

**Minutes**  
**Town of Clifton**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**June 13, 2024**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Mayor Laura Dorrell  
Vice-Mayor Anthony James  
Council member Luis Montoya  
Council member Ray Lorenzo  
Council member Ray West  
Council member Karen Crump-Frye\*\*  
Council member Janeene K. Carrillo\*\*

\*\*Participated via telephone

Quorum Present

The Town's legal counsel, Matt Schiumo, participated via telephone.

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:**

Chief Omar Negrete addressed the Council to express his gratitude to Council Member West and his wife for their generous donation of toys to the police department which will go to kids at Christmas time.

**Council Reports:**

Council Member Crump-Frye reported that the Tourism Association met the night before and thanked Town Manager Perez for attending, she stated that the Big Quack was a big success this year and they grossed about \$2,000.

Council Member Montoya felt the presentation at the work session was great and very helpful, and hopes it helps the Council make an informed decision as they contemplate potential investment opportunities for the town in addition to the PARS investment.

Vice-Mayor James thanked the Roads Committee and Public Works staff for their hard work and efforts towards street improvements in town.

Council Member Lorenzo agreed with Vice-Mayor James

Council Member Carrillo hopes to be presenting recognition plaques at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Dorrell spoke about Girls State which is an opportunity for selected students to go and learn about how government works and the week is filled with activities to teach the students about governmental tasks, only 1 or 2 are chosen from each school and one of those who attended; Roselyn Dorrell was here today to observe the Council meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the following items as listed under consent agenda was made by Vice-Mayor James, seconded by Council member Lorenzo

1. Approval of the May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2024 Work Session, June 6, 2024 Work Session
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of May 2024 Demands

Motion to approve the following items as listed under consent agenda was made by Council member Montoya, seconded by Council member West.

**Old Business**

**Discussion and/or action regarding the recommendation of the Roads and Streets Committee to apply for the Bridge Formula Program funding to replace Chase Creek Bridge #1**

Town Manager Perez informed the Council that the Town will soon be receiving part of the \$316,000 the town previously paid to ADOT for the construction phase, ADOT will send around \$276,000 as the first payment and after an audit the Town should receive a second payment of the remaining funds. Council Member Montoya asked if there was new information or clarification about the cost responsibility to the Town for the Bridge Formula Program. There was no new information, Council Member Montoya expressed concern that this agenda item will keep showing up on the agenda without new information.

Council Member Montoya made a motion that the Town not participate in the project, motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Council confirmed with legal counsel Matt Schiumo that it could be tabled and not appear until more information was available

Council Member Montoya made a motion that the item be tabled until more information is available to present to the Council, second to the motion was Council Member West

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Montoya, Lorenzo, Carrillo, Crump-Frye, James and Dorrell. Motion carried

**New Business**

**Discussion and/or action to adopt a tentative budget for FY 2025.**

Town Manager Perez presented a power point on the FY2025 budget

Council Member Montoya made a motion to adopt the tentative budget for FY2025 motion second to the motion was Vice-Mayor James. A roll call vote was held

Mayor Laura Dorrell - Aye

Vice-Mayor Anthony James - Aye

Council member Luis Montoya -Aye

Council member Ray Lorenzo - Aye

Council member Ray West - Aye

Council member Karen Crump-Frye - Aye

Council member Janeene K. Carrillo was away from the tele-meeting during the roll call vote

6-ayes 1-non-vote, Motion passes

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the revised Land Exchange Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeport Minerals Corporation.**

Attorney Matt Schiumo explained to Council the verbiage confusion in the agreement regarding the \$41,000 in difference in value of properties involved in the land exchange. Freeport's properties in the exchange are valued at a higher value with a difference of \$41,000 that is being considered a donation to the Town.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the revised Land Exchange Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Freeports Mineral Corporation made by Vice-Mayor James, second to the motion was Council Member Montoya

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Montoya, Lorenzo, Crump-Frye, James and Dorrell. Motion carried \*Council Member Carrillo not present for vote

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Clifton and the Greenlee County Emergency Communications Center**

Town Manager Perez informed the Council and legal counsel that the date of June 17, 2024 was no longer accurate. Perez asked Matt Schiumo how the changed date should be addressed in the IGA. Chief Negrete and Dispatch Supervisor Delfina Pilgrim updated the Council on the delay with the 911 calls being transferred over to the County. The delay has to do with the ten-digit phone numbers associated with the 911 lines. With the current setup if the equipment is taken away as planned, the 911 lines can't be just switched over without possession of the lines being transferred. Chief Negrete and Dispatch Supervisor Pilgrim suggested tabling the IGA until more information was obtained, the 911 lines will still be transferred when ready with or without the agreement. The Town could get more information for the IGA. Discussion was held about how to best table the item. Council Member Montoya voiced concerns about tabling the item and whether we need to or not. Attorney Matt Schiumo advised that the agenda item was to authorize that the Mayor could sign the agreement, and that includes if there is any minor changes. If there are any significant changes it could come back to the Council for a revision, such as the case with the Land Agreement.

Council Member Montoya made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Clifton and the Greenlee County Emergency Communications Center second to the motion was Council Member West

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members West, Montoya, Lorenzo, Carrillo, Crump-Frye, James and Dorrell.  
Motion carried

**Manager’s Report**

The Wastewater Treatment Plant has not started up yet, they’re waiting on the operating manual, KE&G is expecting to have it by the end of the week. The Riverside Dr and Park Ave paving project was completed a day ahead of schedule, they will be back June 22<sup>nd</sup> to survey and stripe. Town Clerk Jernigan also informed the Council that the admin staff would be undergoing training for the new Caselle software the following week and there would be limited customer service hours with staff being in training. Information regarding the adjusted hours would be posted on Facebook and the Website.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Montoya  
Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor James  
Meeting ended at approximately 3:33 pm

- \*Members of the Clifton Town Council may attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.*
- \*Doors open to Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. for public seating.*
- \* The Town Council may convene in Executive Session pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding any above agenda items, as needed. The public may be asked to temporarily relocate if an executive session occurs. The public will be invited back into Council Chambers when the Council returns from executive session*