

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:00pm
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING
845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Montoya called the meeting to order at 6:15pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR GREG BRYAN – arrived at 6:24pm
VICE MAYOR AL MONTOYA
COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER
COUNCILMEMBER CRAIG SANDERSON

Also present were:

Will Wright, Town Manager
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tusayan Fire District (TFD) Chief Robbie Evans spoke of his concerns about changes at the Grand Canyon National Park Airport. He praised former Airport Manager Mike Halpin for improving the relationship between the Airport and the Town. He has concerns about water storage, housing, and Town Hall being on the Airport property. He proposed the Council set up a committee consisting of business owners, TFD, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District, Hydro Resources, Coconino County Sheriff's Department, and Town of Tusayan to communicate with ADOT about concerns.

Former Airport Manager Mike Halpin thanked the Council for their cooperation during his tenure in Tusayan and praised the relationship developed over the last 7 ½ years. He echoed Chief Evans' concerns with the direction of the State in managing the Airport.

John Thurston requested streaming video to be available on the internet for Council meetings. If video is not feasible, he requested audio. Councilmember Rueter requested that this item be added to the next agenda.

4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting on 3/5/14

B. Accounts Payable Billings

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Montoya seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Update from the Community Park Committee

Manager Wright stated that the storage shed has been ordered, Willdan is working on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, dirt work is progressing, and the School Board has approved the new map.

B. Update from the Planning and Zoning Commission

Manager Wright stated that the Commission moved the General Plan forward to the Council and there will be a Public Hearing at the April 9th Regular Meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of funding to place conduit for utility lines for future use from west boundary of Red Feather property to the Trading Post (including under Highway 64)

Manager Wright gave an update on this project and gave an overview of the letter he sent to Century Link requesting their participation. He also stated that he is in the process of communicating up the chain of command.

Clarinda Vail stated that she was in favor of the Town funding this project and stated that Red Feather Properties had already spent about \$25,000 to prepare the building for movement of the lines.

Mayor Bryan stated that there was a meeting with APS and their portion of the project will be moving ahead as soon as a contractor is chosen. Century Link stated that \$26,000 - \$28,000 would be required to move their lines.

Councilmember Rueter asked what the actual cost would be to move forward with the project. Manager Wright said that the final cost would not be determined until a contractor is assigned by APS.

Councilmember Rueter stated that he was in favor of funding the project. Mayor Bryan stated that he was opposed to funding the Century Link portion of the project but was in favor of funding the installation of the conduit.

The Council discussed the options and Manager Wright reviewed the cost information that has been provided.

The Council took no action.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible acceptance of Building Permit Fee Study

Manager Wright noted that the final report from Walker Consulting and Heinfeld, Meech and Co. is in the Agenda Packet.

Clarinda Vail thanked the Council for performing this study. She stated that in her recent experience, Red Feather Properties had paid somewhere between \$18,000 and \$20,000 and never received a breakdown of the fees or an invoice for the Town's portion. She noted several instances in the report where the auditors could not get the data needed and stated that it was unacceptable.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that he was surprised by the findings and the lack of records from Willdan. He suggested hiring someone to set up a system within the Town for permitting to move forward.

Councilmember Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the study. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion and after brief discussion, it passed on unanimous vote.

Mayor Bryan requested the Town Manager to expedite the process of developing an RFP for Building and Engineering Services and send a request to Willdan for specific calculations and the fee table. Manager Wright stated that he would be out of town tomorrow so Mayor Bryan stated that he would work with the Clerk to produce and send the request.

C. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of, and authorization for the Mayor to sign, the Logan-Luca/Tusayan Ventures LLC Camper Village Authorization letter

Manager Wright and Mayor Bryan introduced the topic.

Vice Mayor Montoya made a motion to approve the letter and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion. Councilmember Rueter abstained from the vote based on his employment at Camper Village. The motion passed on a vote of 4 yeases and 1 abstention.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Election Calendar including Home Rule Option (Alternative Expenditure Limitation)

Manager Wright introduced the topic and noted that the Public Hearings will be scheduled for April 9th and April 16th.

The Council discussed the calendar and requirements for the process to move forward with the Home Rule Option.

B. Discussion of date for next Council retreat day

Manager Wright stated that the retreat was successful but was not complete. The details of the budget are still to be discussed. The Council discussed their availability and chose March 25, 2014 at 5pm.

C. Discussion of possible Town name change

Manager Wright stated that this item was briefly discussed at the retreat and the Council requested it be discussed more fully.

Chief Robbie Evans stated that he was opposed to changing the name since it is the historic name and there would be a cost to all businesses

John Thurston asked if the Town would be required to "dis-incorporate" and re-incorporate with a new name. Mayor Bryan stated no. Mr. Thurston stated that if the goal is to bring additional people to Tusayan, it wouldn't work. He stated that tourists come here to see the Grand Canyon, not visit Tusayan.

Clarinda Vail asked what happened with the branding study; was it ever done? She distributed printouts to the Council showing internet searches she had done for Grand Canyon hotels. She noted that Tusayan hotels are listed in the search results. She stated that there should not arbitrarily be a name change. She stated that the Town name recognition has increased since the government shutdown.

Ms. Vail read a letter from Chris Thurston stating that he is not in favor of changing the name.

Mayor Bryan stated that the Grand Canyon Chamber and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) Branding Study has not moved forward but has not been cancelled. He stated that the Town Attorney has stated that the only requirement to change the name would be a vote by the Town's people and that it would be possible to use the name "Town of Grand Canyon." He discussed the confusion of the name with Tucson and that marketing advantages may be realized.

Councilmember Sanderson stated that a name change from his point of view should only be considered if there would be a benefit to the citizens of the Town.

Councilmember Rueter requested a clarification of the process which would be required. Mayor Bryan stated that citizens could petition or the Council could vote to refer the issue to an election. Mayor Bryan stated that the Town Attorney referenced Star Valley, Arizona which changed its name from Diamond Star with a vote of the citizens.

Mayor Bryan suggested holding a series of Town Hall Meetings to get input from the community and request the CVB head that up. He stated that from his point of view, a name change would be about marketing advantages.

The Council discussed the topic and was generally in favor of holding Town Hall Meetings. Mayor Bryan will work with the CVB to move forward with gathering input from the citizens on this topic.

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Wright gave an overview of his report which was in the Agenda Packet.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if there is an alternate location for Govnet if the ADOT tower at the airport becomes unavailable. Manager Wright stated no and Mayor Bryan stated that the only issue currently is the language in the lease which needs to be worked out. Mayor Bryan asked Chief Evans about the status of the AIRS Program. He stated that there are technical issues to be resolved.

John Thurston asked if there was an advantage to using the tower at the airport versus the tower in Town. Mayor Bryan stated that the location and height of the airport tower made it more ideal.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 4/9 - Discussion of streaming video or audio of Council Meetings
- 3/25 – Retreat at 5pm in Council Chambers
- 4/23 – RFP for Building and Engineering services

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Fitzgerald provided photos to the Town Manager earlier in the week of the sign over the highway in Tonto Basin.

13. MAYOR'S REPORT

- ADOT will have a meeting on April 2 about the bus shelter project
- Met with ADOT on Right of Way releases and there will be another meeting on March 26
- Mayor will be in Washington, D.C. in April about Senate Bill 1750 and another Senate Bill to repay funds used to reopen National Parks during the government shutdown

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Councilmember Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Melissa M. Drake
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

Greg Bryan, Mayor

4/9/14
Date

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on ~~February 5~~, 2014. **MARCH 19**
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2014

 Melissa M. Drake
Town Clerk