

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 05/10/2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:05 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, Chief Larry Scarber, Cathie McDowell, Roger McDowell

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Lewis/Boy Scout Troop 778

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation "Recognition of State Track Team—Snowflake High School"

Council Member Lynn Johnson recognized the Boys State Track Team. He said the coaching staff hopes that this sport is recognized as a team event. He said it takes people to score points and the athletes work hard throughout the year to compete, push each other, and then support each other at the State Meet. He said the team did very well and he was very impressed with the support they received from the town at the State Meet. He said those athletes that did not score points helped the team to grow. He said multiple gold medals were won by Dylan Kay—High Jump (6'8"), Jordan Gardner—1600m (4:28), 800m (1.56), and the 4X400 relay team (Luke Craun, Dallin Chapman, Kurt Wood, Jordan Gardner) and 4X800 relay team (Kadyn Davis, Luke Craun, Ban Taylor, Jordan Gardner). He said coaches put in more time than they are compensated for and he appreciates them. He read the proclamation.

Proclamation "Pet Allies Appreciation Day"

Chief of Police, Larry Scarber, said that the Police Department has worked with Pet Allies for 6 years. He said the director of Pet Allies, RJ Owens and her husband, Bobby, along with the staff and volunteers have provided a service to the community rescuing over 700 animals that would have otherwise been euthanized. He said their service has provided a significant monetary savings since 2011 in the amount of \$17,500. The proclamation was read. Ms. Owens thanked the town for the opportunity to save animals. Paul Beatty, Snowflake Animal Control Officer, said Pet Allies is a great resource for him in doing his job serving the communities of Taylor and Snowflake. Mayor Poscharsky thanked the Owens and their staff for their service to the community.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Bill Elkins, resident of Snowflake, stated he is running for District 3 Navajo County Board of Supervisor. He feels he is the most experienced candidate. He owns the Rocking Chair Ranch Corporation which is 100 years old this year. He has raised a family of 5 children and is a part of the community. He said he was a part of developing the first windmill farm bringing wages and taxes to Navajo County. He said he is in contact with every governor and legislature dealing with them regularly on the issues. He said he is running as a business candidate. He feels he thinks out of the box and has connections with state agencies. He said he wants mainly to bring jobs to the area and businesses to the county. He said there is a need to have jobs for children and grandchildren.

Mayor Poscharsky recognized in attendance the current District 3 Supervisor Jason Whiting and Paul Watson, Assistant County Manager/Economic Development.

Steven Slaton, Vice Commander, American Legion Post 126, invited all to the America Rising Event. He said it is a tribute to honor Veterans and recognize Prisoners of War (POW) and the Missing in Action (MIA). He said the event will be held July 30th from Noon to 5 p.m. at Pioneer Park. He said there will be a ceremony with the Young Marines providing the color guard. He said there will be a POW/MIA ceremony. He encouraged vendors to contact him regarding joining the event. He said there will be fun events for kids. He invited legislators to come and said candidates will be attending to visit and discuss issues. He said there will be free hamburgers and hot dogs served.

Chief of Police Larry Scarber Lt. Martin is coordinating with Navajo County in organizing a Citizen's Academy to be held Wednesday nights for 3 hours for 10 weeks. He said applications will be at Town Halls in Snowflake and Taylor and at the Police Department. He said there is a limit of 35 people for the academy and it will be held yearly.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Council meeting minutes dated April 12, 2016 & April 26, 2016.

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Ballard, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Introduction of Navajo County Superior Court Judges.

None were in attendance

B. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING for comment on Proposed Annexation of the following:
Parcel: 202-39-008; Owner: Baum Jace R & Sarah L; Address: 4969 State Route 77 Highway
Parcel: 202-27-033D; Owner: MountainTimeManagement LLC; Address: 4929 State Route 77 Highway

There were no comments.

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Lewis, to open the public hearing for comment on the proposed annexation. Motion passed; unanimous

C. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING—Proposed Annexation

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Johnson C, to close the public hearing. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2016-07 Proposing an Extension of Alternative Expenditure Limitation. (Brian Richards)

Richards explained that it is necessary to approve the resolution to place this issue on the ballot for voters in the Primary Election to be held in August.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Hensley, to approve Resolution No. 2016-07 Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation. Motion passed; unanimous

E. Consideration & Possible Approval of Continuing Support for White Mountain Connection. (Brian Richards)

Richards said the town has been a part of the bus system for 5 years. He said that the town paid their share last year but did not join the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). He asked for further direction from Council regarding future participation. Poscharsky said he called the person who put together the budget with an increase of 15% and was told that 13% of the increase is the amount being paid to the corporation hiring drivers. He said he received no other information. He said the IGA stated partners would not have input on expenditures. He feels the town should not pay any more than last year. He said fuel costs are down. He said there are some values to having the system in the community but he has been consistently against it. Lewis said the town has still not received the breakdown of the information requested last year. He feels fuel costs would offset any increases. Johnson C said we have the chance to gain back some of the money that has gone to Show Low and there is the medical ridership to consider. Kay feels all the communities are involved and what would we look like if we did not contribute our part. He feels a minimal number of people are needing the rides. He feels money would be better spent with fire and police. Hensley said he would like to have the numbers that were requested. He feels more people are coming to town that will utilize the service. Johnson L said he agrees that they system provides service that may be invaluable to some providing access to the county and hospital. He said riding the bus is better for those with fixed incomes. He said it is important to get the statistics before deciding to make the payment. Ballard said he supports the bus but would like to see the figures requested. Lewis said he feels it is good to make the same payment as last year but not to sign an IGA for 5 years.

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Lewis, to maintain the payment at the same level as last year but request to see the statistics of ridership before payment is made.

Richards said the statistics were sent to him and he forwarded them to Council. He can send the information to Council again. Lewis said he wants to see justification for the increase. He said he wants this year's numbers including riders and stops.

Johnson L withdrew motion.

Motion by Lewis to request data from the transit bus company for ridership and number of stops and pending that information the town will support the bus system at the same level as last year.

Johnson L said he feels the dollar amount should be based on utilization.

Motion failed for lack of 2nd.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis, to table Item 6E. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ballard said he attended the Community Values Committee where emergency preparedness was discussed. He said it will be good for all the churches involved on the committee have a plan so then they can be reviewed for uniform ideas.

Johnson L gave a shout out to Dylan Kay, sophomore that jumped 6'8" in the High Jump. He said Dylan is in the top 5 sophomores and that is exciting. He shared a story of a boy on the team that gave a "pass out" effort placing 3rd in the 2 mile event. He said the boy passed out just before the finish line, revived and ran across the finish line and passed out again.

Hensley said he watched the girls' softball team participate in the State Playoffs on YouTube. He said it was impressive and they played really well.

Poscharsky said work is being done on annexation and more jobs in the future.

Lewis said broadband internet is working in Payson. He said the Mayor in Holbrook is onboard to sign an agreement and Taylor also. He recognized Lynn Johnson for his efforts with the track team. He thanked Chief Scarber for his efforts. He thanked staff for giving information on time.

Johnson C congratulated Dylan Kay. He told Lynn Johnson he expects the same results next year.

Kay said he has traveled throughout Arizona and is surprised at how many people recognize Snowflake and the qualities of life here. He said the town has a nice feel and has been kept that way. He recognized Lynn Johnson for how he supports the kids at the sporting events at no charge. He said Lynn is service oriented and businesses like his are what make the community and kids great. He said family values strengthen their will in competing. He thanked Lynn and recognized the community for their support.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Richards said he appreciates the Council and their service to the town. He said he also appreciates the town staff and their service.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:05 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held May 10, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk