

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 08/25/2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Tom Poscharsky, Vice Mayor Kerry Ballard, Lynn Johnson, Cory Johnson, Stuart Hensley—excused, Byron Lewis—excused, Terril Kay—excused STAFF: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Don Camacho, Dale Call

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Johnson C/Boy Scout Troop 706 Senior Patrol Leader

3. MAYOR’S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Lowry Flake said it is our responsibility to insure the domestic tranquility of our citizens. He said that there is a man in the community that has prepared to give 7,000 pamphlets regarding the United States Constitution on September 17th, Constitution Day. He asked the Mayor to prepare a proclamation declaring “Constitution Week.” He said it is important to work together with police and citizens. He suggested that it be arranged for the public to meet the new Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief on September 17th to let them know that the citizens have their backs and support them.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 08/11/2015.
- B. Approval of Council Retreat minutes dated 08/05/2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 15-09 Authorizing Property Exchange Between Decker Ranches and Development and Town of Snowflake. (Brian Richards)

Poscharsky said there is a request to table this item.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Poscharsky, to table Item 6A. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 15-10 Rezone Property from Residential 8,000 (R-8) to Residential 1 acre (R-1A). Property Location: West of Intersection of Plum Blossom Lane & Peach Blossom Lane, Snowflake, Arizona. Owners: Ron Smith/Dany Seymore. (Dale Call)

Call said this property was rezoned from R-1A to R-8. He said the property owners were under the impression that the property reverted back to R-1A when their development failed. They are requesting that the property be rezoned back to R-1A. Call said the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended that Council approve the request. He said adjacent

properties are similarly zoned. Poscharsky said approval would make the property more in line with the use of adjacent land.

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Ballard, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 15-10 to rezone property from Residential 8,000 ft. lots (R8) to Residential 1 acre lots (R-1A) by title only. Motion passed; unanimous

Johnson C read Ordinance No. 15-10 by title only.

C. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 15-09 Authorizing Increase of Cemetery Rates. (Don Camacho)

Camacho said it has been a while since rates have been increased. He said the costs to maintain the services have increased and the new Cemetery addition to the West has been added. He said the Town of Taylor raised their rates and what he is proposing is comparable. He reviewed the changes. Poscharsky asked if unused graves are returned to the Town. Camacho said that anyone who purchases a grave and does not use the grave can have the purchase price refunded by the Town. Johnson C asked about residents versus non-residents. Camacho said that is a rare situation but the policy is if a non-resident has ties to Snowflake, they can be buried here at the non-resident rate. He said the fee for perpetual care is charged when the grave is used.

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Ballard, to approve Resolution No. 15-10 Increasing Cemetery Rates effective September 1, 2015. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ballard said he attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference held in Tucson. He said he displayed the Town's flag at the Parade of Flags and the Town banner was on display at the region's booth. He attended a session on how to help a community grow. He shared an example of a community wanting to create unity giving an old building to a church youth group who remodeled it into an ice cream parlor that encouraged kids to come and socialize. He shared another example of a bedroom community to a larger city encouraging people to visit their community by offering culture, entertainment, and other activities that commuters would like.

Johnson L said a volunteer service activity organized by Dr. Chad Brimhall was impressive. He said large groups of volunteers of all ages cleaned up around various schools. He was impressed that someone in the community without compensation and recognition got involved and organized when they saw a need.

Poscharsky said he attended a meeting, along with 1 representative from each surrounding community, with legislators including Senator John McCain. He said he asked Senator McCain for help with the railroad issues. He said he was pleased to see the news release and letter regarding the railroad written by Senator McCain. He said a hearing schedule for today regarding the railroad was cancelled and there was a short conversation with the attorneys and parties involved to work on a draft compromise between Snowflake Community Foundation and the lenders.

Johnson C said he saw the sign “Slow Road Work” on Centennial and feels it is true.

8. MANAGER’S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Richards said he attended the League Conference with Kerry Ballard and Byron Lewis. He attended sessions about council/manager form of government and marijuana legalization. Lewis attended a session about emergency preparedness. Richards said he met with Hollis Merrill, School District Superintendent, to discuss traffic issues at all the schools and how to alleviate the congestion. He said they also talked about flooding issues. He said he thinks the Town can help the schools by applying for a FEMA grant. He said Lowry Flake’s idea to have a day to meet the new Police Chief is good and staff will work to set up the event for the public to meet the new Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Assistant Fire Chief. He said the first Council meeting in September will be cancelled and the next meeting will be September 22nd.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held August 25, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk