

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 04/28/2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 8:00 p.m.

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

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Lewis/Johnson L.

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Lowry Flake thanked Council for their services. He said we are all repeatedly counseled to get out of debt and there is safety in following this counsel. He said Council and the Town Manager are in the driver's seat. He suggested that what is happening to the dollar with regard to inflation and deflation shows there is serious risk with debt. He suggested that the Town use present resources to retire debt.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 04/14/2015.

B. Approval of Invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices dated April 2015.

C. Approval of Invoice from Emmett Engineering LLC dated February and March 2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of Ordinance No. 15-08 Property Exchange between Rimrock View Estates, LLC and the Town of Snowflake. (Paul Watson)

Watson explained that Council approved the exchange of the property named in Ordinance No. 15-08 at the last Council meeting held 04/14/2015. He said it is legally necessary to pass the ordinance to complete the process.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Johnson C., to approve Ordinance 15-08 Authorizing property exchange between Rimrock View Estates, LLC, and the Town of Snowflake, doing business as Snowflake Municipal Property Corporation. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of Upgrades to the Restaurant Facilities at the Snowflake Municipal Golf Course. (Terry Cooper)

Cooper said these upgrades are being requested for a town-owned building. He said it was recently discovered that the incoming gas line, ventilation system (hood system), and

fire suppression system do not meet code and the proposed upgrades are necessary to maintain compliance with regulations. He said staff solicited bids and 4 bids were received for the hood system and fire suppression system with the low bidder being Rim Country Mechanical with a total of \$16,858.19. He said of the 3 bids received for the gas line, Rim Country Mechanical was the low bid at \$1,894.77 for a combined total of \$18,752.96.

Lewis asked if there were warnings regarding being non-compliant. Cooper said he brought the issues to the attention of Watson and it is now being addressed. The restaurant owner, Cathy Evans, said Navajo County notified them of code violations. Kay asked how long the Town has been given to address the issues. She said the County is working with them but their insurance company will call at the end of the quarter for a report. Poscharsky asked about the possibility of using ventless equipment, such as, induction plates. The restaurant owners said that is a different kind of cooking. Kay said he feels Council needs a short time to review this issue based on the dollar amount and asked if it could be addressed in 2 weeks. There was a discussion regarding the need for the hood system to be stainless steel. Johnson L. asked if the restaurant could split the cost of the upgrades. Restaurant owners said they would have to meet about that. Ballard asked if the equipment could be purchased and then installed by staff. Cooper said staff could not install the fire suppression system but could possibly install the hood system. Poscharsky about purchasing a system from a closing restaurant. Cooper said staff would have to do demolition but they could look into this option. The restaurant owners said the fire suppression system is the expensive part of the needed upgrades.

Motion by Johnson C., 2nd by Lewis, to table Item 6B Consideration & Possible Approval of Upgrades to the Restaurant Facilities at the Snowflake Municipal Golf Course. Motion passed; unanimous

C. **Executive Session** as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss resignation and appointment of Town Manager.

Motion by Johnson C., 2nd by Ballard, to move to Executive Session. Motion passed; unanimous

Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Poscharsky, to move to Regular Session. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Consideration & Possible Approval of Appointment to the position of Town Manager.

Poscharsky said there is change for the Town. He said Council was advised of issues and they look forward to working with Watson in his new position with Navajo County. He said Council has an obligation to do what is best for the Town in the current economic situation.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Hensley, to appoint Brian Richards to the position of Town Manager for one (1) year subject to Mayor negotiating a contract. Motion passed; unanimous

Kay said he appreciates Brian Richards's abilities and thinks this is the right decision by Council to achieve goals and help the Town to grow.

Hensley thanked Watson for his efforts and what he has done for the Town. He said he looks forward to working with Richards.

Ballard thanked Watson for doing a great job for the Town. He said he appreciates him and wishes him well.

Poscharsky said he looks forward to working with Richards and staff. He said he feels there is a good Council that is willing to pitch in and help.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay said he is grateful to be able to pass the IGA for Fire and Ambulance Services.

Hensley thanked Watson for his participation in getting the IGA done and moving forward with the Town of Taylor.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Watson said he has enjoyed working in Snowflake. He said it is huge to have a Council with one focus on what to do and how to get there. He said he appreciates the positive comments and looks forward to working on only economic development. He said he has a passion for economic growth to bring jobs for people to be able to live here. He said Snowflake is positioned well to receive that growth and industry.

Attorney Bob Hall said that all can have a different style. He said Watson's style is open to listening to people with different views. He said that one reason Snowflake's legal bills are so small is because Watson is discerning and understands direction. Hall said Watson has said regarding Richards that "no community stretches a dollar like here." Hall said Watson is a part of stretching those resources. He said Watson calms the water and sees other points of view.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 10:25 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held April 28, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk

