

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 05/26/2015**

WORK SESSION

1. Budget FY 2015-2016

Brian Richards reviewed the following:

- Fund Structure: General, Highway Users (HURF), Utility, Golf Course
- Major Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses of these 4 funds
- FY2016 Budgeted Revenues
- FY2016 Budgeted Expenditures
- Line Item Summary—Budgeted Expenditures for All Funds
- Line Item Summary—Budgeted Expenditures for All Funds with 5-Year Comparison
- Line Item Summary—Budgeted Revenues for All Funds with 5-Year Comparison

He provided council with the Line Item Detail for All Funds.

In response to a question from Lewis, Richards said he tries to have a balanced budget which must be legally published. Richards said a contingency amount of \$400,000 is budgeted. Johnson L. asked for the number of employees in the following departments: Police, Recreation and Parks, Golf, Library, and Administration. Johnson L. asked if the employee benefits have decreased over the last 5 years. Richards said that the benefits are not at the same level and the Town joined a trust group which provides health insurance benefits. Richards explained that the employer contribution for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System went up to 30% and that is because the retirement fund is designed to replace 100% of income. He said the employer contribution for Arizona State Retirement System is 11% and that is because the retirement fund is designed to replace 2/3 of income.

Richards said he will prepare the auditor schedules and present the tentative budget at the next Council meeting. He said the budget will then be legally published for the required time and presented to Council for final approval.

REGULAR SESSION

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: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Terry Cooper, Don Camacho, Dale Call, Robert Martin, Cathie McDowell—excused

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Johnson L./Ballard

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Recognition of Snowflake High School Boy's Track Team

Mayor Poscharsky recognized the Snowflake High School Boys Track Team and Lynn Johnson as the Head Coach. He read the proclamation. Coach Johnson presented the proclamation and a Snowflake Pin to team members that were in attendance. Johnson said this is a great opportunity to brag on the athletes. He said they were able to rise to the task of working hard. He said 60 kids participated during the season. He said the Boys 4x100 relay team took 1st at state and the Boys Track Team placed 1st earning 21 points more than 2nd place. He said each point earned mattered in winning the State Title. He said that when everyone contributes and does their part working as a team, good things happen.

--Recognition of Patrick Hancock, Snowflake Fire Chief

Fire Chief Pat Hancock thanked Council. He said that he has raised his children here and worked with some great people. He said that it is a great blessing to have a staff that is true and holds you to it. He paid tribute to his father who advised him that if you want people to hear you, you have to speak. He said he is pursuing opportunities in the fire service. He said he loves the fire service and Snowflake. He said he served on the Fire Department Review Committee from the beginning and supports the changes. He said this is a good thing and he hopes it goes forward in a positive manner.

Poscharsky said he appreciates Hancock's service. He said he appreciates his leadership in keeping the committee going and also his service as Fire Chief. Ballard said he truly believes Hancock made Snowflake a better place because of his service. Hensley thanked Hancock for his service. Lewis said he enjoyed working with Hancock on emergency preparedness. Johnson C. said he appreciates Hancock supporting the growth of the fireworks displays over the years. Kay said he learned a lot about fire service on the Fire Review Committee. He said that he respects Hancock. He said Hancock should be proud of the department he built over time with low funding. He said that work was noticed and recognized. He said Hancock should be proud of how he did the job and of the services rendered to the community. He thanked Hancock and said he is proud of the job Hancock did and so is the community. Hancock thanked Council and thanked Chief of Police Jerry Van Winkle for his support.

*--Recognition of Jerry Van Winkle, Snowflake/Taylor Chief of Police
(Departure Ceremony by Sergeant Daniel Rush)*

Interim Chief of Police Robert Martin presented an award to Bev Van Winkle for her countless hours of support for her husband, Chief of Police Jerry Van Winkle. Sergeant Dan Rush, assisted by Snowflake Mayor Tom Poscharsky, and Taylor Council Member David Smith, presented Chief Jerry Van Winkle with a police service award for his 24 years of service to the Snowflake/Taylor Police Department. Mayor Poscharsky presented a plaque to Chief Van Winkle from the Town for 24 years of service.

Van Winkle thanked everyone. He said he moved to Snowflake when he was 11 years old, graduated from high school here, and returned in 1991 to serve the community. He said that people in our two communities are really one. He said he is grateful for the team work between the towns. He said he appreciates the dedication of the Council Members. He said he would invite another committee to look at the needs of the communities in police services. He said there is a camaraderie in the department that can't be replaced.

He acknowledged his friendship with Hancock and said he is grateful for their opportunities for team work. He thanked Council and employees and said he appreciates the opportunity he has had to serve.

Ballard said he appreciates Van Winkle's service. Johnson L. thanked Van Winkle for his service and for making things better for the two towns. Johnson said his ride-a-longs were a good experience. He said he appreciates that he lives in a community that is safe. Hensley thanked Van Winkle for all he has done. He said that he has known Van Winkle professionally and that the Police Department employees are amazing. Poscharsky said the Police Department reflects Van Winkle's leadership and the department is being left in good shape. Lewis thanked Van Winkle and his family for their service. Johnson C. shared that Van Winkle is respectful in caring out his duties. Kay said Van Winkle has had a tough job and has done it well.

Van Winkle presented his badge to Interim Chief Martin.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC No Comments

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 05/12/2015.

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

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of Consulting Services Agreement with Dale Call, LLC. (Brian Richards)

Richards said that Dale Call is desiring to retire July 1 but continue as a contract employee for the Town. Richards said Call's contract is modeled after the agreement the Town has with an engineer. He said the contract would be for 22.5 hours at \$32 per hour. Johnson L. asked if this needed to be put out to bid and Hall answered that it is contract services. Johnson L. asked why we needed a full-time position of 40 hours if that position is now being cut to 22.5 hours per week. Richards said that when Call was hired there was more building being done and there was also an inspector in addition to Call on staff. He said that has changed. Ballard said Call also has done a lot of work for the Fire Department. Poscharsky said it is a good move for now.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis, to approve Consulting Services Agreement with Dale Call, LLC. Motion passed; unanimous

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO ARS 38-431.03A4: Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations in pending and contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

1. Apache Railway Company

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

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Hensley, to move to Regular Session. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Consideration & Possible Action regarding The Apache Railway Company. (Brian Richards)

Poscharsky said Council received information regarding possible litigation.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Hensley, to authorize the Town Manager working with the Town Attorney to explore options for potential attorneys to represent the Town of Snowflake in a possible legal action. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay, Johnson C., and Lewis stated they would be out of town for the June 9th Council meeting.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Poscharsky said Arizona Oil and Gas, Inc. plans to drill exploratory wells in the area and that they plan to hire locally.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held May 26, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk