

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE  
HELD 01/22/2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE** Kay/Ballard

**3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Groundhog Breakfast, Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 a.m., at the high school cafeteria.

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC**

Chief Pat Hancock invited Council to serve at the Groundhog Breakfast at 4:45 a.m.

Officer Alan DeWitt expressed appreciation to Council and the Town Manager for the financial assistance given to employees in December. He thanked Council.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Council meeting minutes dated 12/11/2012.
- B. Approval of Invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices PC dated 12/12/2012.
- C. Approval of Invoice from Lewis & Roca LLP dated 12/17/2012.
- D. Approval of Invoice from CMI Engineering dated 01/10/2013.

*Motion made by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Poscharsky, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous*

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Presentation by Navajo County Sheriff's Office.  
Sheriff KC Clark stated the task force, Major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT), is having great success getting drug dealers off the streets which reduces crime, domestic violence, and burglary. He recognized the addition of the K9 Unit in Snowflake which joins the 3 K9's currently with Navajo County. He said the legislature is looking at the Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) funds. He said drug dealers expect to go to jail but with the RICO it is possible to take their "bling". He said the monies received are then put back into the community through the drug task force and programs at schools. He said the RICO laws on the books need to be enforced. Navajo County is designated as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and partnering with the federal government receives federal funds. He said his department receives assistance from Arizona Department of Public Safety with the work of their interdiction officers within Navajo County. He said drug addiction crosses all borders. He said Snowflake-Taylor has had a heroin problem stemming from prescription abuse which is the number one problem in the nation.

Sheriff Clark introduced James Molesa, Chief Deputy, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, saying he has a strong background in drug enforcement. Molesa said prescription drug

abuse is greater than meth and heroin abuse. He said burglary and theft are one on one with recreational drug abuse. He said Officer Bobby Martin is very valuable to the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department and to the MCAT Task Force.

Lieutenant Randy Moffitt, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, also stated that Officer Bobby Martin is valuable to the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department and to the MCAT Task Force. Moffitt said during the calendar year of 2012 the Navajo County Sheriff's Office major Crimes Apprehension Team (MCAT) a HIDTA funded task force removed the following quantities of illegal drugs from within Navajo County:

• Marijuana	838.27 lbs	\$1,131,907
• Methamphetamine	16.27 lbs	192,322
• Heroin	365 gm	15,511
• Cocaine	4.26 lbs	52,326
• Marijuana plants	37 plants	21,300
• Ecstasy	97 dosage units	1,880
• Hashish	1.05 lbs	9,520
• Prescription drugs	406 dosage units	4,060
• Suspects arrested	643	
• Illegal Immigrants	110	
• Firearms seized	31	
• Other assets seized		181,733

Sheriff Clark said Navajo County is not a source but a destination for drugs. Officer Martin said the focus of combating the impact of drugs with Snowflake and Taylor is doing investigations using confidential informants to buy and remove drugs from the street. The results of these investigations are:

- Over 20 felony investigations
- 176 gm of marijuana bought—64 felony charges on 11 individuals
- 14.8 gm meth bought—80 felony charges—11 arrests
- Pills—10 felony charges—3 arrests

Additional work was done on cases regarding gun purchases resulting in 15 felony charges. Officer Martin is certified to use the Cell Bright System which is a forensic device that allows a cell phone to be plugged into the system and all information ever put into the phone can be pulled off.

Council Member Ballard asked about rehabilitation stating that the Mormon Church has a program. Chief Deputy Molesa said that 84% of individuals that come to rehab come to law enforcement first. He said they are looking at programs for individuals that are incarcerated. He said the programs Ballard mentioned are good after-programs when individuals are in the community. He said the average number of times of rehabilitation treatment is 7 for meth users. Sheriff Clark said the drug court program is working.

Poscharsky asked about pawn shop restrictions. Clark said there is an ordinance that requires the person pawning an item to pay a \$3 fee. The fee pays for "Leads Online" which provides picture of person pawning an item, their thumbprint, and information if

item is stolen. He said \$40,000 worth of stolen property has been recovered and undercover stings and pawn shops have been conducted.

Chief Jerry Van Winkle said there has been a good partnership with team effort for the last 7 years. He said there have been 44 drug investigations most of which resulted from traffic stops. The information was passed to MCAT and the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department worked closely with them. He state Officer Martin is the best of the best.

Sheriff Clark said they are firmly committed to fighting this battle through HIDTA and RICO funds. He said there is money for training and they are committed to the K9 Program for Snowflake.

Whiting asked if Council should be talking to the legislature regarding the RICO funds. Sheriff Clark said he will make sure Council is notified if the bill comes across his desk. He urged Council to be supportive because it is critical to keep funding in the community.

B. Approve Professional Services Contract with Tetra Tech for Waterline Relocation.  
(Rob Emmett)

Terry Cooper provided the following information to Council:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has initiated a project to extend the reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC) located to the north of Flake Avenue within the SR-77 right of way. The RCBC conveys flow from the west both north and south of Red Hill. The purpose of the RCBC extension is to provide for future highway widening and to protect the downstream end of the RCBC from erosion. With the planned improvement the Town's waterline is in conflict and requires relocation. Because of ADOT's prior rights, the cost for the relocation must be assumed by the Town. Based on the preliminary ADOT schedule, the relocation needs to be completed by October 2013. To initiate the relocation, staff contacted Tetra Tech Engineering Service for a proposal to provide design and construction service.

Cooper said based on the proposed scope of work a fee was negotiated. He said the total contract fee to be paid in incremental payments is \$6,885. Council asked if the highway would be widened next year. Cooper said that project is at least 5 years out.

***Motion made by Poscharsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay, to approve contract with Tetra Tech for Waterline Relocation Design at Flake Street for amount not to exceed \$6,885.00.  
Motion passed; unanimous***

C. Approve Credit Card Policy. (Brian Richards)

In response to Council inquiry, Hall stated he had not reviewed the policy. Richards said the policy is simple. He said the Town would like to issue credit cards to employees to facilitate better control over local purchasing. Watson said that currently the Town has open accounts at vendors. He said as a trial the Public Works Department would like all their staff to have cards and be accountable for expenditures. He said it will save time and increase accuracy. Richards said the Town does not have formal credit card policy. Hall

said he had read the policy. Hensley said the vendor accounts requiring employees to sign need to be closed.

***Motion by Poscharsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay, to approve Town Credit Card Policy pending review by Town Attorney, Robert Hall. Motion passed; unanimous***

D. Approve bid for technology services with Computer Technologies, LLC. (Brian Richards)

Richards said the Town published a request for bids for technology services in the Silver Creek Herald and received one bid from Computer Technologies, LLC. The services requested and the bid price is as follows:

- Police Dept managed services \$552/mo
- Police Dept exchange e mail accounts 18 @ \$10/mo
- Town Hall managed services \$202/mo
- Town Hall exchange e mail accounts \$10/mo per e mail
  - Migrating each machine to exchange e mail \$75/hr (1 hr per machine)

Watson said expertise and service given regarding the data pipeline will save money. Kay said she has used this company for years and highly recommends them.

***Motion by Poscharsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballard, to approve bid for technology services with Computer Technologies, LLC. Motion passed; unanimous with Hensley abstaining***

E. Approve expenditure for fencing at Cemetery. (Don Camacho)

Camacho said the “rip rap” work is complete at the cemetery and a fence now needs to be installed. He said he received 6 bids ranging from \$10,000 to \$17,000. He recommended Council approve the bid from Sterling Fence Incorporated in the amount of \$9,984. He said perpetual care funds will be used to fund this project. Richards said the project is budgeted.

***Motion by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Poscharsky, to approve fencing at Snowflake Cemetery. Motion passed; unanimous***

## **8. COUNCIL MEMBER’S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Poscharsky said he will be attending the Little Colorado Resource & Development Winter Watershed Conference January 30<sup>th</sup> –February 1, 2013. He said the potash companies will be represented. He said American West Potash has provided a list of vendors that they will need and has agreed to give local preference. He said he will also be talking with Passport Potash.

Whiting wished to publicly thank Poscharsky for consistently approaching American West Potash to accomplish this task. He said Poscharsky visited approximately 75 businesses. Whiting said he appreciates Poscharsky’s efforts.

**9. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT**

Watson said the Apache & Navajo Counties Mayors' and Council Members' Association is meeting Monday, February 4, 2013 in Eagar. He said a meeting with the legislators regarding problems that affect our area will be discussed and then a contingency will go down to meet with the legislators. He encouraged Council to attend the meeting. He said anyone planning to attend could meet at the Town Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Watson thanked Poscharsky for his efforts in economic development promoting economics and attracting industry.

Watson gave an update regarding Apache Railway. He said the process of negotiating is ongoing and there are a lot of people working with the Town to protect the railway.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:20 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held January 22, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Barbara Flake, Town Clerk