

**Minutes**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**May 9, 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. Mayor Montoya formally welcomed new Town Manager, Rudy Perez and also advised Council that Susan Goodwin, Town Attorney would be participating in today's meeting via telephone conference call.

**Call to the Public:** Akos Kovach provided information on the forthcoming Chamber of Commerce Mixer, sponsored by Greenlee County. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30. Event location is at the American Legion Hall.

He also extended an invitation to all non-profit organizations, churches and clubs to attend a 5-year calendar planning session for local events on May 28 at 7:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room. The goal is to avoid duplicate event planning.

**Council Reports:** Council member Barbara Reyes mentioned that the new playground equipment at the RV Park has been installed and really looks great.

Vice-Mayor Ahmann reported that she attended the recent Gila Watershed meeting. She also mentioned that the San Francisco River clean-up day has been scheduled for June 1. She stated that this effort to keep our river clean is beneficial as the river is one of the town's tourist attractions.

Council member Dorrell reported that she and the Vice-Mayor had attended the Rural Activation and Innovation Network, (RAIN) Initiative to promote STEM Grants opportunities. The event was hosted by the Blue Door Sanctuary.

Council member West invited the council to the first scheduled "Second Saturday on Chase Creek" experience. He added that the businesses on Chase Creek are hoping to attract local

shoppers to the area.

Mayor Montoya extended welcoming comments to Mr. Rudy Perez as he begins his role as the town's manager. He also acknowledged that this week is the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arizona Municipal Clerks Association and offered his congratulations to Espie Castaneda for serving in that capacity.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to accept the items listed under the consent agenda with corrections to the April 30, 2019 minutes as noted by Council member Reyes was made by Council member Ray West.

1. Approval of the April 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and April 30, 2019 Special Session Minutes (Correction to final vote on the purchase of the emergency repairs to Fire Unit #3. Council member Reyes was opposed to the motion).
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of April 2019 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Dorrell.

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

Motion was unanimous.

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Discussion and/or to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support joining efforts with Greenlee County and Town of Duncan requesting the Arizona Department of Public Safety to enhance their presence within these jurisdictions:** Greenlee County Sheriff's Deputy, Erik Ellison, addressed the Council and provided information related to an increase in highway involved accidents which are a concern to local law enforcement agencies. Presently, there are 4 Department of Public Safety Officers assigned to cover the area which includes Willcox to Morenci. The anticipated wait time for a DPS Officer to respond to their jurisdictional area is approximately 45 minutes. He reiterated that local law enforcements agencies will continue to respond to these emergency situations but these calls take resources away from local calls.

Deputy Ellison provided a prepared letter as approved by the Greenlee County Board of Supervisors and the Town of Duncan. The Deputy also mentioned that in addition to the joint agency letter, Greenlee County Board of Supervisors will prepare an additional letter.

Council member Reyes made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the joint letter of support and also submit a separate letter from the town. Second to the motion was made by Council member Laura Dorrell.

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

Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to donate the yellow handrailing scrap to the Mares Bluff Veteran’s Memorial Organization to enhance “The Walk of Freedom Trail.”:** Council members were provided with a letter requesting the donation.

Prior to any discussion on the matter, Council member Freida abstained from any discussion due to his involvement with the Mares Bluff Veteran’s Memorial Organization.

Motion to approve the donation of the yellow handrailing scrap to the Mares Bluff Veteran’s Memorial Organization and to convey the donation with a letter that the handrailing is offered in “as is condition” was made by Council member Dorrell. Second to the motion was made by Council member West. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt the Uniform Video Service Application/Affidavit and Uniform Video Service License as required by A.R.S. Section 9-1411 as the standard forms for the Town of Clifton for Uniform Video Services Application/Affidavit and Uniform Video Services License:** Town Attorney, Susan Goodwin provided information on the 2018 legislative change affecting the implementation of licensing for Uniform Video Services to Video Service Providers. The adoption of the required forms as required by A.R.S. Section 9-1411 is required to be finalized by July 1, 2019.

She also mentioned that an ordinance amendment will also be required by January 1, 2020 to further address changes to comply with this legislation.

Motion to adopt the Uniform Video Service Application/Affidavit and Uniform Video Service License as required by A.R.S. Section 9-1411 as the standard forms for the Town of Clifton for Uniform Video Services Application/Affidavit and Uniform Video Services License was made by Council member John Freida. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

Motion carried.

**Update on the status of the town’s WWTP. – Chad Crockett, Bowman Consultant:** Mr. Crockett provided the following information:

- a. Reported that a long-term property lease with FMI meets USDA requirements. (Currently the WWTP is located on FMI Property.) Agreement is currently being drafted by FMI.
- b. Also reports that USDA will also require an agreement between the town and FMI

regarding continued acceptance of the town's wastewater effluent. This agreement is currently being drafted by FMI.

- c. Explained that the design of the WWTP continues. Currently various manufacturers have been contacted for media recommendations. Additionally, work continues with the Arizona Department of Housing regarding their grant requirements for the installation of a new pharshall flume.

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2019-034: Approving authorized signers to execute all documents and other items which may be required by the National Bank of Arizona on behalf of the Town of Clifton:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda noted that the resolution number is incorrect. It should be Resolution No. 2019-04.

Mayor Montoya explained that the authorized signers will add Town Manager Rudy Perez to the previously approved list of signers.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04 was made by Council member John Freida. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

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

Motion carried.

**Manager's Report:** With permission from Mr. Perez, current Town Manager, Espie Castaneda provided the report on the monthly activities for April:

- Work continues on the development of the bid document for the removal of architectural barriers at the town's community center.
- Weekly communications continue with NPL regarding Southwest Gas utility line upgrade projects affecting traffic and residential neighborhoods.
- Reported that the Paradise Lift Station pump has been delivered and installed.
- Explained that the proposed IGA between the town and Morenci Unified School District has been reviewed by the town's legal counsel and is now in under review by the school district's attorney.
- Budget preparation continues with departmental meetings scheduled next week.
- A final review of insurance coverage to include property, vehicles and all coverages has been finalized and we are waiting for our renewal premium.
- Extended thanks to Cecilia Jernigan and Sabrina Dumas for representing the town at the last 2020 Census Complete Count Committee meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Laura Dorrell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.