actions to clean up the property at 301 Hill St. which was undertaken by the town. The town will file documentation requesting restitution for the clean-up and file a property lien with the court;
- Reminded all of the "Colors of Copper" Event scheduled for November 5 & 6 on Chase Creek.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk