

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 02/09/2016**

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

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

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Ballard/Hensley

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Galen Hicks for Service on Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Poscharsky recognized Galen Hicks for 14 years of service from 2002 to 2016, 12 years as Chairman, on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said that Galen always did his homework, asked questions, and ran good meetings. The Mayor thanked him for his long-time service. He also thanked him for his volunteer work with the Public Works Department.

Dale Call expressed his gratitude to Galen for his leadership and consistency in his service to the community. He said Galen never needed a reminder call. Will Wilson said he appreciates Galen's positive attitude while working with him as part of the Public Works Department. He said Galen makes a big difference in the community.

A picture was taken by local newspapers as a plaque was presented to Galen Hicks by the Mayor and Council.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Dr. Chad Brimhall, Summit Healthcare—Snowflake-Taylor Clinic, introduced Dr. Darrell Brimhall and Shasta Perkins, Office Manager. He stated that Summit has expanded services to the community with the opening of the new clinic. He said the clinic will also offer the services of a nurse practitioner, Dave Jensen and urgent care on a walk-in basis. He said that a lab and imaging were already available at this location and now the services of specialists will be offered in town. He said Dr. Larry Nichols will be at the Snowflake-Taylor Clinic Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Darrell Brimhall added that the Snowflake-Taylor Clinic is not competing with Snowflake Medical—just providing an addition of services. An open house will be held March 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tony Tangalos, Resident Manager for Sustainability Living Center, announced an Open House, February 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3310 Papermill Road, Taylor, Arizona. He said additional facilities will be built creating opportunities for people to live the lifestyle. He invited the public to a certified training being held at the fire station on Saturday, February 13th.

Dale Call announced the Navajo County Planning and Zoning meeting, February 18th, at 6 p.m., at the Navajo County Complex. He said item number 6 on the agenda is regarding Kompo Care. He said the public can contact the County with any comments.

Byron Lewis announced an Open House for North Country Healthcare in Holbrook, Thursday, February 25th, at 12 noon to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 01/12/2016.

B. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-03 Adopting Amendments to “Town of Snowflake 457 Plan”

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Tower agreement with Max Internet Solutions, LLC. (Terry Cooper)

Cooper said Council authorized Max Internet Solutions to place a tower at well site number 3 located in Snowflake Heights. He said the company would now like to place a tower at well site number 4 located on Hillcrest Drive. He said it is necessary for Council to approve a separate land/tower lease agreement for the second tower. He said Max Internet desires to retail 4G wireless broadband services to residential and business customers.

Linda Brimhall, Max Internet, said they hope to be online in a month or less. She said they are wireless and there are no bundles, no contracts, and no long-term agreements. She said they are located at 34 Casa Linda in Taylor and are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. She said the company is looking to grow as far as Concho and then to the White Mountain Lakes area. She said that towers are needed every 10 to 15 miles.

Motion by Kay, 2nd by Lewis to approve Tower Agreement with Max Internet Solutions, LLC. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement with Arizona Office of Manufactured Housing. (Dale Call)

Call said the previous IGA between Town of Snowflake and State of Arizona for the Town to do inspections of manufactured homes expired November 29, 2015. He advised the State that the Town was not interested in continuing to do inspections. He said the State is now asking Navajo County to enter into an IGA to perform the inspections. Call said this change is budget neutral. He said the reasons he gave State for renewing the IGA were the costs of required annual training, purchase of equipment to test soils, and added requirement of engineered masonry skirting. He said that zoning clearances will still remain with the Town of Snowflake and then individuals will work with the County for inspections. He said the County will charge \$300 for inspections. Call recommended reducing the fee charged for a building permit or zoning permit by the Town from \$200 to \$100 because he is only doing a site visit and not inspections. He said the Town will charge for changes to property zoning clearances. Call also stated that since the Town entered into the IGA with the State in 2010 only 6 permits for the placement of manufactured homes on residential property have been issued and 6 permits for the placement of manufactured homes in mobile home parks.

Gus Lundberg, Manager, Town of Taylor, said they renewed the IGA and will continue doing the inspections. Lowry Flake, Snowflake resident, recommended contacting the State to let them know the unintended consequences of additional regulations.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Hensley, to approve Inter-Governmental Agreement between Arizona Office of Manufactured Housing and Navajo County to enforce installation standards for placement of manufactured housing. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2016-04 Adopting Fee Schedule for Zoning Clearance for Placement of Factory Built Buildings and Manufactured Homes. (Dale Call)

Terril Kay would like time to consider any change in fees charged.

Motion by Kay, 2nd by Poscharsky to table Item 6C. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Bid Award for Flood Control Project. (Brian Richards)

Terry Cooper said this project is part of the Southern Solution and the bid is for wire mesh placement, shotcrete materials, and shotcrete placement in the channel conveying the flood waters along Highway 277. He said that staff will address erosion damage to the channel by weather. He said staff is requesting that Council ratify the purchase of the wire mesh previously approved by the Mayor under the emergency clause. He said Western Grade submitted the low bid and staff recommends approval to award the bid in an amount not to exceed \$352,886.02 and to also ratify the purchase of wire mesh previously purchased by staff. Terril Kay asked if the channel lining would go from one side up the other. Cooper said that the lining will go on the bottom, sides, and 3 inches on top.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Hensley, to approve award of channel lining bid to Western Grade, LLC, at an amount not to exceed \$352,886.02 and approve the purchase of wire mesh from Border Construction Specialties at the pre-tax cost of \$29,751.78. Motion passed; unanimous

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Formation of a Committee to Explore Permanent Long-Term Public Safety Funding. (Brian Richards)

Town of Taylor Council Member Dave Smith and Town of Taylor Manager Gus Lundberg were introduced by Brian Richards. Richards said this item is to explore options for long-term funding for public safety. Dave Smith read the following letter:

“About two years ago, our Fire District Review Committee had reported back to the Council with their recommendation that we should enter into an IGA with the Town of Snowflake for a joint Fire and Ambulance Department. This was a first step to provide an increased level of service to the entire community, the second step being to find a longer term solution to get appropriate funding for the Department to be able to meet the needs of the growing community. We also recently discussed a regional dispatch concept and were made aware of some other needs we have on the dispatching side of public safety. A consensus among the Councils was that we would like to maintain our own dispatch center, but have need for some upgrades.

While our local economy is on the verge of significant improvement, as the needs of the community grow, public safety is not the only piece of the pie. What I mean by this is that as the community grows, there is going to be increased demand for parks, cemetery, building safety etc. as well as public safety. Therefore, I feel it is important to bring the discussion to the table about a dedicated or increased funding source to help supplement our public safety budgets.

I would like to propose the creation of a committee to have a specific focus of looking into public safety funding options. This committee can take a look at the possibility of a small dedicated property tax, increased dedicated sales tax, and the possible formation of fire districts outside the corporate limits of the Towns that could be established to provide funding of the municipal department (this is done in Holbrook with the McLaws Road fire district). Queen Creek has a municipal fire department and a dedicated property tax which funds about 50% of the Town's public safety budget. This committee should look into these types of situations and see what would be the best fit for our community so that we can offer a well-balanced level of service to the Towns across all departments.

I move that we approve the formation of a committee to explore permanent long-term public safety budget funding which will be comprised of 3 members from each Council and an individual from the public in each community.”

Smith said that the Town of Taylor has chosen David Smith, Carl Cosper, and Lynn DeWitt to serve on a committee. Smith feels all agreed there is a need to look into this issue. Poscharsky said that the Town Attorneys should be involved to show what options are available.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Hensley, to approve formation of a committee with Town of Taylor to explore permanent long-term Public Safety funding—recommended committee members from Town of Snowflake are Terril Kay, Byron Lewis, Kerry Ballard. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay requested a report from Terry Cooper regarding a new well at the Hillcrest well site.

Lewis expressed appreciation to the Senior Citizens Center for what they contribute to the community. He said he is working with the organizers of the car show during Pioneer Days to be able to compute ballots quicker. He said he has made recommendations to Brian Richards regarding some areas around town that are in need of attention.

Poscharsky stated there is a Winter Watershed Conference in Springerville where experts will be working on many water issues. He said Walmart has hired over 160 employees and will be opening March 9th. He said the Senior Citizens Center is working hard on their new room. He said they will be receiving out of date food donations from Walmart. He said there will be a training for volunteers at the food bank on February 29th at 8 a.m. He announced that tomorrow is food box day. He said lunch is served daily and calendars are available at the Center. He said the Center is a great place to volunteer.

Ballard said he flew with Dave Smith to the League of Cities Legislative meeting. He complimented Smith for being a good pilot. He said fire and police did a great job on

Groundhog's Day breakfast. He stated that Shawn Palmer, Gus Lundberg, and Dave Smith from Taylor helped and that he, Tom Poscharsky, and Terril Kay represented Snowflake. He said the food was served from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. without a break. He asked that thank you cards be sent to those that helped. He asked about placing lights on Concho Road. He said the bases for lights are already there.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:23 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held February 9, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk