

## **TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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

Wednesday, ~~June 22~~, 2016 at 6:00pm **AUGUST 1**

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

### **TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

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

Mayor Rueter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm 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

**Mayor Rueter moved to Item 7B.**

**Due to an error in the printing of ballots for the August 30, 2016 election, discussion, consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2016-02 which cancels the August 30, 2016 Primary Election in order to allow candidates who otherwise qualified for the August 30, 2016 election to appear on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election.**

Vice Mayor Wirth made a motion to take the Council into executive session at 6:02pm. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Town Attorney, Bill Sims, joined the meeting by phone and the Council discussed options for cancelling the Primary Election.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:41pm and re-enter open session. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Town Attorney Sims described the situation to the public stating that the error on the ballot only affected the Council seat races, not the Mayoral race.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to resolve, that due to a printing error on the ballot for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election that concerns the election of persons to fill Council seats but does not concern the election of a person to fill the office of Mayor, Council directs staff to inform the County that the Primary Election will proceed, but only to fill the Mayor position because no printing errors affected the election to fill the office of Mayor.

No votes are to be counted to fill Council seats at the Primary Election and notices shall be posted at all polling sites to that effect. Staff is directed to inform the public that two

four-year council positions will be filled at the November 8, 2016 General Election. Two persons have submitted petitions that qualify them for a four-year Council position to be elected at the November 8, 2016 General Election. Other persons who desire to submit petitions for a four-year Council position may do so.

Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 1 with Councilor Schoppmann voting "No."

Manager Duthie noted that the error with the ballot was caused by the Town, not the Coconino County Elections Department.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

#### **CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**

Mayor Rueter opened the Public Hearing at 6:48pm.

#### **RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

#### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Rueter closed the Public Hearing at 6:49pm.

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

None

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

None

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 6/22/16**

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

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

### **7. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution 2016-06 adopting a Final Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Manager Duthie discussed actual revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 with only a few outstanding figures still to come in.

He displayed and discussed the financial forms for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 which were published in the newspaper and posted on the website.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-06 adopting the Final Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

- B. Due to an error in the printing of ballots for the August 30, 2016 election, discussion, consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2016-02 which cancels the August 30, 2016 Primary Election in order to allow candidates who otherwise qualified for the August 30, 2016 election to appear on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election.**

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

- C. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to fill Council vacancy or vacancies**

Manager Duthie stated that the resignation of Mayor Craig Sanderson (required for him to run for office of the first directly elected Mayor) left a 2-year vacancy which must be filled within 60 days and today is day 60. There are no requirements for how the Council should fill the vacancy.

Mayor Rueter made a motion to nominate Rob Gossard to fill the vacancy. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Rueter asked the Council if there were any other nominations. There were none.

The Council took no action.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Discussion of affordable housing**

Manager Duthie stated that the Town does not yet have the deed for the property at Ten X. There are a few issues still to be worked out and should be resolved soon. He also stated that planning is continuing on the Ten X affordable housing project. He said that the environmental and archeological reports are complete. The first phase of the development will most likely be "off the grid" with hopes to change that with future phases.

Councilor Montoya requested that the Council receive those reports. Manager Duthie will send those out.

### **B. Discussion of broadband development**

Manager Duthie stated that the Town has met with Commnet/ATN again and we are looking at potential solutions for increasing broadband service to the area. They have completed a study of bringing fiber optic cable from Williams along the Xanterra railroad. A survey has been completed for bringing the fiber from the railroad from Apex through the airport.

Mayor Rueter stated that an alternate route along the highway is also being considered.

### **C. Discussion of the sports complex and the Sports Complex Work Group**

Mayor Rueter commented on the great progress of the dirt work at the Sports Complex. Manager Duthie presented information on the status history of the work at the Complex.

### **D. Discussion of the Planning and Zoning Commission**

Manager Duthie stated that there has not been a meeting but there may be a need to meet in the near future for requested changes to Ordinances. A review of the preliminary plat for the Ten X project will be upcoming. Twenty-one days after that approval, the final plat will go to Council for approval.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **A. Town Manager**

Manager Duthie stated that:

- Emergency Operations Plan updates are in progress with Coconino County.
- A Mutual Aid Agreement, Animal Control IGA, and the Federal 501(c) 3 Housing Foundation may be on next agenda.
- State Senator Sylvia Allen recently visited the Town.
- The League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference is in about 3 weeks.
- Senator John McCain was here 2 weeks ago and spoke with locals about the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument.
- Manager Duthie introduced Don Curnutt, Facilities Director for Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) and liaison to the Town of Tusayan. Mr. Curnutt noted that the new Superintendent will be "on board" later this month and he will schedule her to present to the Council.

### **B. Council Members**

None

### **C. Mayor**

Mayor Rueter mentioned the meeting with Senator McCain and the proposed National Monument. He echoed Senator McCain's advice which is "Vote!" He also noted the offer of help to GCNP during the times when they experience water issues.


## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items were added to the list for future agendas:

- August 17 – Filling the open council seat
- August 17 – Discussion of financial policies
- August 17 – Presentation from Logan Luca

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Mayor Rueter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

  
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John Rueter, Mayor      8/17/2016  
Date

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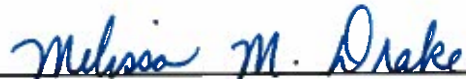
  
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Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

State of Arizona      )  
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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 August 1, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016

  
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Town Clerk