

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 9, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor
Laura Dorrell, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member
Vacancy, Council Member

*Excused

A quorum was present.

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

Call to the Public: Daniel Cervantez commended the town for their continued efforts to provide professional advertising for the North Clifton RV Park. He was referring to the billboard located in the Safford area.

Greenlee County Sheriff, Tim Sumner offered his congratulations to the town for the success of this year's Festival of Lights. Additionally, he extended his appreciation to the town's emergency response personnel for their efforts in working together in the recent Code Red Drill at the Morenci Unified School District.

Sheriff Sumner offered his support to the Clifton Police Department's request for funding to build a Police evidence room which will be considered by the Council as noted later on the agenda.

Jeff Calpin, current resident of the North Clifton RV Park requested that the town consider upgrading Wi-Fi service at the facility.

Council Reports: Council member Dorrell provided information on two community events scheduled in the next few weeks: local author, Grace Madrid will be at the Clifton Public Library to read her book, "Austrian Went Yodeling." An additional event to be held at Metcalf Elementary School known as Fun, Fit, Fabulous February is scheduled for February 12, 2020.

Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann encouraged all to attend the Gila Valley Arts Council sponsored event featuring the Akropolis Reed Quintet to be held at the Morenci Club on January 14, 2020

Mayor Montoya reported that the town is moving forward with the Abatement and Beautification Project; and congratulated Police Officer Jason Mingura on his recent retirement through the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under consent agenda was made by Mayor Luis Montoya:

1. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of December 2019 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council member's Montoya, Ahmann, Dorrell, West, Lorenzo and Reyes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 06-2019: An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Declaring The Document Entitled “Town Of Clifton Wireless Facilities In The Right-Of-Way Standard Terms And Conditions Amendment No. 1” As A Public Record; Amending The Code Of Clifton, Arizona, Amending Chapter 113 Wireless Facilities In The Right-Of-Way; Microcell Equipment By Amending Section 113.03 Definitions, Section 113.04 General Provisions, Paragraph (A)(1), Section 113.05 Small Wireless Facilities, Paragraph (C)(3) And Amend Section 113.06 Other Wireless Facilities, Paragraph (B)(2) All Related To The Use Of The Public Right-Of-Way In The Town By Wireless Providers; Providing For Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing For Severability; And Providing For Penalties: The title of ordinance was read by the Town Clerk as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2019: Town Attorney, Susan Goodwin was available via telephone conference and reviewed the recommended amendments to the original Wireless Facilities In the Right-of-Way; Microcell Equipment Ordinance adopted by the town in 2018. These amendments primarily include providing the Town Manager with authority to amend the Standard Terms and Conditions as recommended by the State or federal laws change etc., establishes deadlines for town approvals or denials of applicants; recommends applicants to meet with town staff prior to submitting the application provides for consolidated applications, etc.

Vice-Mayor Ahmann expressed concerns about the installation of this equipment.

Council member Laura Dorrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2019. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council member's Dorrell, West, Lorenzo, Reyes, Ahmann and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to establish a process to fill the vacancy on the Town Council:

Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda, referring to the town code explained that the date the vacancy occurred will determine which procedure will apply. She further explained that the vacancy occurred on November 20, 2019 which is 30 days before the nomination petition deadline for the town's 2020 Primary Election. (April 6, 2020). She noted that the appointed candidate's term will expire when the next council is seated in January 2021. However, this individual may choose to participate in the 2020 Election cycle in order to continue serving on the council.

She also explained that the process included Council's review of letters of interest followed by scheduled interviews prior to making the appointment.

Mayor Montoya recommended that the Council authorize staff to move forward with the advertisement process requesting letters of interest from qualifying citizens that might be interested in filling the vacancy. He also cautioned, that continuing with a six-member council could jeopardize council actions with tie votes.

Motion to initiate the process to advertise to fill the Council vacancy was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council member's Ahmann, Lorenzo, Dorrell, West, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to establish a Town of Clifton Youth Council. – Vice Mayor

Ahmann: Vice-Mayor Ahmann stated that a Youth Council may cultivate future local leaders for our community.

Mayor Montoya agreed that this program would be beneficial however, he would like to review guidelines prior to considering the request.

The item was tabled until more information is available.

Discussion and/or action to lease the northern room at the Train Depot to the Clifton Art

Council. – Vice Mayor Ahmann: Vice-Mayor Ahmann explained that a new organization known as the Clifton Art Council is formally organizing and is looking for a location to set up shop. She recalled that years ago, a former organization known as the Art Depot had a lease agreement with the town to utilize one of the rooms at the Train Station and is hoping to do so once again.

Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that currently the regional office of the United Way program has also expressed interest to lease one of the town's properties which includes the northern room at the Train Depot. A tour of these properties had already been scheduled prior to the Vice-Mayor's request. He stated that availability of this location is uncertain at this time.

Mayor Montoya referred all lease negotiations to be addressed by the Town Manager prior to final approval by the town Council. No further action was taken at this time.

Discussion and/or action to approve the January 2020 list of town property for sale by

auction: Council was informed of the forthcoming auction sponsored by Tingle Auction on February 8, 2020 at the Graham County Fairgrounds.

Council member Reyes made a motion to approve the January 2020 list of town property for sale by auction as presented. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council member's Reyes, West, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Ahmann and Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize funding from the Mayor & Council's Contingency Fund to build a Police Evidence Room. – **Sgt. Shari Aguilar:**

Sgt. Aguilar explained that the current storage is at capacity. The process to legally dispose of evidence that has been stored has been a slow and tedious process. Sgt. Aguilar is recommending that an additional storage room could be set up next to the existing storage room currently used by the Fire Department under the parking garage. The Sgt. Provided a cost estimate of approximately \$3,000 for materials. She also reported that the Clifton Fire Department has offered the labor.

Discussion from members of the Council included concerns on addressing climate control for the storage room. Climate control would need to be addressed to provide a safe environment for personnel as well as preservation of the evidence.

Motion to authorize funding from the Mayor & Council's Contingency Fund in the amount of \$3,000 for the police evidence room was made by Council member Laura Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion was made by Council member's Dorrell, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya. Motion carried.

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

- Acknowledged National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and extended his appreciation for the Clifton Police Department.
- Informed the Council that the Arizona Department of Transportation will be doing road maintenance affecting local traffic. Anticipated completion date is January 24, 2020
- Reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has established an Advisory Board as part of the Abatement – Beautification Project.
- Reported that the contract award for the Zorilla St. Bridge Rehabilitation Project will be considered at the next ADOT Board Meeting. Estimated start date: March 2020

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.