

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 14, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Luis Montoya, Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Vice-Mayor
Laura Dorrell, Council Member*
John Freida, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, 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: Greenlee County Economic Development Director, Akos Kovach provided information on the forthcoming events to include the AARP Drivers Course open to all ages and encouraged members of the Council to participate in the Growing Greenlee III scheduled for March 23, 2019.

Daniel Cervantez noted the recent retirement of Greenlee County Recorder, Berta Manuz and relayed information reported by Mr. Bill Harmon, Safford District Engineer Arizona Department of Transportation regarding the current temporary closure of Highway 191.

Council Reports: Council member Reyes noted an important Public Hearing on a zoning issue affecting Greenlee County.

Vice-Mayor Ahmann stated that she and Council member Reyes continue to lead the senior yoga group and find it a rewarding experience.

Council member Freida mentioned the recent change in ownership regarding the Family Dollar Store. He explained that he was curious about the ongoing construction and activity at the local facility and was informed that Dollar Tree had purchased the franchise. He expressed encouragement for the local economy due to the improvements being done.

Council member West provided information on the “Evening on Chase Creek” event hosted by Freeport McMoRan scheduled for March 27, 2019. The focus of the event is to highlight historic photos from the mining company’s archives. He further explained that FMI had obtained the services of Westland Resources to digitize and record oral history of the photos with the help of

local historian, Don Lunt.

Mayor Montoya provided an update on the Zorilla Bridge restoration project as discussed at the recent SEAGO meeting. The Mayor also reminded members of the Council about the final stakeholders meeting related to the town's General Plan scheduled for March 28, 2019.

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

1. Approval of the February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; February 6, 2019 Special Session Minutes and February 22, 2019 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports: (Department Supervisors were encouraged to provide highlights to their monthly activities).
3. Approval of February 2019 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member John Freida. Motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2019-03: Approving Articles of Incorporation; Approving the By-Laws; Appointing Incorporators and the Board of Directors for the Town of Clifton Municipal Property Corporation; Repealing Resolution No. 2018-07 and declaring an emergency: Motion to table the item was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Lorenzo, Ahmann, Freida, Reyes and Montoya. Absent was Council member Dorrell.

Motion carried.

New Business

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2019: An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The Town Of Clifton, Arizona, Declaring The Document Entitled "Town Of Clifton Chapter 154 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Dated March 14, 2019" As A Public Record; Adopting The "Town Of Clifton Chapter 154 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Dated March 14, 2019.": Mayor Montoya read the title of the ordinance as required in the ordinance process as the second reading.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2019: Motion to adopt ordinance No. 02-2019 was made by Vice Mayor Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member John Freida.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Ahmann, Freida, West, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya.

Council member Dorrell was absent.

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract for Architectural Services between the Town of Clifton and Koo design-build for the removal of architectural barriers -Town of Clifton Community Center: Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract as presented was made by Council member Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Reyes, Ahmann, Freida, West, Lorenzo and Montoya.

Council member Dorrell was absent.

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to appoint John Basteen as a Pro-Temp Judge for the Magistrate Court: Town Magistrate Wyatt Palmer explained that he is not aware of any immediate conflicting cases that would require Mr. Basteen's services but would like to be prepared should the need arise.

Motion to appoint John Basteen as a Pro-Temp Judge for the town's Magistrate Court was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Ahmann, West, Freida, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya.

Council member Dorrell was absent.

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the partial road closure of Chase Creek Street for the duration of "An Evening on Chase Creek" Event to be held on March 27, 2019 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Interim Town Manager, Espie Castaneda reported on the town's participation in the event. The town has offered to provide garbage cans, use of the town's PA system, chairs and barricades to close the street if approved by the Council.

Motion to authorize the partial road closure of Chase Creek Street as requested was made by Council member Freida. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Freida, Ahmann, West, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya.

Council member Dorrell was absent.

Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract between the Town of Clifton and Rudy H. Perez Jr. for the Town Manager’s Employment Agreement: Mayor Montoya provide Council with current personal issues affecting Mr. Perez’s start date which would affect the contract. He suggested that the start date should be determined at a later date.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract between the Town of Clifton and Rudy H. Perez Jr. for the Town Manager’s Employment Agreement was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Ahmann, Freida, Lorenzo, Reyes and Montoya.

Council member Dorrell was absent.

Motion carried.

Manager’s Report: Interim Town Manager, Espie Castaneda reported on the following activities:

- Informed the Council of the recent Flood Siren Inspection results. Reported that the flood siren located at the Copper Crystal Park near the American Legion has NO power. The power was disconnected when Morenci Water & Electric abandoned the old power house/storage facility. Town currently working on establishing service to the siren
- Mentioned that the town’s public works department has been working on cleaning out the exterior and interior of the Elk’s Lodge property.
- Reported on town’s efforts to continue sludge removal of the effluent pond in a more cost-effective method due to the unknown time frame of the WWTP.
- Briefed the council on the recent safety concern affecting Park Avenue due to the current rehabilitation project of the hotel in that area. Explained that Park Avenue had been closed off to both foot and vehicular traffic.
- Reported that Southwest Gas sub-contractor NPL continues gas line upgrades throughout town.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Reyes, second to the motion was made by Council member West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:11 p.m.