

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 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 Sanderson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

**MAYOR JOHN RUETER
VICE MAYOR BECKY WIRTH
COUNCILOR AL MONTOYA
COUNCILOR JOHN SCOPPMANN**

Also present were:

Eric Duthie, Interim 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

Report from Coconino County Sheriff's Department

Representatives from the Sheriff's Department were not in attendance.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Town Council Meetings on 6/1/16 and Special Meeting on 6/8/16

B. Accounts Payable Billings

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Rueter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Mayor Rueter moved to Item 8, Discussion Item

Commnet Fiber study report and options

John Champagne with ATN, which is now the owner of Commnet, gave a presentation to the Council regarding the broadband study they funded. They employed Team Fishel to complete a study of the area and possible methods to increase broadband connectivity to Tusayan and the Grand Canyon. He discussed those proposed methods and options.

Mayor Rueter moved back to Item 6.

6. WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rueter thanked Clarinda Vail, Pete Shearer, Former Mayor Greg Bryan and his wife Judy for starting the project of the Sports Complex. He noted the current work and all the progress which has been made so far.

A. Update on the Sports Complex Work Group

Manager Duthie stated that the group has not met but work has continued on revising the design of the sports fields, roadway, and parking. He also stated that the ADOT shoulder widening work on Highway 64 is providing fill dirt to the Sports Complex at no cost to the Town.

B. Update on the Planning and Zoning Commission

There have been no meetings since the last Council meeting.

C. Update on Affordable Housing

We are awaiting final completion on the agreement the Council approved at the beginning of the month.

D. Update on Broadband development

Nothing additional

Mayor Rueter moved to Item 9, Manager's Report

Manager Duthie reported to the Council that the Special Event Liquor License and TUP for the July 4th Events. Clarinda Vail stated that more floats are wanted for the parade and more booths are available for the festivities. She also stated that the Town pays for the traffic control plan which is the largest expense.

Manager Duthie stated that:

- We have added a temporary seasonal worker who does not need housing
- We have replaced a number of trees and added trees to the Town
- The ADOT Highway project is in progress and lanes are shifting daily
- We had discussion with the US Forest Service regarding maintenance of Forest Service Road 302 out to Ten X Ranch
- He and Former Mayor Sanderson took a trip to Washington D.C where they spoke to Senator McCain, staffers of Senator Flake, and Representatives Gosar and Kirkpatrick regarding the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument. They also spoke with the Regional Forest Service representative regarding the return of the access application. Representative Gosar's Bill prohibiting creation of the Monument has been approved by the House

The CDBG project audit went well. The State Department of Housing rated the Town as "Excellent". Manager Duthie thanked Clerk Drake for maintaining those records.

A PBS filmmaker was here on Monday working on a documentary about National Park Gateway Cities.

The National Park has instituted water restrictions within the Park due to a break in a pipeline and pump issues.

Mayor Rueter moved to Item 7.B.

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-04 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Coconino County for Election Services

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04 approving an IGA with Coconino County for Election Services. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

Mayor Rueter moved to Item 7.C.

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-05 adopting a Tentative Budget for the Town of Tusayan for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Manager Duthie presented the draft budget to the Council and discussed each line item noting a few changes since the packet was distributed. Most notable is the Revenue Item, Carryover and Transfers from Savings, of \$5,256,325 which will be used for the affordable housing and broadband projects if needed.

Councilor Montoya requested a review of employee health insurance reimbursement during the fiscal year.

Mayor Rueter stated that the Public Art Program and the Trails System are priorities and suggested re-funding those items by moving money from the Contingency Fund.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to amend Resolution 2016-05 with the corrected figures for Revenues and Expenditures. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to approve amended Resolution 2016-05 adopting a Tentative Budget for the Town of Tusayan for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Councilor Schopmann seconded the motion. Manager Duthie outlined the specific corrections to the Resolution. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to fill, or determine a process to fill, Council vacancy or vacancies

Former Mayor Sanderson spoke to the Council stating that he previously thought it was in the best interest of the Town to reappoint him to the Council for the sake of continuity. He was concerned that someone who may have been appointed to the Council would also have their name appear on the ballot. The deadline has passed, so now he is not asking to be reappointed. He also suggested that the Council discuss options in the open meeting.

Mayor Rueter stated that he does think that having Mr. Sanderson back on the Council is in the best interest of the Town. He suggested that this item be considered at an August 1st meeting which would also allow time to consult with the Town Attorney.

The Council discussed options for filling the seat.

The Council took no action.

B. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-04 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Coconino County for Election Services

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

C. Consideration, discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-05 adopting a Tentative Budget for the Town of Tusayan for Fiscal Year 2016-17

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM

Commnet Fiber study report and options

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

August 1 - Filling the open council seat
August 1 – Reschedule Sheriff's Department Report

11. COUNCILORS' REPORTS

None

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that he had a great meeting with ATN/Commnet today. He will be attending a NACOG regional meeting tomorrow. He also noted that the Council will need to take a look at priorities for the Town's request list.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Mayor Rueter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

John Rueter 8/1/2016
John Rueter, Mayor 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 June 22, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2016

Melissa M. Drake
Town Clerk