

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE  
HELD 01/10/2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Hunter Lewis, Cory Johnson, excused Allison Perkins and Byron Lewis (B Lewis will be calling in for it 6C); Staff: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Katie Melser, Chief Larry Scarber, Jeffery Whipple

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE** Lynn Johnson/Bob Hall

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS** none

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC:** none

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve Council minutes dated December 12, 2017

B. Approve December check register

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

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Discussion and Possible Approval of Replacement of Snowflake-Taylor PD K-9.

Chief Scarber introduced Ofc. Jeffery Whipple and K-9 Smoke. Smoke has served a total of 7 years, 5 years with STPD. He has reached the end of his professional service career, so it is time to replace him. The best bid received for a new K-9 and training is from Waddell Kennels. Ofc. Whipple a great asset to the department and other agencies with his K-9.

*Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis H, to approve to accept RICO funds for the purpose of replacing 10-year old K-9 "Smoke" with a new K-9, purchased from Waddell Kennels; unanimous*

**B.** Discussion Regarding Shared Services Committee Meeting Held January 8, 2018. (Mayor Johnson)

Mayor Johnson gave some key points of the meeting

- accepted Chief Burden's resignation and recommended Willie Nelson as the next Chief
- agreed on new formula for calculating the percentages, based on population, sales tax, etc.
- agreed on future directions for the Library and Recreation Departments
- good communication between Snowflake and Taylor

No action needed as this is a discussion only item

**C.** Discussion and Possible Approval of Appointment to Vacant Council Seat.

*Byron Lewis joined the meeting by phone for item C, the phone call ended at 6:34 PM*

Heather Peterson- interested to learn how the town works, be a contributing part of making decisions; in Snowflake 6 years, moved here to raise family (husband from area)

Gene Hall- will run for the council seat in the fall if that is what is good for the town; been very involved and invested in the white mountains for 50 years, lived in Snowflake for 14 years, has experience with goal setting and business operations, listed other interests for being on the council including bringing jobs and people here, would like to see the town be successful, served for 15 years in the Show Low, would like to be an asset to the town

LeAnne Morris also expressed interest but not present

Chad Brimhall also expressed interest but not present

Lewis H appreciates everyone's willingness to serve

Ballard would like to have Gene Hall for consideration, but would like to hear from Chad

Johnson C has spoken to Chad quite a bit and LeAnne some; he feels Chad is very interested in being on the council but has issues with the 2nd Tuesday of the month meetings

Johnson L commended Gene Hall and thinks his assets may be better used as he is currently, a businessman; spoke to the zeal of youth in Heather Peterson's bid for the council seat; it is a difficult decision

***Motion by Lewis B, 2nd by Ballard, to table this item until the next meeting; unanimous***

**D.** Discussion and Possible Approval of Setting New Council Dates and Times. (Brian Richards)

It is better to set one council meeting a month instead of cancelling; this way we don't have to cancel the meeting, but if we need a meeting we can hold a work session or call a special meeting if we need to;

Johnson L- would propose having one set council meeting and have the probability for a work session another time during the month as needed; we would still have a retreat with staff as needed

Brian would recommend having the meeting a set for once a month with as needed work sessions;

***Motion by Lewis H, 2nd by Johnson L to set only one council meeting per month to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7PM; unanimous***

**E.** Discussion and Possible Approval of Annual Audit Report.

Brian explained the annual audit report, there were no findings, and it was a clean audit

***Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Johnson C, to approve the annual audit report; unanimous***

**F.** Financial Report.

Brian explained some aspects of the finance report, asked the council to come in to his office if there are questions as they go over the report.

## **7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS—**

Kerry Ballard- Brian Gardanier, the manager of APS, is moving so we'll be getting a new manager; Groundhog Day breakfast on February 3rd.

Hunter Lewis- very encouraged by the work done with Taylor, we've come a long way and he looks forward to working with them moving forward

Lynn Johnson- Went to The House, a restaurant in Show Low, while there asked them to build a location in Snowflake; expressed appreciation to Chief Scarber and said the department is doing great; thank you to Heather Peterson (kids Brandon and Abigail); thank you to Gene Hall; thanks to the media.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT at 6:58 PM**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held January 10, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Katie Melser, Town Clerk