

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council – Special Session
June 8, 2018
3:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember
Laura Dorrell, Councilmember
Akos Kovach, 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 Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Update regarding the town's USDA-RD Grant Application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project: Town Engineer, Chad Crockett, Bowman Consulting reported on the status of the Preliminary Engineering Report with regards to addressing issues or clarifications presented after review of the report by USDA Engineers. Approximately 90% of the comments have been addressed by Bowman Consulting.

The pending major issue is the location of the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and floodplain requirements. The current WWTP is located in a 100- year floodplain however a new facility funded by USDA will be evaluated and protected from the 500-year event. Mr. Crockett further explained that the impact of this requirement would cause the new facility to be elevated approximately 10ft. However, he and USDA are still reviewing data to determine the most accurate information. Although possible, other considerations would be the additional cost to the project and the impact to the floodplain/floodway by elevating the site.

Mr. Crockett reported that he immediately started looking at alternate sites for the WWTP, but most available locations also bring challenges. Alternate locations included Table Top property; property formerly used as the town landfill as late as the 1970's; a ball field in Wards Canyon which also has floodplain issues and Freeport McMoRan property along Smelter Hill.

Council member Kovach suggested that the Greenlee County Engineer might have data from FEMA which may be helpful to obtain the necessary information to determine a more accurate elevation requirement.

Mr. Crockett assured the Council that he would continue to search for alternative locations while working on obtaining data from FEMA.

Executive Session

Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) for discussion or consideration of employment of the Town Manager: Caleb Blaschke, Heather Ruder and Martin Moore.

a. Interviews with Town Manager Applicants:

At approximately 4:00 p.m. motion to convene into executive session was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Council member Ray West made a motion to adjourn from the executive session. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

At 6:31 p.m. motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Council member Ray West, second to the motion was made by Council member Akos Kovach. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action regarding Town Manager Interviews: Speaking on behalf of the entire Town Council., Mayor Montoya offered sincere thanks to Mr. Blascke, Ms. Ruder and Mr. Moore for expressing their interest in the position. He also expressed that all three candidates were very qualified for the position.

Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to offer the Town Manager's position to Heather Ruder. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Council offered their congratulations to Ms. Ruder!

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Approved:

Luis M. Montoya, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk