

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

**Members Present**

Felix Caldicott, 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 of recent grant funding recently awarded to his department to purchase a K9 unit through the United Way Program.

**Council Reports:** Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya encouraged participation in the Greenlee County Fair scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that he had attended the League of Arizona Cities and Town's Annual Conference. The Vice-Mayor also reported that the kick-off meeting to plan the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Festival of Lights was held earlier this month. Vice-Mayor Montoya's final comments included acknowledging Sgt. Jason Mingura for his recent actions to act above and beyond his regular duties by assisting a local citizen.

Council Member Ray West providing Council with information promoting "Friday Night" Shopping opportunity offered by local businesses in the Chase Creek St. area.

Council Member Laura Dorrell reported that she had participated in the Gila Watershed Clean-up of the Frisco River held on September 9, 2017.

Council Member Ahmann reiterated that she too had attended the League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference. She also provided an update on the Grants and Funding Committee. She reported that the Town had recently been awarded grant funding from Cenpatico in the amount of \$5,000. The project entails upgrading Fernandez Park as an ADA Compliant facility.

Council Member Reyes reported that she had attended the recent meeting hosted by Greenlee County to hear comments from Arizona Corporation Commissioner, Andy Tobin.

Mayor Callicotte relayed public concern regarding the Salt Cedar overgrowth affecting the Frisco River.

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

1. Approval of the August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of August 2017 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Discussion and/or action to modify the equipment specifications and price of the Vacuum Excavation System, a.k.a. “ditch witch” as previously approved by Council:** Mr. McGaughey explained that the initial quote as approved by the Council last month, from Ditch Witch of Arizona, incorrectly quoted a 500 gallon water tank vs. an 800 gallon water tank as originally requested by the Public Works Director.

A revised quote in the amount of \$75,282.41 to include the correct equipment specifications was available for the Council’s review. Mr. McGaughey noted that there is no change to the vendor, which is still covered under the National Joint Powers Alliance, a cooperative purchasing agreement.

Motion to approve the modified price for the 800 gallon Vacuum Excavation System as quoted by Ditch Witch of Arizona in the amount of \$75,272.41 was made by Council Member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Recognition and thanks to Jeanette West for her efforts in establishing the town’s Visitor’s Center:** Mayor Callicotte presented Mrs. West a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Town for her efforts to pursue and establish a Visitor’s Center.

Mrs. West thanked the Council for their continued support and introduced the new Visitor’s Center Manager, Leslie Ray. Ms. Ray provided a brief resume of her experience and voiced her excitement to keep the Visitor’s Center operational and accessible to the public.

**Presentation of an 8 Year - Service Award from the League of Arizona Cities & Towns to Council Member Ray Lorenzo:** Mayor Callicotte explained that it is customary for the League of Arizona Cities & Towns to recognize elected officials at various milestones for years of service.

Mayor Callicotte commended Council Member Ray Lorenzo for his 8 Year-Service Award and thanked him for his continued service to the town.

**Discussion regarding FMI related projects within the Town of Clifton – Robert Pollock,**

**Controller:** Mr. Pollock, representing FMI, provided an update on recent projects involving the Town of Clifton and Freeport McMoRan. These included the recent upgrade of a utility water line on Gomez Loop by Morenci Water & Electric Co.; mentioned that they are moving forward to comply with the town's concerns regarding the safety of buildings owned by FMI along Park Avenue. He also informed the Council that the facilities formerly utilized by the Clifton Unified School District will now allow public access, particularly to the football field where locals use the track for exercise. He reported that future plans for the facility include relocating their training center which will be beneficial for both FMI and local businesses in town.

Members of the Council thanked Mr. Pollock for his report.

**Discussion and/or action to sponsor an event for the 2017 Greenlee County Fair with authorized funding from the Mayor and Council's contingency fund:** Council Member Ahmann made a motion to Sponsor the Family Fun Events in the amount of \$500 as shown in the Greenlee County Fair Sponsorship Brochure. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Reyes. Motion carried.

Prior to adjournment into executive session, Mayor Callicotte thanked Boy Scout Troop #5033 for attending the meeting and wished them well as they continue towards their efforts in earning their Citizenship Badge.

**Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 A. (7)** Discussion with the Town Manager to consider and instruct him regarding the sale of town property on Chase Creek Street.

Motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Vice-Mayor Montoya, second to the motion was made by Council Member West. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Council Member West, second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

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

- Reiterated that the town had been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Cenpatico. Project includes upgrading Fernandez Park to be ADA Compliant.
- Submitted a grant to the FMI Community Investment Program seeking financial support to update the Town's General Plan. Award notification is scheduled for December 2017.
- Continues working on a grant from the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, (DEMA). Project entails upgrading the flood wall flap gates.
- Informed the Council that the annual testing of the town's flood gates is scheduled for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Reported that he will be attending a Flood Preparation Workshop sponsored by FEMA next week.
- Stated that Staff Performance Reviews have been completed.
- Provided an update on the status of ADOT's Traffic Calming Effects Project currently underway along South Coronado Boulevard.
- Reviewed the schedule of events for the annual Hill Climb Event scheduled to begin September 30<sup>th</sup>

- Offered thanks to South West Gas for their generous donation of a utility truck to be utilized by the Clifton Parks' Department.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Dorrell, second to the motion was made by Council Member West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Approved:

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Felix Callicotte, Mayor

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Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk