

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 8, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

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*
Anthony James, Council Member

*Excused

A quorum was present.

Also attending via telephone was Town Attorney, Susan Goodwin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Steve Ahmann, representing the Arizona Community Foundation, presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Leslie Ray, who also serves as the Visitor's Center Manager for the Town of Clifton.

Daniel Cervantez expressed his gratitude to the staff of the Clifton Public Library for their implementation of programs and projects for all ages.

Council Reports: Reports were presented by Councilmember Reyes, who extended her personal congratulations to Ms. Ray on her award.

Council member Anthony James provided information on the current forest fire near Hannagan's Meadow which has caused smoke to reach the town in recent days causing locals to question the issue.

Mayor Montoya also congratulated the Visitor's Center Manager for her award and also mentioned the recent successful efforts of the Library Director in securing multiple grant awards through the CARES Program.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to the community for their continued efforts to comply with the mask mandate and attributes these continued efforts to maintaining a low positivity rate. However, he reported that recent reports indicate a surge in cases.

He also reported on the recent deadline extension of October 31,2020 to the 2020 Census. He expressed his appreciation to Akos Kovach, Greenlee County Economic Development Coordinator for his efforts related to promote and inform our Community on the importance of the Census.

In his final comments, Mayor Montoya explained that the Festival of Lights Committee has decided to change the format of this year's event due to the pandemic. This year's event will focus on a home and business holiday decorating contest.

Consent Agenda: Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to accept the following items:

1. Approval of the September 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports.
3. Approval of September 2020 Demands.
4. Accept the resignation of David R. McCullar, Board of Adjustments

Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Barbara Ahmann.

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

Old Business

Discussion and/or action to amend the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws: Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that the town attorney is still reviewing this issue and requests that this item continue to be tabled.

Mayor Montoya ordered that the item continue as tabled.

New Business

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2020: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the Town of Clifton, Arizona, Amending the Official Zoning Map of Clifton, Arizona, By Changing the Zoning Classification of Property Located at 300 Shannon Road (Parcel 200-76-022) From Residential (R-2) to Commercial (CC-1): The Town Clerk read the title of the ordinance as required in the ordinance adoption process.

Discussion and/or action to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2020: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2020 was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Anthony James.

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

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Government Services Contract for the asbestos and lead survey of the former Elks Lodge Building: The Town Manager recalled that the town had submitted the ADEQ Brownfield State Response Grant and has been awarded funding to complete Phase I which entails an Asbestos and Lead Survey for the former Elks Lodge Building.

Mr. Perez continued to explain that if contaminants are found, the town will proceed to apply for Phase II which entails abatement of the findings.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Government Services Contract for the asbestos and lead survey of the former Elks Building was made by Vice-Mayor Ahmann, second to the motion was made by Council member West.

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

Discussion and/or action to authorize the contract for professional services in the amount of \$14,960 between the Town of Clifton and SCS Engineers to perform an Asbestos and Lead Survey of the former Elks Lodge Building. Town Manager, Rudy Perez reported that a proposal for professional environmental consulting and contracting services has been submitted to the town to conduct the survey by SCS Engineers. This consulting service has been procured through ADEQ and proposes to complete the survey for \$14,960.

Council member James questioned whether there was still interest in potential rental of the building. Mr. Perez confirmed that there was still interest from United Way.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract for professional services in the amount of \$14,960 between the Town of Clifton and SCS Engineers to perform an Asbestos and Lead Survey of the former Elks Lodge Building was made by Council member West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Reyes.

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

Manager's Report: The Town Manager reported on the following activities:

- Thanked town staff for coordinating the post bridge renovation Zorilla Bridge ceremony
- Provided an update on the Quinn Street retaining wall project. Reported that Morenci Water & Electric has requested additional time to assess and evaluate the damage of the retaining wall in response to the town's legal counsel's correspondence.

- Regarding the town's WWTP, Mr. Perez reported that 95% of the bid documents are complete, however the town is waiting for final approval of the required Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) from ADEQ which could take several months. Mr. Perez advised Council that the town engineer cautions of the risk to move forward with the procurement process could result in costly change orders to the project. Mr. Perez recommends a work session to further discuss this delay.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:44 p.m.