

## **TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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

Wednesday, April 9, 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**

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**MAYOR GREG BRYAN  
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**

John Thurston spoke on the proper pronunciation of Tusayan stating that it is "2-c-ann."

#### **4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS**

##### **A. Presentation on the increased fire danger and the upcoming fire season from James Simino, Tusayan District Ranger, and Holly Krake, Fire Information Officer, of the Kaibab National Forest**

James Simino introduced himself to the Council and then introduced Holly Krake. Ms. Krake gave an update on the status of completed and continuing prescribed burns.

Dan Pearson, of Grand Canyon National Park also presented a status of prescribed burns within the National Park and cooperation between agencies in the area.

Ms. Krake also presented a status of the upcoming fire season stating that much of Northern Arizona is in "Normal Stage" but some areas, including Tusayan, are considered in "High Danger." The area is currently about a month ahead of schedule compared to historical data. She discussed future restrictions which could be implemented if required by conditions.

Ms. Krake also discussed defensible space for home owners.

**B. Mayor's Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month**

Mayor Bryan read a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Tusayan.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting on 3/19/14 and Retreat on 3/25/14**

**B. Accounts Payable Billings**

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

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Update from the Community Park Committee**

Manager Wright stated that the committee has not met since the last Council meeting. He stated that the SWPPP (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) has been received and the storage building has been ordered and should arrive sometime next week. Preparation work for the building is in progress.

**B. Update from the Planning and Zoning Commission**

No update

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Tusayan General Plan 2024**

Manager Wright introduced the Staff Report from Planner Lawrence Tomasello and reviewed the process which was used to develop the General Plan.

Mayor Bryan opened the public hearing.

Alicyn Gitlin with the Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter, thanked the Council for allowing the participation of the Sierra Club but stated that the plan was still not acceptable. She stated that there is not enough content on vision or water conservation. She stated that more of the requests from the National Park Service should be added.

No other comments were made so Mayor Bryan closed the public hearing on the General Plan.

**B. Home Rule Option (Alternative Expenditure Limitation)**

Manager Wright explained that the voters approved Home Rule for the Town in 2010 and it must go to the voters again this election year. The next Public Hearing is April 16, 2014.

He stated that general budget information was published in the Grand Canyon News encouraging the public to attend this hearing to comment. He stated that he has made several adjustments to the budget for the next 5 years.

Mayor Bryan clarified that the Home Rule Option Election allows the Town to set its own expenditure limit and the budget information produced is merely a projection and is not an actual limitation.

Mayor Bryan opened the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Bryan closed the public hearing

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Tusayan General Plan 2024 and Resolution No. 2014-04**

Mayor Bryan stated that many of the public comments have been included in this version of the plan.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that on Page 5, the census showed high average household income but the Plan also states that the average worker is seasonal and with low wages. The Council discussed the possible reasons for the conflicting information including multiple people in the household working, sometimes with each person working multiple jobs.

Clarinda Vail stated that changes to roads should be a major amendment. She stated that getting agreement on possible trails was a major undertaking so roads should require more process and feedback.

Mayor Bryan stated that changes in the conceptual roads to Kotzin and Ten X will depend on Forest Service approval.

Manager Wright stated that the Forest Service process for approval will also be an open process with opportunity for public comment

Councilmember Fitzgerald listed the following issues/changes:

- Page 19, United States Post Office should be listed as United States contract Post Office
- Page 26, when was the survey listed as "recent"
- Page 30, the Council hasn't discussed other options for affordable housing
- Page 34, under Land Ownership, it lists Exhibit I and it should be Exhibit J
- Exhibit J shows the flood plain which is wrong and needs to be corrected, will this need to be changed with a major amendment? Manager Wright stated that the flood plain is determined by FEMA. If there is a change, it would be minor.
- Page 37, 3 paragraphs down, Camper Village is listed as having up to 100 units. Is this correct? Mayor Bryan stated that it came out of the PADA with Stilo.
- Page 45, where Exhibit J is referenced it should be Exhibit L

- Page 45, the phrase "numerous uranium mining sites within town boundaries," needs to be clarified. Are they active? What size are they? How many are there? James Simino stated that these are claim sites, not active mines. (Manager Wright will work with James Simino and BLM to clarify this.)

Mayor Bryan listed the following issues/changes:

- Page 1, states that there is traffic congestion in Tusayan, this is incorrect and should say "to avoid traffic congestion"
- Page 5, add javelina to the wildlife and check on spotted owl and northern goshawk (not aware of any in Tusayan)
- Page 9, third paragraph, "of the proposed trail" should be "on the proposed trail"
- Page 10, second paragraph, "With the recent annexation of National Forest Service Land, the present" should say "with Tusayan's incorporation in 2010, the present location"
- Page 12, second Policy, second sentence, "Any requirement from the Fire District, that is safety related" should read "Any state statutory requirement, that is safety related"
- Page 17, Grand Canyon School District, "Only K-12 school district in a National Park" not the "Only school district"
- Page 24, third paragraph, should be Exhibit E & F, and should say that "roads may change based upon final Forest Service approval"

Councilmember Fitzgerald agreed with changing the uranium mining sentence on Page 45 to "there are numerous mining claims but no active mining operations at his time."

Councilmember Sanderson suggested that all exhibits should be checked for proper labeling.

All references to April 9, 2014 for approval will be changed to April 16, 2014.

The Council will postpone action until the next meeting on April 16, 2014 and the changes noted tonight will be incorporated.

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Discussion of streaming audio/video of Council meetings**

Manager Wright stated that staff is working with Councilmember Rueter to gather information on this possibility.

John Thurston thanked Councilmember Rueter and the Council for putting this issue on the agenda.

Councilmember Rueter stated that separating the audio from the video would be required. Manager Wright will follow-up with AVR to determine if that is possible with the current system. Councilmember Rueter stated that he believes it would be possible to stream audio if it can be separated.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that it may be possible to produce podcasts for downloading if live streaming is not possible.

Councilmember Rueter stated that it may be possible to stream audio with an open phone line to another location in town with higher bandwidth or there may be an option to use a booster for a microwave signal and add a receiver at Town Hall.

## **B. Discussion of possible Town name change**

Manager Wright introduced the topic.

John Thurston, stated that there is a lot of history in the name including a mention in the writings of John Wesley Powell. He stated that he is opposed to a name change.

Former Mayor Pete Shearer stated that if there was some way to prove an improvement in the economics there may be less opposition. He stated that he stayed near Glacier National Park in a community which marketed itself as being at Glacier but it was 7 miles away. He and others were disappointed upon that realization.

He mentioned specific references in history to Tusayan and stated that the Havasupai came here in 1500. He stated that when the town incorporated, we distinguished ourselves from Grand Canyon as a Gateway Community and during the federal government shutdown last fall, we became a champion of private industry, separate from the Grand Canyon. He stated that he is opposed to a name change especially in light of our recent national recognition.

Councilmember Rueter stated that the variations in pronunciation is part of the problem with the name. He asked about the reference to the Havasupai and suggested checking with the Havasupai Tribe.

Mr. Shearer stated that his source for the dates was the Forest Service.

Mayor Bryan stated that he has received many comments from throughout the nation and only 1 was opposed to the change. He will bring those to the town Manager to share with the Council. He spoke with the Town Attorney and the most recent information from him is that a petition would be required with 2/3 of registered voters in favor of placing the following single question on the ballot: "Should the Town of Tusayan dis-incorporate and reincorporate as the Town of (new name)?" It would then go to the County Board of Supervisors. It may be eligible to go to a vote without a petition and then go to the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Bryan stated that he was in favor of holding a Town Meeting in conjunction with Chamber and Visitors' Bureau (CVB). This meeting would bring in representatives of the Arizona Office of Tourism to discuss branding, the value of a name, and the value of a name change. The next CVB Board meeting is within the next 2 weeks.

He also stated that no name change would occur arbitrarily or with capriciousness.

**Vice Mayor Montoya left the meeting at 8:04pm.**

Councilmember Rueter stated that if the town does not change the name, there should be a single accepted pronunciation and spelling.

**10. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

He attended a meeting held by ADOT about the bus shelter project.

The photos received from ADOT will not be of use for J2 Engineering.

Councilmember Rueter stated that photos taken when the Sanitary District was expanded may be useful to J2 Engineering. Mr. Shearer stated that the electronic version has not been located but maps were generated. He said he would request them from Bob Petzoldt

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 4/16 – General Plan action item
- Municipal Code Book is still in progress
- Budget Schedule
- Request to the Public for Pros and Cons on the Home Rule Option (Mayor Bryan stated he would mention it in his newsletter)
- Crosswalk visibility improvements (Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that Flagstaff has a highly visible one near the school near the intersection of Fourth Street and Cedar Avenue and he would bring photos at a later date)

**12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

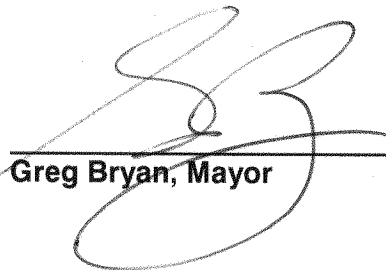
None

**13. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Bryan spent last week in Washington, D.C. discussing Senate Bills related to last year's federal government shut down including one which would repay local communities for funding of reopening National Parks
- Today, he met with the Town Manager, Councilmember Rueter, and Stilo representatives to discuss the application with the National Forest Service for access
- There is a NACOG meeting tomorrow
- CPWAC by-law changes are in the works

**14. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilmember Sanderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Councilmember Rueter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

  
Greg Bryan, Mayor      4/23/14  
Date

ATTEST: Melissa M. Drake  
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

**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 April 9, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

Melissa M. Drake  
Town Clerk