

## **TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 @ 5:00 P.M.

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

### **TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 5:04pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following were present:

**MAYOR GREG BRYAN**

**VICE MAYOR AL MONTOYA**

**COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD**

**COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER** – Arrived at 5:20pm

**COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON** – Arrived at 5:24pm

Also present were:

Tami Ryall, Interim Town Manager

Melissa Malone, Town Clerk

#### **3. PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

Isabel Rollins with Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) presented information on CDBG funding and led the discussion with the Council and the Public. Tracy Bouvier, also with NACOG, was present. Topics included:

- Davis-Bacon Labor Standards must be applied to a CDBG funded project.
- NACOG expects \$10M to come to the State of Arizona, \$1.2M to NACOG, and \$250,000 to Coconino County and the Town of Tusayan.
- A grievance procedure is on file with the Tusayan Town Clerk.
- The 2010 Census showed that Tusayan has a 40% Hispanic population which requires postings and ads to be in both English and Spanish.
- The next Public Hearing will be Dec. 11 at 5pm in town, not at Town Hall. Another meeting will be held in February.
- A Project Summary Form must be completed for suggestions on how to spend the funds. They will be due by the end of the year.
- Only one project is allowed by the Department of Housing unless a waiver is obtained.
- The process is very long; funds will most likely not be available until Spring of 2014.
- The Tusayan Town Council is responsible for making the final selection of the project.
- The State of Arizona does not allow new home building or recreation projects.

- Funds could be used for flood abatement projects but anything that benefits the whole town (or buying equipment for the fire district) would require proof that 51% of the town is low to mid income. NACOG can help with a survey about income. A 70% return would be required.
- An income survey would not be required if the project is specifically to benefit senior citizens or to make American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility changes.

Sandra Angat stated that she had been speaking with people around town who could not attend the meeting. She listed several small project suggestions:

- food bank
- temporary housing (if an employee gets fired)
- transportation service
- utility assistance
- food vouchers
- emergency assistance (such as a truck to cut wood, or someone to cut wood, chainsaw rentals)
- emergency auto repair
- clothing bank/drive

Clayann Cook mentioned that the Buck Schrader Memorial Fund is a 501-3C set up to do the types of things Ms. Angat mentioned. She also stated that the fund is currently very low.

Councilmember Rueter asked if Tusayan employees living in Valle could be included. Ms. Rollins stated that a special case may be able to be made. Councilmember Rueter also asked if funds could be used to improve roads that are not owned by the town. Ms. Rollins said that the question would have to be researched. Mayor Bryan noted that the Town does not own any roads.

Interim Town Manager Ryall listed projects which had been suggested to her:

- weatherization for renters
- work on drainage problems
- a fire department purchase
- town-wide ADA upgrades
- internet broadband expansion

Ms. Rollins stated that the Town would have 2 years to complete a project from the time a signed contract is received.

Councilmember Rueter asked if Public Facilities improvements (Water & Waste Water), even if privately-owned, or a fiber optic system expansion might qualify. Ms. Rollins confirmed that it may be possible.

Mayor Bryan asked what would happen to the CDBG funds if the Council does not identify a project. Ms. Rollins stated that the money goes back into the competitive funds.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:17pm.

