

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 6:19pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
VICE MAYOR BECKY WIRTH
COUNCILOR AL MONTOYA
COUNCILOR JOHN RUETER
COUNCILOR JOHN SCHOPPMANN – until 6:45pm

Also present were:

Eric Duthie, Town Manager
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Sanderson stated that he has instituted this new agenda item based on his personal belief in prayer.

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

None

5. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

A. Swearing-in of elected Councilmember Becky Wirth

Clerk Drake issued the oath of office to Vice Mayor Wirth.

i. Acceptance of previously approved, Council-appointed Vice Mayor position

Vice Mayor Wirth accepted the continued position of Vice Mayor.

B. Grand Canyon School 4th Grade Water Project Award and recognition

Ron Doba from the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council and Amanda Atchison from Coconino County discussed a Water Project Contest and the Award which went to Grand Canyon School 4th Graders.

C. Grand Canyon High School Band appreciation performance for Town of Tusayan support and donation of new instruments

The Jazz band performed and Mr. Bentley Monk thanked the Council for their support.

The Council took a break from 6:47 to 6:54pm.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Accounts Payable Billings

B. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 12/14/16

Councilor Montoya requested that Accounts Payable be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Councilor Montoya stated his opinion that the costs for replacing the carpet in Town Hall is too expensive. He asked that in the future, the Council be notified of this type of expense.

Mayor Sanderson noted that the billing from the Tusayan Fire District was higher due to there being 3 pay periods in that last bill.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Billings. Councilor Reuter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of reinvestment of Certificates of Deposit (CD) consistent with Council directive and strategic financial plan

Manager Duthie described and discussed the status of the investments and previous directives with the Council. Councilor Montoya asked about an overall loss of \$19,000. Manager Duthie stated that he will investigate this and get back to the Council prior to reinvesting the next maturation of CDs.

Councilor Reuter made a motion to ratify the reinvestment of the Certificate of Deposit which matured on December 29, 2016 with Wells Fargo for 3 years with 1.7% interest. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 to 1 with Vice Mayor Wirth voting "Nay."

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of purchase of personal property for Town-owned housing option

Manager Duthie presented the Council with the Tusayan Fire District lease (courtesy of Chief Greg Brush) for the housing space on the National Forest compound. He stated that he believes that there will be no issue for the Town to initiate a similar lease if we purchase the home located there, however, the Town

cannot enter into a discussion with the Forest Service until it owns the home. There is no guarantee of a lease.

He stated that the owner of the home has agreed to lower the price of the home to \$50,000 since there is no guarantee. The Council discussed this item with Manager Duthie at length and noted that this would be an opportunity to work cooperatively with the Forest Service.

Councilor Reuter made a motion to approve the purchase of personal property for Town-owned housing option for \$47,500. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Sanderson stated that he just texted Councilor Schoppmann who stated that a stick-built home would be much more expensive and a new mobile home would be more expensive and would not include appliances. The Motion passed on unanimous vote.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of housing development on Town property at Ten X Ranch

Manager Duthie noted that the deed to the property at Ten X was recorded in December. He also noted an error which must be corrected concerning a date listed as 2029 which should be 2019. There is a restriction of 20 homes for the property with the potential for increases.

The Council discussed the project status and its future.

The Council will discuss this further at the Retreat on February 7th so Mayor Sanderson suggested that the Council request any information from the Town Manager that they need prior to the meeting.

B. Discussion of Community Wellness meeting issues

Manager Duthie stated that the meeting was held today and the following were discussed:

- the Chamber of Commerce is working on a community shredding program
- the Park Service is working on community training and suicide prevention
- working on Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
- Grand Canyon Resource Guide is being developed
- on February 24th, there will be a celebration of the 98th Anniversary of the formation of the Park will be held at the Big E Steakhouse. It will be a community luau.
- a South African National Park Ranger will be speaking on 1/23/17 in Grand Canyon National Park and the public is invited
- Councilor Schoppmann and Tim Stine will be speaking at the school tomorrow about the profession of facilities management

Councilor Montoya spoke about community service and encouraging students in this area.

C. Discussion of internet operation options

Manager Duthie stated there is an e-mail in the packet about progress on the project. He also stated that CommNet is pursuing APS looking at options for

placing cables on APS poles. Councilor Reuter stated that APS, in the past, has stated that engineering studies have concluded that additional lines on their poles will cause too much stress. Manager Duthie said he relayed that information to CommNet and they are reviewing it. Manager Duthie also stated that conversations may be held with the City of Page regarding their experiences with internet improvements.

Manager Duthie also noted the Town Attorney's opinion which was forwarded to the Council last month.

Mayor Sanderson spoke to Corporation Commissioner Andy Tobin at the League Conference regarding internet access in Tusayan. Manager Duthie stated that Commissioner Tobin plans to introduce regulations to increase taxes to help improve internet access in rural areas.

9. REPORTS

A. Town Manager

i. Update on Affordable Housing

Nothing additional

ii. Update on Broadband development

Nothing additional

iii. Update on the Sports Complex and Work Group

No meeting has been held.

iv. Update on the Planning and Zoning Commission

There are discussions concerning a date for an upcoming meeting.

v. Update of Administrative actions and issues

Manager Duthie noted the following from the packet:

- work is continuing on setting up a tutoring program on Fridays to be held at Town Hall with a certified teacher. Esther Sacco is working on getting donations from local businesses to purchase laptops to use for this program.
- National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis retired earlier this month
- Grand Canyon National Park exceeded 6 million visitors in 2016
- the Havasupai Tribe has filed a lawsuit against water providers in the area
- he had a meeting with Grand Canyon University regarding creating a relationship with Grand Canyon School District which went very well
- the plat for Ten X was recorded on January 4th
- the Grand Canyon Chamber annual luncheon will be held tomorrow and a quorum notice has been posted

B. Council Members

Councilor Reuter stated that there will be a water shutdown within the Town tomorrow between 2pm and 2:30pm. This will not affect the airport or the National Forest compound. He also stated that he and Vice Mayor Wirth had a discussion with the Director of ADOT and he stated that he was willing to attend a Council meeting.

C. Mayor

None

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- 2/1 – Action Item - Approval of NACOG projects plan
- 2/1 – Discussion Item on the Sports Complex
- 2/1 – Discussion of crosswalk safety

F. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.


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 Craig Sanderson, Mayor Date

ATTEST:



 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 January 18, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2017



 Town Clerk