

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present

Felix Callicotte, Mayor
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Councilmember
Laura Dorrell, 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 Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Steve Ahmann, Tourism Council Director provided information on a possible project to beautify the town. He stated that the town's property adjacent to the San Francisco Bridge and the Clifton House property formerly known as "Jurado's Furniture Store" has potential for improvement.

Greenlee County Sheriff, Tim Sumner provided an update on recent training efforts involving all local emergency personnel.

Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 A. (7) Discussion with the Town Manager to consider and instruct him regarding the sale of town property on Chase Creek Street: At approximately 7:06 p.m. motion to convene into executive session was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

At approximately 7:16 p.m. motion to reconvene to Regular Session was made by Councilmember Barbara Ahmann, second to the motion was made by Mayor Callicotte. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding sale of town property on Chase Creek Street:
No action was taken on the agenda item.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya recognized January 9, 2018 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and offered his thanks to local law enforcement personnel for their dedicated work to keep the community safe. He also commended the town's Public Works Department for their efforts to repair a broken sewer line during the

New Year's Day Holiday and stated that he was encouraged to see the town moving forward in securing funding for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember West also acknowledged the Public Works Department for their efforts over the holiday.

Councilmember Dorrell & Mayor Callicotte also expressed their gratitude to all local law enforcement agencies.

Councilmembers Ahmann and Lorenzo had no report at this time.

Councilmember Reyes thanked the Park Avenue residents for their work to set up the beautiful luminarias on Christmas Eve.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the following items listed under the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Laura Dorrell:

1. Approval of the December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of December 2017 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

New Business

Presentation of the town's Sewer Collection System & Waste Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report – December 13, 2017 by Bowman Consulting:

Councilmembers were provided with a copy of the Preliminary Engineer Report (PER) which includes information on both the WWTP and the Collection System.

Mr. Crockett reviewed the collection system findings and/or recommendations to include:

- Some manholes have metal plates as covers vs. manhole covers.
- Possible elimination of the lift station on Highway 191.
- Reviewed the condition of the siphons and their locations.

Alternatives to correct the issues include:

- Take no action
- Replace the existing collection system by installing new pipe and manholes within the system that is in disrepair
- Rehabilitate the existing wastewater collection system with cured in place pipe (CIPP)

Mr. Crockett also addressed the possibility of installing sewer disconnect valves at each service location hoping to make future maintenance and potential service disconnects more cost effective.

Discussion from members of the council included whether the cost estimate for the collection system as presented in the PER includes the installation of the disconnect valves and unknown service connections issues that may be discovered later.

Mr. Crockett explained that the cost estimate includes a 30% contingency to address unforeseen issues, but does not include the installation of the sewer disconnect valve.

Review of the Waste Water Treatment Plant included concerns related to the health, sanitation and security of the plant due to the age of the facility. The original design (1930's) consisting of a clarigester and trickling filter system is now an outdated system replaced with aeration wastewater treatment technology. Although the facility is still somewhat operational, finding existing replacement parts has become difficult at best and at times impossible.

Alternatives to consider for the WWTP included:

- No Action
- Rehabilitate the existing WWTP
- Construct an oxidation ditch type treatment plant
- Construct a new packaged WWTP

Discussion and/or action to authorize Troop 235 of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona permission to conduct their annual cookie sale on Chase Creek Street/sidewalk as required under Clifton Town Code; Chapter 111; §111.01 Permission required for selling on streets or sidewalks: Councilmember Barbara Ahmann made a motion to authorize Troop 235 of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona permission to conduct their annual cookie sale on Chase Creek Street/sidewalk. Second to the motion was made by Councilmember Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01: Supporting continued access to U.S. 191 from Morenci to Alpine, the famous Coronado Trail: The resolution was read aloud by Town Manager, Ian McGaughey. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01 was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2018: Amending Chapter 112 Telecommunications, Section 112.01 Definitions by amending the definitions of “facilities” and “telecommunications” and Amending section 112.02 License required, subsection (a), and by adding new Chapter 113 Wireless Facilities in the Right-of-Way; Microcell Equipment all related to the use of the public right-of-way in the town by wireless providers and to entities with microcell equipment on strands in the town; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for penalties: Mr. McGaughey provided information on the recent passage of HB2365 by the Arizona House of Representatives. This bill makes

Arizona the first state in the nation to pioneer comprehensive legislation that creates a streamlined process for telecommunications companies to deploy small cell technology across the state. The deployment of small wireless technologies will enhance the existing 4G LTE network, by making the State of Arizona ready for the next 5G technology.

Council was provided a copy of the proposed ordinance with the title noted by the Mayor which met the requirements of the first reading.

Manager's Report: Mr. McGaughey reported on the following activities and projects:

- Reported that representatives from United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RA) toured the town's waste water treatment facility and provided encouraging feedback for their support to help with funding.
- Reported that he had been in contact with the Arizona State Land Department regarding possible maintenance /funding of the 60 check dams around town. These check dams were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) circa 1930. He explained that the Arizona State Land Department will not provide any assistance since the construction of the check dams were unauthorized by the department.
- Informed the council that a meeting with all utility service providers in the Chase Creek Historic District together with local business owners will meet on January 29, 2018 to discuss the possibility of relocating service lines underground.
- Provided an update on the final phase of ADOT's traffic calming effects project along U.S. 191. Final projects include installing traffic lights and handrails at the intersections at Center Street and 7th Street.
- Mentioned that Council had been provided with the town's financial report covering 6 months of budgeted activity.

Final comments were heard from Chief Negrete who provided the Council with information on the recent Police Academy Cadet, Brayton Harsh. Cadet Harsh is a native of Safford, served in the United State Army and feels confident that he will attain his certification.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember B. Waddell Reyes, second to the motion was made by Councilmember Ray West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:29. p.m.