

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

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

Taylor—Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer—excused, Jason Brubaker, Carl Cosper, Lynn DeWitt, David Smith, Gary Solomon Staff—Gus Lundberg, Karl Lautz

Snowflake—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 DeWitt/Hensley

3. Consideration & Possible Approval of an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Snowflake and the Town of Taylor for Fire and Ambulance Services. (Paul Watson/Gus Lundberg)

Mayor Poscharsky said he served on a committee that reviewed fire and ambulance services along with Terril Kay and Kerry Ballard from Snowflake and Mayor Fay Hatch, Lynn DeWitt, and Carl Cosper from Taylor. He said the committee worked on this issue for a long time. Mayor Poscharsky said that individual Council meetings were held by each town to allow for public discussion of the proposed IGA for Fire and Ambulance Services. He said the attorneys for both towns reviewed the document. He asked Mayor Hatch for comments. Mayor Hatch said they were ready. Mayor Poscharsky called for motions.

Motion by Tom Poscharsky (Snowflake), 2nd by Stuart Hensley (Snowflake), to approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Town of Snowflake and the Town of Taylor for Fire and Ambulance Services. Motion passed; unanimous

Motion by Carl Cosper (Taylor), 2nd by Lynn DeWitt (Taylor), to approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Town of Snowflake and the Town of Taylor for Fire and Ambulance Services. Motion passed; 4 for—Carl Cosper, Lynn DeWitt, Fay Hatch, Jason Brubaker and 2 against—David Smith, Gary Solomon

4. Presentation regarding the White Mountain Connection. (Sara Alred)

Sara Alred, Program Manager, ADOT Transit, gave a presentation regarding the White Mountain Connection. She said ADOT Transit Programs fund the White Mountain Connector and also the Four Seasons. She said that Snowflake and Taylor have partnered for a successful program and this success is noted at the state level. She said this system is #1 for passenger trips and cost per passenger. She said that where there is strong transit in an area they are seeing 3 times the economic development/growth. She said there are 4 new buses this week with a bigger bus coming in a few months. Alred said that there is room for growth. She encouraged a local circulator stating that partnering with Taylor it would benefit students and employees traveling to jobs. She said that Walmart is a #1 stop in communities. She said that ADOT provides funds to do a planning study and

contract. In response to a question by Lynn Johnson regarding the number of riders from Snowflake, Alred said details would be sent to Paul Watson. In response to a question by Kerry Ballard regarding how often the bus is full, Alred said that there are about 22 riders in the morning and 5 to 10 riders mid-day. She said the buses are all handicap accessible and can hold 2 bicycles and wheelchairs. She said this line is more full than other systems she has been on. Johnson L. said he would like to know how many riders are using the line for medical, school, or shopping reasons.

Jay Brimhall, City of Show Low, and Thomas Hakenewerth, General Manager of White Mountain Connection and Four Seasons Connection, were in attendance.

5. ADJOURNMENT at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Hatch thanked Taylor Council, Gus Lundberg, and town employees. He expressed appreciation for their hard work.

Mayor Poscharsky thanked Snowflake Council, Paul Watson, and town employees for their work. He also thanked both towns for successfully working together.

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

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk