

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 09/22/2015**

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—excused, Terril Kay STAFF: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Larry Scarber, Dale Call, Cathie McDowell

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Hensley/Ballard

3. MAYOR’S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation of “Red Ribbon Week” –Young Marines of the Marine Corps League
Proclamation read by Mayor Poscharsky. Members of the Eastern Mountain Young Marines, Kylee Feemster, Ayden Feemster, and Tisha Feemster, were in attendance. Red Ribbon Week , October 23-31, encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment.

Proclamation of “Constitution Week”
Proclamation read by Mayor Poscharsky. Constitution Week, September 17-23, encourages residents of Snowflake to remember and protect the freedoms guaranteed through the Constitution of the United States of America.

New Chief of Police Larry Scarber was introduced and welcomed by Mayor Poscharsky. Chief Scarber thanked Council for their trust in him to serve as Police Chief. He said that he is in the process of interview all of his staff and is finding things that please him. He said he hopes the Police Department will rise to Council’s expectations. Poscharsky said Chief Scarber stood out in the interviews. He said that drugs are a big problem that needs to be addressed.

Mayor Poscharsky recognized Navajo County Supervisor Jason Whiting.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

No Comments

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 08/25/2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation of “Ready Navajo County—Public Notification System” by Mary Springer, Emergency Management Director, Navajo County.
Supervisor Jason Whiting introduced “Ready Navajo County—Public Notification System.” He said that what is being presented is being implemented by Navajo County and is designed to get information to the public quickly. Mary Springer and Catrina Jenkins presented the following regarding this program:

- Citizens want to know what and when will life be back to normal and what to do
- System is powered by Everbridge

- Ready Navajo County Public Notification System sends a message through primary contact path, second contact path, and continues trying to reach you until you confirm receipt.
- System is used to inform residents and businesses.
- Recipients receive instructions for safety precautions and evacuation.
- Alerts can be received via:
 - Home, cell, or business phone
 - Email
 - Hearing impaired receiving devices
 - Push notifications
 - SMS
 - Text messages
- Can get latest news about:
 - Evacuations
 - Floods
 - Lockdowns
 - Missing Persons
 - Power Outages
 - Road Closures
 - Severe Weather
 - Utility Failures
- Success of this service depends on residents signing up providing contact information to ensure notification in an emergency. This is the best way for citizens to opt in and make choices of how they want to receive information and what information they want to receive.
- Alerts can be seen at www.311.info.net or dialing 311 from phone.
- Information posted at above and sent via “Ready Navajo County” is vetted before posting.
- Enrollment is at www.navajocountyaz.gov
- There is coordination with Police and Fire Departments.

Poscharsky said that Kerry Ballard and Byron Lewis are getting certified as Hamm radio operators. Business cards for “Ready Navajo County” will be available at Town Hall.

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of 2nd Reading and Final Adoption 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 stated that this rezone returns the property to the previous zoning designation.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis, to approve 2nd Reading by title only and final adoption of Ordinance No. 15-10.

Ordinance No. 15-10 read by title only by Poscharsky.

Motion passed; unanimous

C. Consideration & Possible Approval of Purchase of Town Administration Vehicle & Donation of Current Administration Vehicle to Silver Creek Senior Center. (Brian Richards) Richards explained the need to purchase a new vehicle to be used for administrative travel. He said staff has identified a used 2014 Ford Fusion from Hatch Motor Company in Snowflake. He said that the Town would like to transfer ownership of the present mini-van used by Administration for the last 10 years to the Senior Center.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Johnson L., to approve purchase of vehicle for Town Administration. Motion passed; unanimous

Loretta Whitlow, representative from the Senior Center, stated that the Senior Center needs the vehicle to help in transporting seniors. She said that donations from Snowflake and Taylor help to maintain vehicles.

Motion by Hensley, 2nd by Lewis, to approve recommendation to donate current Town Administration vehicle to Silver Creek Senior Center. Motion passed; unanimous

D. 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. The Apache Railway Company*

Executive Session not held.

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

No discussion/No Action

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay thanked Navajo County for all they do and their hard work regarding the alert program. He thanked the Young Marines for their service in speaking out against the drug problem and how we all need to be involved in saving our youth. He recognized staff on doing a great job regarding hiring the new Police Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. He said he appreciates Chief Scarber being at Council meeting. He said he would like to see millings from the work on the highway from Shumway to Show Low to come to the Town to use on our roads. He said he would also like to see performance contracts on road work projects. He said that the project on 7th St. South is embarrassing.

Lewis said he attended the Constitution event held on September 17th at the Snowflake Fire Station. He said good information was presented on the Constitution. He said there is great need for men's sweatpants and t-shirts at the Senior Center.

Poscharsky said he met with the new State Land Commissioner regarding potash and is working with the State Land Department to encourage additional jobs in the area. He said hard work is being done with the Apache Railway. He said the rail is needed for the potash industry.

Johnson L. said Cross-Country is a High School sport and the Snowflake team placed 3rd at a large meet. He said it predicted that Jordan Gardner will win at State. He said he and his wife did ride-a-longs with police officers. He said he is amazed with the officers and what they do and is excited to have a new Chief. He said there is going to be a fitness competition between the police and fire departments that he is helping with by doing a class and measurements.

Ballard stated that Kirk Brimhall, businessman, lost his son this week. He said that in a trip to St. George, he saw a large street vacuum which cleaned the streets with no dust. He attended Navajo County Fair where a watermelon grown in Joseph City sold for \$675 and a pig sold for \$3,300/\$12 a lb.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Richards stated that the 7th St. South project is an ADOT administered project and the Town does not have control. He said staff is meeting with the new District Engineer, Lynn Johnson and the previous District Engineer, Jesse Gutierrez. He said that Snowflake staff has mentioned several times that they want the millings from the project on Hwy 77. He said that FEMA officials visited the Town to tour grant-funded projects—Southern Solution. He said it looks favorable for the Town to receive another grant for a flood project. He said the Southern Solution is nearing completion with work on the channel along Hwy 277 and the 2 entrances under the railway. He said he is meeting with the school regarding a bus drop-off solution. He said the auditors are on-site now. He said sales tax is up 5%.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:00 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