

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 02/10/2015**

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

Mayor Tom Poscharsky, Kerry Ballard, Lynn Johnson—excused, Stuart Hensley, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson—excused, Terril Kay STAFF: Paul Watson, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Terry Cooper, Pat Hancock

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Hensley/Troop 704—Jace Merrill

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Poscharsky announced a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. He stated that individuals interested in serving should send a letter of interest to the Town Manager.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Steven Slaton, Field Associate for Americans for Prosperity—

He said he is tackling issues affecting our communities and nation. He is working with Navajo County on voters rights which includes making sure there is an even playing field with regard to early voting in the communities. He highly supports Governor Ducey's budget plan. The organization he is working for is issue oriented and working with all communities. They would like to help where needed.

Lowry Flake, resident—

He expressed concern about the direction of our nation relaying a story about a young boy volunteering to clear snow for people who was stopped by police for soliciting without a permit. He said illegals will soon be able to obtain social security numbers and receive back credit for wages earned. He expressed concern about who is standing up for the constitution. He said it good that the Town is planning for emergencies and hopes this will not deter those wanting to give service.

Pat Hancock—

He thanked Council for their help with the Groundhog Day Breakfast.

Jason Whiting—

He thanked Council for their service and for letting the Boy Scouts attend the meeting tonight. He said he will be back in the future with a presentation regarding Navajo County and the partnerships with Snowflake and surrounding communities.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 01/27/2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Appointment of Vice Mayor for the Town of Snowflake. (Paul Watson)

Watson stated that the Council will be considering and making an appointment of Vice Mayor and it is important to understand the roles of Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Member, and Manager in a Council-Manager form of government which is the form of government adopted by the majority of Arizona and the country. He gave Council 2 publications from the League of Arizona Cities and Towns: Council-Manager Government in Arizona and What all Local Elected Officials Need to Know. He said the information in these publications will be discussed in a future work session to provide guidance and spark some thoughts as to our roles to better prepare for the future.

Mayor Poscharsky called for a motion for appointment of a Council Member as Vice Mayor.

Motion by Hensley, 2nd by Kay, to approve the appointment of Kerry Ballard to the position of Vice Mayor. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. (Pat Hancock)

Hancock said the Snowflake Fire Department is requesting the Council approve an updated Arizona Mutual Aid Compact which is similar to the current agreement that is in use. He said mutual aid is important throughout the state.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Poscharsky, to approve the updated Arizona Mutual Aid Compact. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Discussion & Possible Action regarding NPC Silver Creek Campus reinvention. (Tom Poscharsky)

Poscharsky said this item is on the agenda to allow public discussion. He said Resolution No. 15-02 has been drafted to give a sense that Snowflake views this issue seriously and does not want action taken without weighing the consequences and other potential solutions to the problem. He said Senator Sylvia Allen has been approached regarding the expenditure limitations to address stop gap legislation to study the issue. He said that high school students can obtain dual credit and receive an Associate Degree while in high school. He said NPC credits transfer to any school in Arizona.

Watson said he attended meetings to see if it is possible to partner with school library services. He said there are real challenges based on the patrons served but it can be looked at along with other possible proposals.

Lewis shared statistics showing the Snowflake Campus had the 2nd highest headcount during the period of fall 2006 to 2014 with the full-time student count following the same

trend. He expressed concern for stay-at-home moms who would not be able to take classes if no classes were offered in Snowflake. He said that classes once offered at the Snowflake Campus have been moved to other campuses and now Snowflake students are traveling to those communities. He said he would like the opportunity of a library in Snowflake. He asked the question of how the number of students can be increased if the services are decreased. He said decreased services is encouraging exporting to other areas. He said that other community colleges recruit and NPC should recruit with the same intensity. He said Snowflake should consider visiting with Winslow. He stated that he hopes what is being proposed for the Snowflake Campus is not part of pattern—Heber Campus and Pinetop Campus are closed.

Attorney Hall said he appreciated the opportunity of attending a community college and transferring the credits to a university when he was obtaining his degree. He said taking classes from the Snowflake Campus deprives the Snowflake students of that opportunity.

Jason Whiting said that he recognizes the importance of the Snowflake Campus. He said that Poscharsky and Watson have met with NPC President Swarthout and there has been fairly open dialogue regarding this issue. Poscharsky agreed that there has not been any problem with the ongoing dialogue. He said that he is trying to be proactive with the Chamber of Commerce and others in the community in creating more awareness.

The next NPC meeting will be held at the Holbrook Campus, Tuesday, February 17th, at 10 a.m. The agenda can be found at www.npc.edu.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Lewis, to adopt Resolution No. 15-02 with the addition that it is important to work with other impacted communities, specifically, the City of Winslow. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ballard thanked all who participated at the Groundhog Breakfast—Police, Fire, Flake Family, Council Chamber.

Hensley thanked everyone for their participation at the Groundhog Breakfast. He thanked PFFJ for donating the sausage.

Lewis thanked the public for their attendance and communication at the Council meeting.

Kay said he appreciates the Town's willingness to get involved with issues. He said he appreciates Lowry Flake's ideas of where the country is going and get involved perspective.

Poscharsky said NPC is a positive for the community. He said Cory Johnson has been coordinating and meeting with NPC and Lewis and Ballard are also attending meetings. He announced that the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Legislative Day is tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Phoenix.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Watson said he anticipated bringing the IGA for Fire Services to this Council meeting but it was reviewed by the insurance agencies for both towns and legal related changes were suggested. He said the changes will be made and then the document will be sent to the attorneys. The IGA will then be brought to Council.

He said Navajo County is helping Snowflake in dealing with the Railway issues. He said he has meetings and phone calls with businesses looking at our area. He said Maverik is starting construction. He showed pictures of the Lumberjack Mill.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:55 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held February 10, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk