

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE

HELD 08/08/2017

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 5:00 pm Present: Mayor Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Allison Perkins, Hunter Lewis, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson, Terril Kay; Staff: Brian Richards, Terry Cooper, Bob Hall, Katie Melser

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Little Colorado River Coalition-

Brian gave an update on his pursuit of alternate legal counsel. Jeff Murray has agreed to take on our case. He can do as much or as little as we want. The main difference is that Dave Brown has a team of experts that make up 75% of the bill; Murray would cost about the same as Dave Brown, minus the team of experts cost.

Lynn mentioned that there is a steering committee meeting coming up for the coalition. He has discussed with Dave Brown that we may have different representation, and Dave gave his opinion that the town should get out of the coalition instead of paying a different attorney, then get back in when the town is ready financially. They have recommended several different times to just get out of the coalition.

This process is going to be going on for a long time, neither side is going to back down. The LCRC is doing way above their "fair share", with or without Snowflake. With or without us, if they win or lose, we will have the same outcome.

There was some discussion about how much the members are contributing and who isn't in the coalition and how or why others aren't in the fight. A plan needs to be made to participate more fully and help to steer the coalition in a way that is preferable to the council.

Maybe table the item on the council agenda for tonight to allow for more discussion in the future.

B. Golf Course Operations-

Brian would like the council to be the golf course committee and then invite anyone from the community to the work sessions like this for their input. Terril believes the committee should be involved in the decision making.

Terry Cooper gave a quick presentation on the state of the golf course. Gave big recognition to Terrin Smith for being such a big part of the success they've been having. They have been able to do more than the previous superintendant because of council support and extra funding and staff.

Mayor Johnson thanked Terry and the golf course staff. The council needs to have a set day per month to have golf course committee meetings. At least for 6 months, meet once per month and then re-evaluate. 6PM before the first council meeting (2nd Tuesday).

Byron has had good conversations with the men's and women's clubs and they are willing to help with many projects at the golf course.

C. Justice Court

Proposal from the County sent to council members previous to the meeting.

There needs to be flexibility with the county, and Taylor needs to pay their share. Taylor is in favor of paying their share, but they want us to give the county a hard time on this.

Discussion had on the proposal and the revenues that could be lost and whether the trade of having a court in town is worth it to the community to not have to travel to another location for court. The issue is to direct staff on whether or not the town is interested in keeping the court and negotiating with the county on the details.

D. Swimming Pool-

Staff needs to know if the council wants to pursue spending \$500,000 to fix the existing pool. More information and discussion will be needed.

Mayor Johnson believes an outdoor pool next to the splash pad would be a better use of funds.

E. League of AZ Cities and Towns Conference Attendance

Hunter, Kerry, Byron, Cory, Brian are attending. Town taking care of the giveaway items for the booth.

3. ADJOURNMENT 6:43