

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 2017/02/21**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Council minutes dated January 17, 2017.

B. Approve Accounts Payable dated January 2017.

C. Approve FY17 Mid-Year Update.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-01 Rezone Agricultural 5 Acre (AG) to Residential 2 Acre (R2A). Property is located at approximately 160 S. Otto Drive. Owner is Stephen Reidhead. (Dale Call)

Call stated the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2017 and no members of the public spoke in favor or opposition to the rezone request. Call stated that Reidhead would like to divide the property and sell a portion to one of his children to construct a home. Call said he advised Reidhead of the maximum legal lot splits as defined by the subdivision regulations of the Town and State. Call also advised him that no Town water or sewer is available in the area. He stated that Reidhead is in the process of obtaining a septic perk test and creating a shared well agreement. Call said the property has legal access on Freeman Hollow Road and Otto Drive. He said Reidhead was informed that if the newly created lot did not border a public access, he would be required to provide ingress/egress and utility easements. Call stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the zoning change.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis, to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-01 by title only.

Lewis read Ordinance No. 2017-01 by title only.

B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Award of Bid for Concession Stand at Frederickson Park. (Brian Richards)

Richards stated that 2 bids received: Restore Pro @ \$60,851.83 and ProBlue @ \$37,850.40. He said the Town will receive insurance reimbursement and will purchase the electrical and truss package. He said the building will have a metal roof and ADA compliant bathroom. He said the Town will be reimbursed for the equipment that was damaged in the fire. He said the concession portion will not be replaced and the utility portion will have electrical for lights and the announcer's booth.

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Johnson C, to award bid to Pro Blue Concession Stand Renovation at Frederickson Park. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Presentation regarding Award of Grant to Snowflake-Taylor Police Department. (Chief Larry Scarber)

Chief Scarber announced that a grant in the amount of \$9,304 was awarded to the Police Department for upgrading portable radios. He said this money will provide for 5 radios. Scarber said they have submitted for another grant requesting \$34,000 to provide radios for fire and police.

D. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Little Colorado River (LCR) Coalition. (Mayor Lynn Johnson)

Mayor Johnson stated that the Council understands the nature and concerns of this issue. He said it is his desire to let the coalition know that Snowflake will not have an open checkbook and if stays in the coalition will cap the amount given for representation based on the number of water hookups that are in the Town. He said the Town has paid since 1985 and as getting closer to trial date it is not within the Town's budgetary means to have an open checkbook. He said the overall issue is bigger than us—is a State issue and not just about our area. He said he spoke with Buchanan Davis with the Office of Senator Jeff Flake about what they can do to help. He said Navajo County represents the cities and towns in the County and issues permits for water wells collecting \$100 to \$150 per well but says they don't have anything to do with water. He said more people need to be in the fight. He believes the Town has other options for representation. He said Council needs to be firm when talking with the coalition partners about the Snowflake's need to set a cap. He said Snowflake does not have the finances and it is not fiscally responsible for the Town to give resources they don't have.

Johnson C stated he talked to Navajo County regarding them not participating in the coalition and was told the representation is not for water wells but for those providing water. He believes in a cap and would like to meet with coalition partners regarding setting a cap. He said if an agreement can't be reached then the Town should look at other options. He asked what other communities' fees to water users are for water adjudication. It was stated that Snowflake, Holbrook, and Taylor are \$1.00 and Show Low is \$.75.

Ballard said Council needs to be prepared and find out all the facts. He said the Town Attorney has not given his research regarding this issue and maybe more information will be given at the April 14 meeting with Brown & Brown and the partners. He said help needs to come from the top to resolve this issue. He said our congressmen need to be involved. He said Council has a responsibility to citizens and he does not want to have an open checkbook.

Kay stated that this has gone on for a while and now there is huge raise in costs. He understands that this is a federal government, a State, and a County issue. He feels scare tactics have been used to get the Town to pay a high bill and in the end it is the federal government that will have to settle the issue. He does not feel water rights will be lost. He said Snowflake's sales tax

collected is low compared to others in White Mountains and yet pays a large portion of the cost of this issue. He said the percentage paid by Snowflake should be lowered. He feels there should not be an open checkbook and a cap should be set.

Lewis said he is favor of the cap. He feels a precedent was set with St. Johns for coming in later in the game. He feels the need to be fiscally responsible to citizens now and future citizens.

Perkins said there should be a cap but the Town should not go without representation. She feels the Town should get out of the coalition and look for other representation because costs will not be lowered for the Town. She said the Town should be prepared for that and be looking for other representation that the Town can afford.

Richards stated that the meeting on April 14 is not a public meeting and the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Member Cory Johnson have expressed interest in attending.

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Kay, to cap our contribution to the Coalition to be determined by what we discover at meeting April 14, 2017. Motion passed; unanimous

E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Appointment to Vacant Council Seat. (Mayor Lynn Johnson)

Mayor Johnson said that with the resignation of Stuart Hensley there is a need to make an appointment to fill the vacant Council seat. He said there is no set procedure to fill the seat. He said that Hunter Lewis ran for office in the recent election and has expressed a willingness to serve on the Council. Hunter Lewis said he would appreciate a vote of confidence. Johnson C said he supports Lewis H 100%. He asked if there are others interested in serving. Mayor Johnson said he had found low to no interest from others.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis, to approve appointment of Hunter Lewis to take the vacant Council seat. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Kay expressed concern regarding taking waste and putting it in the Town's system and would like researched if costs could be offset by taking septic from contractors. He said he would still like a contract to obligate that if in 5 years the golf course is still having losses action will be taken. He said he is willing to try and promote the golf course but wants to know action will be taken if costs are not improved in 5 years. He congratulated the staff on the efforts to make it better. He said he wants to recognize employees for working hard to make it happen. He said he appreciates Johnson L for researching issues and for Richards for continuing to do a good job.

Johnson C said the Groundhog Breakfast was great. He said he appreciates the Fire Department and Police Department.

Lewis said broadband is important issue and there was strong representation at the meeting with the Commission. He said that representatives in Congress and the House have been contacted

and pressure is being applied. He said Senator Sylvia Allen was invited to support the issue. He said the non-denominational prayer meeting will be at Pioneer Park at 5 pm on the 1st Sunday of the month. He gave a shout out to Fire and Police thanking Police Chief Scarber and Fire Deputy Chief Nelson. He thanked staff and the newspapers. He recognized Barbara Bruce for winning an award for investigative reporting. He thanked Naomi stating that she is retiring.

Johnson L stressed the importance of broadband, encouraging industry, and addressing water adjudication. He said he wrote to Nestle Water and sent them a video. He said development is high on the Town's list. He said a new business is exploring our Town and there are people looking at the area. He said he appreciates Council Members and Hunter Lewis' desire to serve. He thanked staff, Police, and Fire. He thanked Council for their time and dedication. He said the Chamber Business Awards Dinner is March 6th. He said the Chamber does a great job.

Perkins announced the Chamber luncheon for members of the Chamber. She said if a business is not a member they should become a member. She asked about the committee to save the golf course and if it was being formed.

Ballard said around 700 people were served at the Groundhog Breakfast. He said the Community Values Committee is March 9th with the Fire Department hosting the lunch at noon at the Snowflake Station. He said the Town purchases a table for 8 at the Chamber Awards Dinner. He invited Council to attend. He thanked Public Works for their hard work in the middle of the night on Highway 77. He announced the Lincoln Day Dinner on Mar 4th. He said he appreciates Mayor Johnson and how involved he has been.

8. MANAGER REPORT

Richards said the next meeting will be changed possibly to March 21 due to Spring Break. He said the Judge in the recent lawsuit involving the Town awarded attorney fees for pursuing frivolous lawsuit.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:07 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held February 21, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk