

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE  
HELD 09-24-2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Kelly Willis, Vice Mayor Jason Whiting, Bev Kay, Tom Poscharsky—excused, Stuart Hensley, Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard STAFF: Paul Watson, Bob Hall, Jerry Van Winkle, Rob Emmett, Terry Cooper, Barbara Flake

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE**—*Young Marines will Post the Colors and Lead the Pledge*  
Johnson/Young Marines

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

Mayor Willis thanked the Young Marines for posting the Colors and leading the Pledge.

*Proclamation of “Red Ribbon Week”*

Willis read the proclamation supporting a drug-free community.

*Proclamation of “National Recovery Month”*

Willis read the proclamation supporting ways to prevent mental health crises and the need for effective treatment alternatives and the celebratory fact that people can and do recover.

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC**

No comments.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Council meeting minutes dated 09/10/2013.
- B. Approval of Invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices, P.C. dated 09/10/2013.
- C. Approval of Invoices from Emmett Engineering, LLC dated July, August 2013.
- D. Approval of Invoice from Copperstate Drilling & supply, Inc. dated 08/29/2013.

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discussion & Possible Approval of road maintenance on Snowflake Heights Blvd.  
(Terry Cooper)

In response to a request for road maintenance by Mark Kyser, property owner on Snowflake Heights Blvd, Terry Cooper researched the acceptance of Snowflake Heights Subdivision and the Antelope Ridge Ranch land splits. Cooper gave a power point presentation that showed the history of the acceptance of Snowflake Heights Subdivision but not the maintenance of the roads. Town of Snowflake Ordinance No. 52 shows that the roads were not accepted for maintenance in the Snowflake Heights Subdivision. Town Code 11-6-3 does not allow for maintenance of roads that are not brought up to certain standards. A copy of the ordinance was provided to Mark Kyser. Cooper said Kyser also received information regarding the estimated costs of a Road Improvement District. A summary of those costs follows: Asphalt surface: \$731,665.57 =

\$49.41/ft/side; Gravel surface: \$438,103.75 = \$29.59/ft/side. There are 20 parcels adjacent to the roadway and 39 parcels in the entire section.

Cooper said there are issues with water crossings at 4 locations on Snowflake Heights Blvd. He said addressing the issue is more complex than digging a bar ditch on the side of the road. He said there is no material to blade on the road. He stated that it does not appear that the road is maintained beyond the town limits by Navajo County. Willis asked if the residents could provide the material would the Town be able to use their equipment to blade the road. Cooper said that may be a door that the Town does not want to open. He said there are almost 78 miles of dirt roads within the boundaries of the Town and the Public Works Department does not have the staff to maintain 78 miles of dirt roads. Tisha Feemster said she was the last person to blade the road and she feels a lot of material would be needed to put in culverts to address the water that crosses the road. Cooper said that if the property owners want to address the drainage issues then easements would be needed to move the water. He said that the Town could then possibly accept the drainage maintenance. Feemster said there about 20 people in the first mile and a half with a lot more people further down the road that would then expect that part of road to be maintained. Lynn Johnson said diverse opinions would be received on whether they want maintenance on the road or not.

***Motion by Whiting to table this item. Motion withdrawn.***

***Motion by Whiting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay, to notify residents that based on the ordinance stating the conditions for accepting the subdivision and Town Code: 11-6-3 the Town is unable to maintain the road until it is brought up to certain standards. Motion passed; unanimous***

B. Consideration & Possible Assignment of Council Members to various committees.  
(Paul Watson)

The list of committees was reviewed. Ballard said that Ray Caldwell is working on getting the Community Values Committee started again in November. Jerry Van Winkle stated that he would like to be an active member of this committee.

***Motion by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hensley, to approve the assignments to various committees: Heritage Foundation—Lynn Johnson; Snowflake Academy Foundation—Stuart Hensley. Motion passed; unanimous***

## **7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Whiting said he attended the meeting regarding the 4FRI contract and was encouraged by what he heard. He feels it is very positive for job improvement.

Johnson said he has been on several ride-a-longs with the police officers. He asked Chief Van Winkle if there is really a limit of 1 ride every 6 months. Van Winkle said the limit is 8 hours in 6 months because officers have to adjust their schedules to accommodate ride-a-longs. Johnson highly recommended others participate in the program.

Ballard said Bob Worsley and son have good ideas for the paper mill area and are working on getting businesses located here.

#### **8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT**

Apache/Navajo Counties Mayors & Council Members Association will meet at the Taylor Fire Department at Noon on September 30, 2013. The Employee "Raise a Barn" project will be at the golf course on October 18, 2013. Also, the Employee Golf Tournament will be held the same day.

Several inquiries regarding the mill site have been received and responded to. Novo Power, owners of the biomass plant and coal-fired power plant at the mill, are currently running the biomass plant at capacity with material being delivered from the forest thinning projects. Several options are being reviewed for the coal-fired power plant including a clean burning coal conversion with the assistance of BYU or a natural gas conversion. Both of these options would provide for additional jobs for the area.

The 4FRI contract was recently given to a new company, Good Earth Power, who focuses on the use of power to generate sustainable economic development. They believe that they can use innovative technology to produce power here in the U.S., Europe, and other areas. Watson connected them with Novo Power. Representative of both companies have been in contact. They are also working with the owners of the paper mill site to look at possibilities there.

A proposal for regional dispatch services is close for presentation to the Council. It looks like there will be 1 regional dispatch operation with 2 separate locations. The early cost estimates show Snowflake and Taylor with an increase in costs limited to no more than 5% over current costs.

The Arizona Commerce Authority loan has been approved. The RRIF loan through the Federal Railway Administration is still be considered for approval. Work is being done with BNSF to provide car storage, repair and other services to increase operating revenues.

Watson met with David Bentler and other economic development staff from APS and they are excited with the prospects of new industry in this area and would like to offer their assistance.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held September 24, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Barbara Flake, Town Clerk