

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 9, 2020  
2:00pm**

**Members Present**

Luis Montoya, Mayor  
Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor  
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member  
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member  
Ray West, Council Member  
Laura Dorrell, Council Member (T)\*  
Anthony James, Council Member (T)\*

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A quorum was present

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya at 2:02pm

**Call to the Public:** None

**Council Reports:** Council Member Ray West acknowledged that there appears to be a general acceptance of the mask policy.

Vice-Mayor Ahmann gave an update on the Art Depot, they have received half of their grant from United Way and are moving forward with preparations.

Mayor Montoya reminded everyone of the COVID-19 Testing blitz on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Announced that Governor Ducey would be holding a Press Conference at 3pm today. Mayor Montoya mentioned that Safford City Council would be meeting Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> regarding mask requirements in city limits.

Council Member Dorrell also mentioned the testing blitz. She also mentioned the new Mine outlook point opened by FMI and talked about how nice and interesting it is

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the following items listed under the consent agenda was made by Council Member Ray West

1. Approval of June 11, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Department Reports
3. Approval of June 2020 Demands

Second to the motion was made by Council Member B. Waddell Reyes

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Montoya, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Reyes, Dorrell and James. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion and/or action to adopt a tentative budget for FY2021**

Town Manager Perez stated that it is a very conservative budget. Council Member West asked the following questions to Mr. Perez : Why did the city sales tax estimates go up and the state estimates go down? Why are there no Police vehicles being requested in the general budget? HURF engineering line item has the same justification as last year's budget is that an error? If the RV Park revenue surpasses the projections can that money be spent in this budget?

Mr. Perez's replied that the state tax estimates are projected by the League of Arizona Cities & Town's and their estimates are conservative due to COVID-19 circumstances. The local City Sales tax projection appears as an increase however it too is a conservative projection. The Town Manager did refer Council Member West to the FMI Police Wage Support Budget where a vehicle has been allocated. Regarding the HURF engineering allocation, Mr. Perez explained that the line item justification referred to last years use and should have been updated. Finally, Mr. Perez explained that RV Park Revenues that may surpass this years projections would be beneficial to the town but the expenditures within that budget would be limited to the amount as presented.

Mayor Montoya questioned Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney Gust Rosenfeld (present on phone) on what can legally change between the tentative and final adopted budget.

Ms. Goodwin explained that the tentative budget determines the total amount of revenues and expenditures anticipated by the town to operate in the forthcoming year and once the tentative budget is adopted, no further increases are allowed.

Motion to adopt tentative budget was made by Council Member West Second to the motion was made by Council Member Dorrell.

Voting in favor of the motion made were Council Members: Montoya, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Dorrell, Reyes, James. Motion carried.

### **Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the State of Arizona, Office of the Governor AZCares Fund Program Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions.**

Council was informed that the Town has already received the funds in the amount of \$425.703.

Motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann, Second to the motion was made by Council Member West.

Voting in favor of motion were Council Members Montoya, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Dorrell, Reyes, James. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to consider the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a zone change from Residential (R-2) to Commercial (CC-1) submitted by Dennis Jacob for the property located at 300 Shannon Road (Storage Facility), Property Parcel #200-76-022.**

Town Manager Perez explained the property to the council and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion to accept the recommendation as presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission was made by Council Member Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Reyes.

Voting in favor of motion were Council Members Montoya, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Dorrell, Reyes, James. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2020-09: Approving The Form And Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Loan Agreement With The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority Of Arizona From Its Clean Water Revolving Fund Program; Delegating The Determination Of Certain Matters Relating Thereto To The Manager And The Finance Director Of The City; Providing For The Transfer Of Certain Moneys And Making Certain Covenants And Agreements With Respect Thereto; Authorizing The Taking Of All Other Actions Necessary To The Consummation Of The Transactions Contemplated By Such Loan Agreement And This Resolution And Declaring An Emergency:**

On the phone were representatives from Stiefel, Nicolaus, & Company. They explained that WIFA Board met on June 24<sup>th</sup> and approved a 3.6 million dollar loan with 50% of that being “forgivable principal” The rate for the loan will be set on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, currently it says 3.2% but will most likely be lower. The interest rate will be fixed.

Council Member West questioned whether it should be going through the Municipal Properties Commission.

Mr. Perez explained that the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona did not require the participation of the MPC to establish the loan.

Mr. Perez explained to Council member Reyes that the loan funds have been included in the FY 2021 tentative budget.

Motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council Member West.

Voting in favor of motion were Council Members Montoya, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Dorrell, Reyes, James. Motion carried.

**Manager's Report**

- Discussed recent lack of work at Zorilla St. Bridge was due to a delay in materials getting to site/
- Chase Creek Bridge #1 Perez was asked to update application to factor in change in costs. He has budgeted \$25,000 this year for design and will budget for construction next fiscal year.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm