

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 03/10/2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tom Poscharsky, Vice Mayor Kerry Ballard, Lynn Johnson, Stuart Hensley, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson, Terril Kay STAFF: Paul Watson, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Brian Richards, Jerry Van Winkle

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Lewis/Johnson C.

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of State Champions Division III—Snowflake High School Basketball

Recognition of State Champions Division IV—Snowflake High School Wrestling

Mayor Poscharsky thanked athletes and families for coming to the Council meeting. Coach Andy Wood introduced the Basketball team: Travis Flake, Tanner Crosby, Caedon Ervien, Gunner Caldwell, Eldon McCray, Porter Black, Kurt Wood, Jordan Gardner, Kegan Bjornn, Jake Lyman, Ty Pawlik, Trey Schneider, Dallin Chapman. He recognized the coaching staff: Assistant Coaches Bob Flake, Joe Flake, and Mike Solomon. He said the team has been recognized as State Champions today at the Navajo County Board of Supervisors meeting and also at a pep assembly. He said the team has not lost a home game in 2 ½ seasons and that it has been 22 State Titles ago since basketball won a State Title. He the team has not done anything for recognition. He said that the Varsity team fed the JV team breakfast to create unity and delivered valentines to the widows in the community. He said there has been great leadership shown by the seniors. He said he is proud of the team. He said there has been amazing support from the community. He recognized Lynn Johnson, Dr. Chad Brimhall, and Summit Healthcare for their efforts regarding the health of a player allowing that boy to play in the State games. He recognized Cory Johnson for treating the players to a steak dinner the night before the final game.

Council Member Johnson read the proclamation. A copy of the proclamation and Snowflake pin was given to each team member and coach.

Head Coach Jeff Mortensen introduced the 5 Wrestling team members who attended State. He said they placed 7th as a team. He recognized Cole Mortensen—*weight 138* and Wacey Wood—*weight 145* as State Champions. He recognized Thomas Frost—6th place, Leon LaGrange—4th place, and JR Fox—4th place in their weight class. He recognized the coaching staff: Assistant Coaches Ken Owen and Wyatt Hatch, Clay Bryant. He said it is tough to qualify to go to State and the boys represented well on the mat. He said a fundraiser was held and enough money was raised for 2 coaches and the 2 State Champions to travel to Virginia Beach to represent the White Mountain area. Mortensen thanked Lynn Johnson, Ricky Brimhall, and Dr. Chad Brimhall for their efforts regarding the health of the wrestlers. Cory Johnson said that as a member of the school board, he received a letter from 2 teachers at Yuma Catholic High School complimenting the Wrestling team as outstanding athletes. The letter says they were impressed with the

behavior of the wrestlers, coaches, and parents. The letter also states that one of the teachers was on crutches and Cole Mortensen helped her to be seated and ensure that she was able to see by asking those in front of her to be seated.

Lynn Johnson read the proclamation. A copy of the proclamation and a Snowflake pin was given to each team member and coach.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Cindy Schreiber—The Senior Citizens Center would like to thank Council on behalf of Head Start. Head Start was having a problem with drainage near their building resulting in children stepping in mud and water when entering the building. The problem was brought to the attention of the Town and within 10 days there was a paved slab in front of the building.

Tomorrow is food box day at the Center. There is always a need of donations for the food bank to help in making emergency food baskets. Monday, Mar 16th is vegetables day.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 02/24/2015.

B. Approval of Invoice from Emmett Engineering, LLC dated January 2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of Audit Engagement Letter. (Brian Richards) Richards said the Town has used Hinton/Burdick as our auditors for the past three years. He said the price of \$14,250 is well below our peers and represents a good value and continuity of auditors helps keep audit costs low. He said that auditor rotation is sometimes seen as a benefit and also to get a fresh set of eyes on our records. He said Hinton/Burdick has brought different personnel each year to our audit. He recommended approval of engaging Hinton/Burdick. Poscharsky asked why Hinton/Burdick was audited and Richards explained that every auditor has to be audited every three years as a peer review.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Ballard, to approve the engagement letter with Hinton/Burdick for the FY15 Audit. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 15-04 Submission of Projects for consideration in Arizona's 2016 Highway Safety Plan—GOHS Grant. (Jerry Van Winkle)

Van Winkle explained that each year the Governor's Office of Highway Safety provides funding for projects relating to all aspects of highway safety. He said a resolution authorizing the submission of projects for consideration. He said the funding is in the form of reimbursable grants and the resolution will allow the Chief of Police to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents in connection with the grant. He

said staff is submitting for 3 projects: overtime for special projects, traffic enforcement, laptops for patrol vehicles.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Hensley, to approve Resolution No. 15-04 as presented, directing the Mayor to sign the same. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 15-05 Adopting Policy and Prescribing Procedures for Purchasing from Mayor and Council. (Paul Watson)
Watson said this is a resolution that governs purchase from the Mayor and Council and must be adopted annually.

Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Johnson C., to approve Resolution No. 15-05 Adopting Policy and Prescribing Procedures for Purchasing from Mayor and Council. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Discussion of “What All Local Elected Officials Need to Know.” (Paul Watson)
Barbara Flake reviewed Qualifications for Office, Term of Office, Oath of Office, and Official Bond. Attorney Bob Hall reviewed Conflict of Interest and Incompatibility of Offices. Paul Watson and Brian Richards reviewed Financial Disclosure Statements. Watson and Hall reviewed Nepotism.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER’S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay said he appreciates the Town for recognizing the High School Basketball and Wrestling teams and showing kids that actions count. He said he appreciates the Little League Program and other recreation programs offered by the Town. He said he looks forward to hearing about the IGA for Fire and Ambulance Services.

Johnson C. announced that Gerald Flake was inducted into the Arizona Farming and Ranching Hall of Fame at a dinner held March 7th. He said Gerald Flake was nominated for his contributions to the field of farming and ranching. He said that Flake has made a difference and done a good job representing our community. He said Flake spoke about his strong heritage.

Lewis thanked staff for providing information in a timely fashion. He thanked the newspapers for attending Council meetings.

Poscharsky said the NPC issues continue. He said there is a facilities assessment being done regarding the library. He said it is important for people to attend the NPC Board meeting and listening sessions. He announced the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner will be held March 17th and that Council members should contact Barbara Flake if they want to attend the dinner. He said he has been spending time with Novo Power and that they are expanding their facilities.

Ballard said that a prayer meeting is held the 1st Sunday of each month and the next one will be held at La Cocina de Evas at 5 p.m. He said that Bev Kay is the new Chairman of the Community Values Committee.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Watson said the IGA for Fire and Ambulance Services was given to both attorneys and managers for the Towns of Snowflake and Taylor. He said that there were no substantial changes recommended that needed committee review. He said it is the intent to bring the IGA to Council at the next Council meeting. He said a public hearing can be held. He said he will check with the Town of Taylor to determine if a joint meeting will be held. He gave credit to Fire Chief Pat Hancock and to the Snowflake Fire Department staff for trying to address issues and keep morale high in order to make a positive move.

Watson said he recently met in Phoenix with the Governor's Office and the Department of Housing regarding a long-term funding mechanism for the Apache Railway. He said he also met in Holbrook with a local lending institution regarding short-term bridge financing for Apache Railway. He said Navajo County has stepped up significantly in looking at opportunities to provide backing to put the financing pieces in place for Apache Railway. He said there are no new announcements regarding industry but that there are things in the works. He said that interested parties look at the railway so he continues to work on resolving financing for the Apache Railway.

Hensley said he would like to hold a joint meeting with the Taylor Council regarding fire services so Council Members are allowed to hear each other.

Watson said that he will be out of town next week.

9. 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 March 10, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk