

**MINUTES OF JOINT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE AND TOWN OF TAYLOR  
HELD 05/09/2017**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.**

Taylor: David Smith, Shawn Palmer, Fay Hatch, Jason Brubaker, Kyle Peck, Carl Cosper, Excused- Lynn DeWitt; Snowflake: Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Terril Kay, Hunter Lewis, Allison Perkins, Excused- Cory Johnson; Snowflake and Taylor Staff: Gus Lundberg, Brian Richards, Barbara Flake, Katie Melser, Clint Burden, Larry Scarber, Cathie McDowell, Willie Nelson,

**2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation Fay Hatch/Mayor Johnson**

**3. Council Recognitions**

**a. Snowflake Jr. High Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Team**

Showed video presentation of their winning project. Michael Eilertsen introduced his student team and talked about what they have done for this competition. They won several levels of the competition, ultimately becoming 1 of 3 national champions. Our success is with the students, not winning competitions. \$170k of tech to the school, as well as the Phoenix Herpetological Society getting a \$20k donation. Thank the students and parents for their after school dedication.

**b. Kenadi Stuart Elks Hoop Shoot Competition**

Gave thanks to the Elks Lodge 29 for helping. She has been all over the country for Hoop Shoot. Kenadi told about her journey and what she learned about the Elks organization. She came in 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation and made her last shot.

**c. Boys State Track-** introduced coaches and athletes, said the athletes work hard and represent the community very well. Terril gave a tribute to Lynn for his dedication to the athletes and the program. Carl Cosper emphasized what Lynn said about the complements from other coaches about being so well behaved and outstanding and thanked them for being such a good part of the community. Gave some praise to the girls track team as well, for taking 5<sup>th</sup> overall and having some great athletes.

**4. Request from Jeffery Wall for additional firearms training**

Suggested additional training for the PD's new rifles and presented reasons why it is important for proper training. Provided copy of presentation to the councils. Basic competence is achieved with qualification; advanced rifle training is needed for mastery. 1500 rounds per officer over 3 days is effective for mastery; approximately \$5000. Training above qualification is better for the officers and community. Training is the critical element for these much more powerful tools. Training should be ongoing, every 18 months. After the initial training, 300 rounds per officer would be sufficient. There are facilities in the area that can provide the training. Chief Scarber thinks this would be great for the department. Needs to be reviewed for the budget, not an action item for tonight.

**5. Consideration of White Mountain Regional Special Response Team Intergovernmental Agreement**

Police Chief Larry Scarber

Recommendation for approval to renew this agreement. Been a part of this team for a number of years. Regional concept is not new. This team is created and hosted by Show Low PD. Apache County has a number of agencies that would like to participate, this is what instigated this

renewal. We don't have the resources to create our own, and the response time of DPS could be 3-4 hours. Agreement reviewed by risk management pools, agree that they would provide a single defense instead of each municipality/county on their own. The ultimate responsibility remains with the requesting agency for emergency situations. Most or all of the municipalities and counties are involved. The team is formed by announcing a vacancy and anyone interested must apply and complete training. Snowflake provides the lion's share of members; they are pleased that we provide one.

*A motion was made by Palmer and 2nd by Hatch to approve White Mountain Regional Special Response Team Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion passed; unanimous.*

*A motion was made by Lewis, B. and 2nd by Ballard to approve White Mountain Regional Special Response Team Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion passed; unanimous*

#### **6. Discussion of Revised Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Services**

Nullified previous agreement with the combination of the fire and ambulance departments. The idea was proposed to have one agreement instead of separate agreements. Gave presentation on information given in the spreadsheet. The best way found to split is by population, revenues and expenditures, based on the census each ten years which would make it 58% Snowflake and 42% Taylor for now. Discussion about what areas of out of town limits is covered. Police is more bound to the town boundaries, but fire and ambulance are required to respond further. Shared Services Committee could be appropriate, but it is known as Administrative Committee right now. Two meetings a year is a good rule, and then any time a meeting needs to be called. More discussion had about joint services regarding police and fire, also including the library. Recreation has a solution in that Taylor has hired an employee to help with the department. Kay- shared services - fire and police provide services equally to both towns, so why not share the budgetary expenses equally; both towns should pay half. Discussion had about where calls come from and also how the budget splits are worked out. Mayor Johnson asked that the councils think about the shared services. Look beyond the bounds of who pays for what and who benefits the most. We don't want to lose our individual identities. Think of the greater cause of what this is for vs. individuality of the communities. Brian- things have changed over the years; our process isn't perfect but it is the best way to work the funding source. Maybe a hybrid solution could be incorporated in the future, but for now, population is the best way to split it right now. Gus said that the addition of the library is a new thing for shared services and significant, but there weren't any questions about it. Mayor Johnson asked everyone to remember, these services are for the community. We shouldn't be fighting against each other. We have a common goal that we need to reach together.

Mayor Smith suggested the councils meet twice a year and it was agreeable to everyone.

#### **7. Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held May 9, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Barbara Flake, Town Clerk