

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03
Wednesday, March 1, 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 6:05pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Sanderson asked for a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
VICE MAYOR BECKY WIRTH
COUNCILOR DAVID CHAVEZ – sworn in at 6:50pm
COUNCILOR AL MONTOYA
COUNCILOR JOHN RUETER - resigned
COUNCILOR JOHN SCHOPPMANN

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

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

None

5. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

Update from Tusayan Fire District (TFD)

TFD Chief Greg Brush spoke to the Council regarding declining volunteerism in the nation and how it affects TFD. He also updated them on activity in 2016 and the current status of the District.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Accounts Payable Billings

B. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 2/15/17

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible acceptance of Councilmember John Rueter's resignation from the Town Council

Manager Duthie stated that the resignation letter from Councilor Rueter was received at Town Hall on February 21st. Mayor Sanderson covered highlights of the letter.

Vice Mayor Wirth made a motion to accept Councilor Rueter's resignation. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Councilor Montoya and Mayor Sanderson noted that Councilor Rueter will be missed and they thanked him for his service. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to fill Council vacancy of the unexpired term (ends 2018) of the seat vacated by the resignation of John Rueter

Manager Duthie stated that the Council can proceed as they wish to fill the position. Mayor Sanderson stated that Tusayan Code states that the vacancy should be filled within 60 days.

Councilor Montoya nominated David Chavez for the position since he was the top vote-getter in the Fall 2016 election who was not elected. He stated that he wanted to honor the vote of the people. Vice Mayor Wirth seconded the nomination.

David Chavez stated that he would be honored to serve on the Council. Councilor Schoppmann asked if public safety was his foremost concern for the community. Mr. Chavez confirmed that it is.

Mayor Sanderson asked if anyone else in the room was interested in the position. No one spoke up.

Vice Mayor Wirth made a motion to appoint David Chavez to the seat vacated by John Rueter for the remainder of its term which ends in 2018. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Clerk Drake issued the Oath of Office to Councilor David Chavez and he took his seat with the Council.

C. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of Town of Tusayan investment of \$3,464,000 into 14 new FDIC insured Certificates of Deposit (CDs), finalized on February 20, 2017

Manager Duthie reviewed the investment of an additional \$3,464,000 in CDs.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to ratify the investment of \$3,464,000 into 14 new FDIC-insured Certificates of Deposit (CDs), finalized on February 20, 2017. Councilor Schoppmann seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

- D. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of Town Council authorization for Mayor Sanderson and Councilmember Montoya to wire transfer \$3,464,000 from the Town bank account to Bank of New York/Pershing LLC on February 22, 2017, to pay for the purchase of the Certificates of Deposit (CD's), finalized on February 20, 2017; And authorize a letter to be signed by the Town Council approving the wire transfer, in compliance with Town fiscal policies**

Manager Duthie stated that this item is "housekeeping" for the preceding item.

Vice Mayor Wirth made a motion to ratify Town Council authorization for Mayor Sanderson and Councilmember Montoya to wire transfer \$3,464,000 from the Town bank account to Bank of New York/Pershing LLC on February 22, 2017, to pay for the purchase of the Certificates of Deposit (CD's), finalized on February 20, 2017; And authorize a letter to be signed by the Town Council approving the wire transfer, in compliance with Town fiscal policies. Councilor Schoppmann seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

- E. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of staff authorization and direction to Team Fishel to submit application to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) concerning the installation of conduit and fiber communication lines within the State right of way, inside the Town of Tusayan**

Manager Duthie stated that Team Fishel has completed a study of the area along Highway 64 regarding conduits which could contain fiber optic to deliver broadband connectivity within the Town of Tusayan.

He stated that he authorized Team Fishel to prepare an application for ADOT.

The Council discussed the project with Manager Duthie.

Vice Mayor Wirth made a motion to approve staff authorization and direction to Team Fishel to submit application to the Arizona Department of Transportation concerning the installation of conduit and fiber communication lines within the State right of way, inside the Town of Tusayan. Councilor Schoppmann seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4 in favor with Councilor Chavez abstaining due to his lack of experience with the topic.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of internet improvement and development options

Manager Duthie introduced Bill Bolin from Systems Technology Staffing. Mr. Bolin has been working with the Town for about 2 years. Manager Duthie instructed Mr. Bolin to research internet connectivity improvements at the City of Page.

Mr. Bolin presented his research results to the Council. He stated that the people in Page involved in the project were very helpful. He commended the Salt River Project (SRP) and the National Park Service for their cooperativeness.

The major impetus for the project was connectivity for the medical center, especially for trauma situations.

SRP contributed about \$1.3M and the City of Page approximately \$700K to complete the project for \$2M in about 16 months.

The Council discussed this information and the possibility of grant funding with Mr. Bolin.

B. Discussion of Sports Complex and Work Group

Manager Duthie reviewed the plan for the baseball/softball field, soccer field, and track. He toured an artificial turf field in Flagstaff which was installed several years ago. A vendor who is on the state contract will be in Town tomorrow.

Manager Duthie thanked Kevin Hartigan for reminding him that a request still needs to be made to APS for power at the Complex.

Nathaniel Sanders, a National Park employee and Track and Field Coach, spoke to the Council regarding his coaching position and his requests for student development. He requested that an indoor facility be considered to allow year-round training and hosting tournaments and meets.

C. Discussion of Community Wellness meeting issues

Manager Duthie and Vice Mayor Wirth stated that there was a job fair at We Cook Pizza where 25 people participated. There was also a job fair at the Squire Inn discussing needs from the Veterans' Administration. Manager Duthie stated that there will be a meeting in Town Hall next week with the Chamber and the VA.

There will be a financial seminar at Albright Training Center.

Don Curnutt, from Grand Canyon National Park discussed the concept of "hobby shops" for wood-working, auto maintenance, etc.

There will be a book fair which needs volunteers.
The school is hosting a job fair on April 5th.

9. REPORTS

A. Town Manager

i. Update on the Planning and Zoning Commission

Tomorrow at 1pm there will be a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for a design review for Big E Steakhouse. In the near future, there will be additional items for the Planning and Zoning Commission to review.

ii. Update of Administrative actions and issues

Manager Duthie stated that the computer lab at Town Hall for the School District is well under way and they will start it soon. The businesses in the

community have donated about \$5,000 toward this project and the Town has matched about half of that.

The Rotary Club Interact group (high school students) is active and the plan is to try to keep them together in the summer as a youth council.

Additional skills development equipment has been ordered for the track and field team at the school.

Work continues to coordinate ties with Grand Canyon University (GCU). On Saturday, 25 students (boys' and girls' basketball teams) spent the day at GCU participating in many aspects of the college experience including a basketball game.

B. Council Members

None

C. Mayor

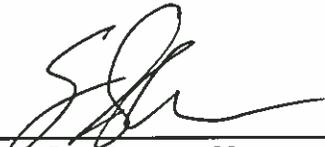
Mayor Sanderson stated that he attended the Community Luau last Friday at the Big E Steakhouse celebrating the 98th anniversary of Grand Canyon National Park. There was great attendance from the Town of Tusayan and from within the Park.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were added to the list for future agendas.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Councilor Schoppmann seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.



Craig Sanderson, Mayor 04-05-17
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 March 1, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2017



Town Clerk