

Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Regular Meeting
April 14, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Members Present

Mayor Luis Montoya
Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell
Council member Anthony James
Council member Ray Lorenzo
Council member Ray West
Council member, Karen Crump-Frye
Council member, Vacant

*Excused

Quorum Present

Also present was Town Attorney, Trish Stuhan who participated via telephone.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Police Chief, Omar Negrete briefly mentioned forthcoming changes to State of Arizona 9-1-1 requirements. A presentation to fully explain the changes will be made next month.

Danny Cervantez congratulated town librarian, Sabrina Dumas, for being featured by the local newspaper as one of the Super Heroes of Graham and Greenlee Counties.

Mark Crandall, Greenlee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, requested that Council consider addressing the current location of alcoholic shooters within the current Circle K Store when considering the application for a new liquor license with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control later on the agenda. He explained that the current location is easily accessible for juveniles and has been a problem.

Council Reports: Council member Karen Crump-Frye provided an update on the Clifton Hill Climb, events begin April 28, 2022. She explained that more information can be obtained by visiting the tourism council's website at www.visitgreenleecounty.com

Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell offered new information on applying for United Way Grant Funds. The application process will be offered in quarterly cycles.

Mayor Luis Montoya explained that staff will need a personal bio from each Council member as part of the new website development.

Additionally, Mayor Montoya recalled that \$1,500 had been granted to the Tourism Council for the development of the “Welcome to Clifton” sign. He requested a project update.

There were no further Council reports.

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept the following items listed under consent agenda was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell:

1. Approval of the March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and March 29, 2022 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of March 2022 Demands;
4. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-04: A Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Town Of Clifton Adopting A Fair Housing Policy, Making Known Its Commitment To The Principle Of Fair Housing, And Describing Actions It Shall Undertake To Affirmatively Further Fair Housing.

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

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Dorrell, West, Crump-Frye, James, Lorenzo and Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business

Proclamation Recognizing the 100 Year Anniversary of the local American Legion Auxiliary, Lloyd C. Hill – American Legion Post #28. - Mayor Luis Montoya: The Town Clerk read the proclamation recognizing the 100 Year anniversary of the organization. The proclamation also extends a public invitation to join the celebration to commemorate the milestone on May 7, 2022. Representing the American Legion Auxiliary Unit was Margarita Chacon.

Discussion and/or action to recommend granting or denying the liquor license application as applied for by Circle K Store # 3475 located at 236 N Coronado Blvd. to the Arizona State Liquor Board: The Town Clerk reported that the Notice of Hearing and a copy of the application were posted as required by the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control at the new location site.

Motion was made by Council member Ray West to recommend granting of the liquor license application as applied for by Circle K Store #3475 located at 236 N

Coronado Blvd. to include forwarding comments heard during this meeting regarding concern about the display location of alcohol shooters which is easily accessible to juveniles. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Dorrell, James, Lorenzo, Crump-Frye and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding restoration of the Elk's Lodge Building. – Barbara Ahmann: Item was tabled due to the unavailability of Mrs. Ahmann.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the process toward the real estate purchase of property for a new fire station: Fire Chief, Ricky Varela reported that the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (a non-profit organization) has received grant funding from United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties for the purchase of land and structure for a new fire station. Chief Varela reported that the negotiated price to purchase the land is \$150,000. Upon completion of the purchase, the land and facility will be turned over to the town.

Town Manager, Rudy Perez explained that prior to moving forward with formalizing the process, Council should be aware of the purchase and ultimately be aware of the transfer of ownership from the nonprofit to the Town of Clifton.

Motion to initiate the process toward the real estate purchase of property for a new fire station was made by Council member Anthony James. Second to the motion was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members James, Crump-Frye, Lorenzo, West, Dorrell and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to appoint five members from the Clifton Town Council to serve as the town's Municipal Property Corporation Board of Directors: Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to appoint Karen Crump-Frye, Anthony James, Ray Lorenzo, Laura Dorrell and Ray West to serve as the town's Municipal Property Corporation Board of Directors. Second to the motion was made by Council member Laura Dorrell.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council member Montoya, Dorrell, Crump-Frye, James, Lorenzo and West. Motion carried.

Manager's Report: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported on the following activities:

- Congratulated town librarian, Sabrina Dumas for being recognized as a Graham and Greenlee Counties Super Hero

- Reported that the mercury containment/disposal at the wastewater treatment plant has been completed.
- Morenci Water & Electric will begin installation of the decorative street lighting on Chase Creek sometime within the next two weeks.
- Reported that the Milling & Paving project affecting Webster Avenue, Third Street and Sixth St. will begin on May 18, 2022

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.