

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 03/26/2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Kelly Willis, Chris Brimhall, Kerry Ballard, Stuart Hensley, Tom Poscharsky, Bev Kay—Jason Whiting excused. STAFF: Paul Watson, Bob Hall, Katie Melser, Terry Cooper, Cathie McDowell

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Hensley/Kay

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor read the Proclamation for Library Week and asked for a round of applause for Cathie and expressed gratitude for the library and staff. He also expressed his desire for the Academy Building to be completed and used as the Public Library and feels good about what is happening there. He also read the Proclamation for Fair Housing month.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Sylvia Allen- Concerned about environmental regulations (SCEPP), she has been involved in this issue for a time. She gave examples of some of the requirements for participating in the program that go above and beyond. ADEQ has to approve the programs you agree to participate in and then provide yearly reports. She is concerned about the time and money required. Read example of environmental policy that must be posted at town facilities. She stressed the part that says manage our processes, materials, and our people in order to reduce the environmental impact. The environment has become the issue used to change the county. Asked for an open meeting or to be put on the agenda so the community can discuss the program and ask questions, to talk about whether this is a good thing or not. The burden will be on the people and businesses in the community.

Paul- There are many good points that Sylvia brings up. The plan hasn't been adopted yet and it is a public process, everyone will be invited to participate in order to know what direction the community wants to move in.

Kent Gibson- Worked on environmental issues while working for the paper mill on the Pulp and Paper workers resource council. He has had many opportunities to be involved in these kinds of issues. He has issues with SCEPP. There needs to be more time spent seeing what the program is about and how it affects the community and the citizens. The community doesn't need another layer of environmental bureaucracy; we already live under regulations from ADEQ and the EPA. Was this SCEPP program signed by the mayor or council? Was there discussion in the council regarding this matter? What is the cost for implementation and administration of this program? Will this place burdens on business or community members? Are there not already regulations in place for many of the things that will be regulated, why duplicate? Each chapter has a self assessment questionnaire- do we want ADEQ knowing all of our business? There are no get out of jail cards handed out by ADEQ or the EPA, so if that is the reason, it isn't a good one.

Would like to know if other communities in the area are participating and what their experience is with it? Would not like to see the city or the community citizens overburdened with regulations that aren't needful at this time.

Lowry Flake- Work together in love and unity to bring about good things to benefit the community. Last spoke on debt, still a high priority. The constitution guarantees equal rights, not equal conditions. It protects our liberty, not our safety. Benjamin Franklin said the words to some effect, "Those who trade their freedom for security will end up with neither." He gave a handout with an overview of what we are facing. What is the real end game of fundamental transformation; what is the master plan; who are the master planners, how do we fit in their plans. All things that are not of God shall crumble to dust. There are very, very difficult things to go through before the end. He pointed out the websites on the handout and asks the council to visit them. He does not believe any of the acronym groups (like EPA) are voted into existence by citizens, that is a problem. When it comes to the environment, we are plagued with religionists that worship the earth rather than God. We are facing a serious threat to our freedom. Allow full public disclosure to work together united-ly to determine what the best interest is for the community.

Jeff Brimhall- Concerned about the SCEPP program. His main concern is in the area of employment. It is difficult to receive money for cost of living while costs for others keep going up. We are grateful to be able to survive at this time. It will cause a burden on people and business in the area. It is costly to keep up with the EPA and other regulations. It is difficult for businesses when there are more regulations. He is still researching the program to find out if it is beneficial or detrimental to the community. Asks that the council bring this to the public before anything is implemented. Uphold the constitution, because we are free people, instead of being governed by more big government.

Mayor will discuss with staff what course to take.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council meeting minutes dated 3/12/2013.
- B. Approve invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices dated March 14, 2013.
- C. Approve Purchase of used vehicle from Hatch Motors for Snowflake Golf

Course.

D. Approve Invoices from High Country Floor Covering & Restore Pro for flood restoration at Snowflake Fire Station.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Poscharsky, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation by Robert Yellowhair regarding painting history of the Town of Snowflake. (Kerry Ballard)

Kerry introduced Mr. Yellowhair as a world famous artist that lives right here in town. He is getting older and would like to make a life sketch for the town, similar to what is in the council room already but in his style.

Mr. Yellowhair began by saying he is a Navajo Indian born and raised on the reservation in Indian Wells. When he was about 6 or 7 started painting, knew he would be an artist. Admired Charles M. Russell, wanted to be just like him- feels like he has

achieved that. He is ready to do a painting for the Town of Snowflake. One piece of art encompassing the story of Snowflake. He feels like the Town of Snowflake and its people deserve recognition. Examples- the Flakes legacy, Fire in the Sky; asks the council to give him ideas; he leaves it to the town to finish the concept for the masterpiece. It would be a 5ft high canvas and as long as wanted/needed, done in oil. Price is negotiable, range of \$9,000-\$10,000 and he'll donate half. What is Snowflake famous for? Give him ideas and he'll put it on the canvas. He talked about some of the art work he brought with him and has on display. He found a lot of history in 5 mile canyon about the area, including the temple. R-14 (the Apache) and hp#2 (the Navajo)- the Mormons that came to the area taught them how to make corn liquor, that is why they used to have corn festivals. This used to be a hub where Indians would come to gamble with each other. He told about the name that the Indians called the Snowflake and that it is found in 5 mile canyon and is still called that today. He hasn't read about these in the history books but thinks people would be interested in his history and painting.

Tom- recommended him to read "From Indian Trails to Jet Trails" by Al Levine.

The Mayor noted that this item is not up for action but they will take it into consideration and thanked Mr. Yellowhair and his son for coming to present to the council.

B. Approve Resolution No. 13-02 Adopting Results of Primary Election held March 12, 2013. (Katie Melser)

Motion by Mayor Willis, 2nd by Kay to accept resolution 13-02 as stated by the Clerk pro tem. Motion passed; unanimous.

C. Approve Resolution No. 13-03 Adopting Fair Housing Policy. (Cathie McDowell)

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Ballard to accept resolution 13-03. Motion passed; unanimous.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Stuart has heard discussion about people's concern about SCEPP and other issues. Only 10% of the people in the community voted and that is a problem. More people need to vote. Encourage family and friends and community to vote and participate.

Bev- appreciates attendance by so many in the community and voicing of their opinions on SCEPP; it has opened her eyes and she will be doing more research on the subject.

The Snowflake/Taylor Chamber is having a banquet April 12th.

Mayor- As many know, the town is actively trying to retain the railway between here and Holbrook; he feels it is vital to the community and the area. The mayor and manager have been trying to find support for the rail and have been getting some vital support from the state and county. Spent many hours talking with Jeff Flake and Anne Kirkpatrick and spent time with Federal Railway Association and American Short Rail Association. Many people are working on this very overwhelming, but worthy cause. The work is making progress, businesses in the area use it and many businesses are being found that are interested in using the railway. A lot of faith and hope is going in to this working out and moving forward. The town doesn't want to own the rail, but is trying to keep it going long enough for someone to buy and make it a great asset. He feels confident that if this goes poorly that the money can be reclaimed through the scrap and the salvage to pay the debts on this; we want it to remain vital though. Thank all involved, there are a lot of people that have put time, energy and money, Mr. Brophy in particular has done much.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

The rail was mostly for the paper mill. There are some things in the works that the rail will be important for. There is a gap now with current operations until things like potash come on line. We have worked diligently, none feel that the town should be in the rail road business, but feel strongly to keep it in place to be able to rebuild the economy and industry. Have been in meetings with state/feds and have asked for loans, not handouts, in order to sustain it until the money owed (6.5 million in roughly a year) to keep the rail. Within 6-12 months the rail can be self sufficient. In years to come it will increase greatly in value.

The Snowflake/Taylor Chamber Friday April 12th, the town has a table – email sent asking about availability from council.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:03

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held February 26, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, CMC
Town Clerk