

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE  
HELD 09/12/2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** 7:02 Mayor Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Allison Perkins, Hunter Lewis, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson, Terril Kay; Staff: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Katie Melser, Terry Cooper, Larry Scarber, Willie Nelson

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE**

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

*Recognition for Volunteers Who Traveled to Houston to Assist Hurricane Harvey Victims*

Sgt. Derek Ortiz, Volunteer Brian Carpenter, Reserve Officer Chase Carlson, Tanner Reidhead, Det. Christian Epps; Chief read the letter of appreciation, the community provided over \$3,000.00, food, diapers, pet food, water, blankets, a U-Haul trailer, and many other supplies; thanks to these men and the community;  
Epps- it was a very humbling experience

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC:** no comment

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approve Council minutes dated August 8, 2017
- B. Approve Work Session minutes dated August 8, 2017
- C. Approve August check register
- D. Hinton Burdick Engagement Letter

*Motion by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson C to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous*

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Double Chip Seal Project through Partnership with Navajo County

Terry presented the upcoming chip seal projects

- next week the Putter/Player/Fairway improvements will be made; Hatch/Rodeo will begin in the spring; some improvements have already been made, and other in-house improvements will be done before the chip seal, but the main chip seal improvements will happen after this approval
- better product than what they originally thought they were going to
- these are the same roads that have already been approved for other work, it will not be the same as what was talked about at the previous meeting, but it will be the same as what was done on 7th South
- partnering with Navajo County will make this a better improvement, they will be paying for the labor and equipment and we pay for materials

*Motion by Johnson C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay to approve double chip seal project in partnership with Navajo County. Motion passed; unanimous*

B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Amending Road Name- Rodeo Road/Hatch Avenue

Discussion was had on what the name should be changed to; or if there is an agreement about the Hatch portion

- we are seeking to name the entire length, instead of rodeo/hatch it is too confusing
- there isn't as much history with Hatch Avenue like there is for Rodeo Rd, but the rodeo doesn't take place there anymore
- it can be named Hatch Rd, the resolution would need to be amended.

Motion by Ballard to amend Rodeo Road to be Hatch Road

Discussion had about notifying residents on the road since some addresses would be changed

*Motion by Johnson L, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis B to table this item until we communicate with the people that live on Rodeo Road. Motion passed; unanimous.*

### C. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract for Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team

Participation of STPD in MCAT has a long history

- they are working on our behalf and we work with them
- positive relationship with the unit; reimburses funds
- this agreement has already been included in the budget

Adams is full time with MCAT, but we are reimbursed for \$41,000 of his salary, and we pay for about \$45,000 more (including benefits/salary);

Kay- Why don't we use our officer to do the same thing instead of sending him to work somewhere else?

Chief- The knowledge and resources available to us from this is very valuable; having the task force is very beneficial, we can't do it by ourselves with a single officer

Ballard- We need the task force

Mayor- To clarify, is the benefit of MCAT greater than having our own officer working here?

Chief Scarber believes it is more beneficial

***Motion by Lewis B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson L to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Navajo County Major Crimes Apprehension Team. Motion passed; unanimous***

***Motion by Lewis H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson L to revisit item 6A. Motion passed; unanimous***

Dave Scott- express gratitude to the council for the prep work, it is going to be a big improvement, spent many days working on it, really appreciates it

Kay- great things like this happen because of residents doing the leg work

### D. Consideration and Possible Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement to join Navajo County in the "Navajo-Gila County Information Educational Technology Consortium"

Lewis B gave a quick report on the consortium: it is a good program to use, it is worth doing; it is not locking us in on anything; offering new equipment; no out of pocket cost to us

***Motion by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis B to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the formation of the Navajo-Gila County Information Technology Educational Consortium. Motion passed; unanimous***

### E. Consideration and Possible Approval of Engineering Services Contract with Tetra Tech

Doug Brimhall here representing Tetra Tech; Brian gave some quick background on the project; \$31,922 for engineering services for the CDBG project

It is required to have this engineering done to comply with the CDBG funding, and it is paid for with the funding.

***Motion by Johnson C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis B to approve the Engineering Services Contract with Tetra Tech. Motion passed; unanimous***

### F. Financial Update

Brian gave an overview of the report he provided and answered any clarifying questions that were asked.

Financially last year was a good year, not the best but still good; this year will be a lot better.

## 7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Kerry- NACOG meeting last week in Snowflake, they bought 20 rooms, also thanks to Willie Nelson for getting the station ready; catered event- that also provided local revenue; CVC meeting, Cory was the speaker on behalf of how the school and town can work together; Biography of Robert Yellowhair being done, thinks the painting he did will be worth a lot of money in the future (unfinished)

Allison- fight the new drug Sept 20th at the Auditorium; shout out to community members, school faculty, coaches, business owners, town staff, council members, committee members, PTSO members; the community (school) cleanup was awesome, it is families working together; humbled and proud to be a member of community

Hunter- the biggest concern the town has regarding sustainability is tax revenue, because we don't have the retail base, think at the point where it needs to be a priority to get more businesses in the community; Snowflake has a lot to offer

Terril- EDC is now going to be focusing on getting retail as well because it will bring more to our town, would like to locate property that is available for retail, working with Taylor to get our numbers together so we are more attractive to businesses; stay fiscally, financially stable, plan for growth, promote Town of Snowflake. Appreciate living here in Snowflake, want great and future planning to take place, take the hard road to make things happen

Cory- Navajo County fair is this week; school grades just came out and Snowflake was the best on the mountain, by far the highest, the results are in the White Mountain Independent

Byron- choosing to live in Snowflake is a lifestyle choice, if we could bring back jobs it could be more of an economical choice; broadband ties to much of the opportunities that can be available, positive things are happening with broadband; golf course, has been working on building a database of the members, many good things happening for growth in numbers at the golf course and services there as well; has someone interested in developing a website pro-bono as long they can use it in their portfolio

Lynn- handed out information about "Agenda 21"; Sylvia Allen started a new republican group for the area; been working on how to keep water adjudication costs down for the town; expenditures are going to be going higher than what we're used to in the past; recommended that Mr. Brown come again for a Q&A session with the council next Tuesday for an executive session at 7pm, it is fair for all council members to have questions and have them answered directly by Mr. Brown; would like to get an updated website that has more answers for the public

## **8. MANAGER REPORT**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT 8:50**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held September 12, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Katie Melsner, Town Clerk