



**MINUTES OF THE TAYLOR AND SNOWFLAKE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2014, 6:00 PM
AT THE TAYLOR FIRE STATION
411 PAPER MILL ROAD TAYLOR, ARIZONA**

TAYLOR COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilmembers Carl Cosper, Lynn Dewitt, David Smith, Jason Brubaker, Gary Solomon

TAYLOR COUNCIL ABSENT: None

TAYLOR STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, EMS Director/Fire Chief Clint Burden, Building Official Allen Davis and Clerk Kelly Jones

SNOWFLAKE COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Kelly Willis, Vice Mayor Jason Whiting, Councilmembers Stuart Hensley, Kerry Ballard, Bev Kay, Lynn Johnson, Tom Poscharsky

SNOWFLAKE COUNCIL ABSENT: None

SNOWFLAKE STAFF PRESENT: Manager Paul Watson, Public Works Director Terry Cooper, Fire Chief Pat Hancock, Building Official Dale Call, Town Clerk Barbara Flake

SNOWFLAKE-TAYLOR POLICE CHIEF: Jerry VanWinkle present

TAYLOR FIRE REVIEW COMMITTEE PRESENT: Lynn Dewitt, Carl Cosper, Brad Click, Clint Peck, Clay Wood, Kent Hall, and Jared Hatch

SNOWFLAKE FIRE REVIEW COMMITTEE: Terrell Kay, Greg Brimhall, Kerry Ballard and Tom Poscharsky

SNOWFLAKE ATTORNEY: Bob Hall present

VISITORS PRESENT: "See List"

Taylor Mayor Fay Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:05 welcoming the attendees.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Snowflake Vice Mayor Jason Whiting

Invocation: Offered by Taylor Councilman Carl Cosper

1. Discussion regarding Regional Dispatch Services. (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

Snowflake Manager Paul Watson gave an update on the proposed Regional Dispatch Services. In 2009 regional Emergency Medical Service (EMS) departments and the hospital addressed concern with the lack of communication between agencies in emergency situations. They met to discuss these concerns and see if solutions to the problems could be met. In 2011 a Study Commission was formed and a Consultant was hired to look at possible solutions and to see if we formed the best way to implement a program. In 2013 they talked to dispatch centers and homed in on the concept of 2 dispatch centers at two locations functioning as one technology to operate as one center. Today the concept is on placing centers in Show Low and Holbrook but there are concerns with this proposal. The next meeting is March 8th and Paul said that everyone is in agreement to improve services for citizens but there are still issues to be discussed.

2. Consideration & Possible Approval to Apply for Communications Grant. (Pat Hancock, Clint Burden, Jerry Van Winkle)

Taylor Fire Chief Clint Burden reported on an opportunity to apply for a Federal Homeland Security Grant. He explained that after 911, blame was put on communications so the government came up with a P25 standard that sets guidelines to become compliant. Clint noted that the

chances of obtaining this grant are much better by making a cooperative operation with Snowflake Fire, Taylor Fire and the Police Department than applying as single agencies. These funds will allow the departments to apply for equipment they could not otherwise afford. Tonight they are seeking the Council's approval so they can apply for the grant. If they are awarded funds they will prioritize and replace repeaters this year. The funds will be ongoing for 3 or 4 years.

A motion was made by Taylor Councilman Carl Cospers, seconded by Councilman Jason Brubaker

To go forth with applying for the Communications grant

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

A motion was made by Snowflake Councilman Tom Poscharsky, seconded by Councilman Kerry Ballard

To authorize application for the Communications grant

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

3. Discussion, Update, & Possible Action regarding Shared Services:

A. Update from Police Department. (Jerry Van Winkle)

Snowflake-Taylor Police Chief Jerry VanWinkle presented the Council's with his departments Annual Report. He said the department consists of 22 employees, 14 Certified Officers, 6 Dispatchers, 1 Administrative Assistant and 1 Animal Control Officer. They cover both towns which consist of over 60 square miles. He went over and explained a list of projects/activities the department has done and been involved with in the past year and thus far this year.

B. Update & Recommendation from Fire Department Review Committees. (Terril Kay, Lynn DeWitt)

Snowflake Fire Review Committee Chairman Terril Kay addressed the Councils stating that the Fire Review Committees have worked hard at understanding fire and EMS and they have held lots of meetings. He introduced Snowflake Committee Members; Greg Brimhall, Bob Flake, and Joe Bjorn and Council representatives Kerry Ballard and Tom Poscharsky. He also recognized town staff and the Fire and EMS crews thanking the volunteers for their sacrifice and acknowledged the major role they play. Snowflake had been meeting on this issue for 2 years and looked at every angle to figure ways to preserve and better service. Taylor was asked to join them since combining the departments would be better financially, improve serve to the community and increase call times. The Committees came up with a unanimous conclusion that at this time our community would be best served if they joined the departments and came up with an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). He explained and IGA is an agreement for the two towns to work together for the same purpose.

Taylor Fire Review Committee Chairman Lynn Dewitt informed the Councils that there were strong opinions and it was good to hear both sides. They covered a lot of ground and everyone on the Committees came to an agreement to what would work best for the community. It was a unanimous decision to ask the Councils to proceed forth with an IGA. Lynn said he feels this is the best thing for us now given resources and circumstances. Taylor's Committee consists of Brad Click, Jared Hatch, Clay Wood, Clint Peck, Kent Hall and Council representatives Carl Cospers and Lynn Dewitt.

C. Discussion & Possible Action regarding moving forward with Fire Committee Recommendation & Next Steps. (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

Taylor Manager Gus Lundberg said that tonight they are seeking approval to proceed with combining the Taylor and Snowflake Fire Departments and to come up with an Intergovernmental Agreement. It would be modeled after the current Police IGA, 45% Taylor and 55% Snowflake split. The oversight committee to handle issues would consist of Mayor's, Vice Mayor's, Attorneys and Managers of both towns with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2014. Since Snowflake handles the administration of the Police Department Taylor will handle the day to day, personnel and implementation of the budget for the fire department. Snowflake will assume all debt service of their Fire Department and assets, future assets can be identified in the IGA and split if it terminates.

Mayor Willis said he is grateful that both towns participated in the committees and feels we can do anything together as a community. A larger department with 2 communities would be a benefit to get needed equipment, he is grateful for the volunteers on both fire departments and we appreciate them.

A motion was made by Taylor Councilman Lynn Dewitt, seconded by Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer

To move forward with the Fire Committee recommendation and next steps

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

A motion was made by Snowflake Mayor Kelly Willis, seconded by Vice Mayor Jason Whiting

To move forward with the Fire Committee recommendation and next steps

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

D. Discussion of Other Shared Services—Existing Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

Snowflake Manager Paul Watson said that as we move forward with the Fire IGA we need to look at other shared service and get information to bring back to council.

Taylor resident Shirley Hatch expressed concerns with the Fire Departments combining and questioned locating an ambulance in Snowflake. Councilman Lynn Dewitt explained that under the Certificate of Necessity (CON) Taylor is responsible for providing ambulance service to Snowflake. Part of combining will allow us to put a day shift of ambulance employees in Snowflake. There are often second call outs so this way we will have a second ambulance ready to respond more quickly and provide better faster service. If calls come in at night volunteers will be able to respond in Snowflake.

4. Discussion regarding Economic Development Committee. (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

Manager Gus Lundberg reported that Taylor has reassigned people to a new Economic Development Committee and they are working with Snowflake's Committee. The meetings they have held have been good.

5. Discussion regarding General Planning Services. (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

Manager Paul Watson said the top priority for our communities is bringing in jobs and establishing industries. He said there are a number of things in the works and lots of discussion and speculation. It is a very real possibility with the Potash Mines, the 4FRI Contract and other things being looked at that there is a potential for growth for business to operate and thrive here so we need a plan to deal with growth. Paul and Gus have talked about the concept of planning deeper than the General Plan. At this time neither town has a Certified Planner so Paul has talked to a consultant with lots of experience. There is a potential of contracting with this individual to assess our communities from an economic standpoint to see what we need to do to be better prepared for growth. He would be able to access what our next steps would be. Paul said we are two separate towns with one economy so it makes sense to plan together for industry and retail to come in.

6. Discussion regarding Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Grant. (Gus Lundberg, Paul Watson)

A. Possible Approval of Snowflake Resolution No. 14-04 Support of the PARA Application for the Freeman Hollow Corridor Study.

Snowflake Public Works Director Terry Cooper reported that this resolution needs Council approval to be able to apply for further PARA Grant Funds for transportation planning. The grant will provide funds for a study to determine the best feasible route for the proposed roadway in the Freeman Hollow Corridor. The next step will be to look at the terrain and figure out alignment to see where to locate the road.

**A motion was made by Snowflake Councilman Tom Poscharsky, seconded by Councilwoman Bev Kay
To approve Resolution 14-04 Support of the PARA Application for the Freeman Hollow Corridor Study
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

B. Possible Approval of Taylor Resolution No. R 2014-02 Support of the PARA Application for the Freeman Hollow Corridor Study.

**A motion was made by Taylor Councilman David Smith, seconded by Councilman Lynn Dewitt
To approve Resolution R 2014-02 Support of the PARA Application for the Freeman Hollow Corridor Study
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

7. Discussion regarding Future Joint Council Meetings.

Gus said he feels this has been an effective meeting and asked the Council's if they would be interested in scheduling more Joint Meetings in the future. Both Councils gave a favorable

consensus and it was determined to meet every 6 months and to call Special Meetings when and if they are needed.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS—The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to ARS 38-431.02.

Councilman Kerry Ballard noted that he appreciated being at this meeting and he enjoyed being here.

Councilman Jason Brubaker said that Taylor will soon begin working on our fields and asked if it could be coordinated with Snowflake to possibly rotate fields when the fields in both towns are being maintained.

Councilman Tom Poscharsky informed attendees the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held tomorrow at 11:30.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

**A motion was made by Councilman Gary Solomon, seconded by Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer
To adjourn the meeting
The motion carried (7:40)**

Certification of Minutes: I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor and Snowflake Joint Council meeting held on the 25th day of February, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Kelly Jones
Taylor Town Clerk