

## **TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 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 6:01pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**MAYOR GREG BRYAN  
VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON  
COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA  
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER  
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN SCHOPPMANN**

Also present were: Eric Duthie, Town Manager  
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

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

None

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

**Town Manager presentation**

Manager Duthie stated that he would like to withdraw the topic.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting on 12/2/15**

##### **B. Accounts Payable Billings**

Councilmember Montoya had a question about the Tusayan Fire District (TFD) subsidy. Manager Duthie stated that the amount in question was part of the preapproved amount. The Council requested an update from the TFD soon.

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

#### **6. WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Update on the Sports Complex Work Group**

The group has not met but the pad for the restroom has been dug out and backfilled, the concrete will be poured next week and the building will be delivered on December 23, 2015.

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

None

**C. Update on Affordable Housing**

Manager Duthie has been working with the Town Attorney on this. The Articles of Incorporation for the 501(3)(c) have been accepted in the State of Arizona and are in progress for the Federal designation.

**7. ACTION ITEM**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Mayor transition process and Council assignments**

Mayor Bryan called Town Attorney, Bill Sims, and Mr. Sims gave a brief summary of the Ordinance providing for direct election of the mayor which was the result of the Initiative passed in 2014.

He stated that the Council should accept the Mayor's resignation in their meeting on January 6, 2016. At that time, the Vice Mayor will become Mayor until the next possible election. The Council could request a special election from Coconino County but state legislation requires consolidation of elections so Mr. Sims believes Coconino County will decline.

According to Town Ordinance 2015-01, the Council shall appoint a Councilmember to fill Vice Mayor's seat until the fall election at which time the Vice Mayor will revert back to his position. If the Vice Mayor wishes to run for Mayor, he will have to resign his position since his current term is not up until 2018. Any Councilmember not in his last term would have to resign to run for Mayor at the time of filing to run.

The Council discussed several scenarios with the attorney and Mayor Bryan suggested the Council accept his resignation effective December 31, 2015 and appoint Vice Mayor Sanderson to the Office of Mayor, effective January 1, 2016. The Town Attorney stated that is possible also.

Councilmember Rueter made a motion to accept Mayor Bryan's resignation effective December 31, 2015 at 12:00am and appoint Vice Mayor Sanderson as Mayor effective January 1, 2016 at 12:01am. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote with Mayor Bryan abstaining

Vice Mayor Sanderson made a motion to nominate Councilmember Rueter to the NACOG Regional Council and the NACOG Economic Development Council. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Mayor Bryan made a motion to nominate Vice Mayor Sanderson to GAMA and CPWAC. Councilmember Rueter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **Discussion of the January 2016 Town Council Retreat**

Manager Duthie stated the retreat is scheduled for January 12, 2016. He stated that Judge Krombeen will not attend but will present at another time. The Town Attorney will be in attendance for the full day.

## **9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Duthie covered several topics including the following:

- Report on the Town CDs
- Meeting with the USFS
- Hazard Mitigation Plan has been revised and he thanked TFD Fire Chief Greg Brush for his work on that
- Coconino County Manager noted that an ordinance has been passed prohibiting inside vaping or e-cigarettes
- Communication with Pamela Edwards regarding the shuttle service and she will be at the Council meeting on January 6, 2016

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1/6 – Quarterly Financial Reports

1/6 – Public Hearing on a liquor license application for IMAX

1/6 – Update on broadband project

1/6 – Update from the Coconino County Sheriff's Department

TFD financial update as soon as possible

1/6 - Doug Lentz with Grand Canyon National Park requested to be on the agenda regarding:

- FLAP – Federal Lands Access Plan
- National Parks Centennial
- Update on the Clinic if possible

1/6 – Filling Vacancy

1/20 – Update on Housing Authority

## **11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councilmember Schoppmann attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 101 for Elected Officials.

Councilmember Rueter attended the EDC meeting with NACOG and spoke to someone from the USDA about home financing and he will come to a future Council meeting to discuss opportunities.

## **12. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bryan stated that he spoke with the USDA representative and made it clear that the goal is money for purchase, not renting.

He had a meeting with Kaibab National Forest Supervisor, Heather Provencio, and Tusayan District Ranger, James Simino. Mr. Simino notified him that he will moving on to another opportunity in the state of Washington. They discussed access to Kotzin Ranch but had no discussion on the access application. They just toured the area and discussed it. Housing is also a major challenge for them. They also introduced Vice Mayor Sanderson to them.

He has given bank access to review all transactions to all Councilmembers and tomorrow he will make Vice Mayor Sanderson the administrator of the accounts. He stated that the account has \$5.8M.

Mayor Bryan stated that his time her has been an adventure. He thanked each of the Councilmembers for their work and vision of making this better for residents, not for personal gain. He encouraged them to keep that focus for the future and keep ears open to those who have different views but don't be dismayed at a difference of opinion.

He also thanked Town Clerk, Melissa Drake, and Town Manager, Eric Duthie, for their efforts and contributions.

Councilmember Rueter told Mayor Bryan that he is leaving "an amazing legacy and it's called a town."

Mayor Bryan noted that his social security number must be removed from its association with the Town's EIN number.

Councilmember Rueter called for a round of applause for the Mayor and the room responded.

### 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Councilmember Schoppmann seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

  
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Craig Sanderson, Acting Mayor      Date 02-17-16

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

