

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 10/23/2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kelly Willis, Vice Mayor Jason Whiting, Bev Kay, Tom Poscharsky, Kerry Ballard, Lorri Davis, Chris Brimhall

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Flag Ceremony and Pledge by Eastern Mountain Young Marines

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation "Red Ribbon Week"

Mayor Willis read the proclamation. Rick Schmidt, Commanding Officer, Eastern Mountain Young Marines, stated their organization stands behind promoting a drug-free community. A statement entitled, "The Red Ribbon", was read and red ribbons were distributed to Council and those in attendance at the Council meeting.

Mayor Willis read a letter of resignation from Council Member Lorri Davis effective October 31, 2012. Davis stated her husband worked at the paper mill and is no longer employed. She said they will be moving to Utah. She said she has enjoyed working with the Council and staff and it has been a great experience to serve the people and the town. She thanked everyone.

Swearing in of new Council Member Kerry L. Ballard

By Judge Fred Peterson, Snowflake Justice Court

Judge Peterson administered the Oath of Office to Kerry L. Ballard.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Attorney Bob Hall said he visited Council Member Tom Poscharsky's alma mater "Notre Dame". He said it was an extremely positive experience in a high quality environment. He said he was impressed that there was a place, the "Grotto", where students could worship.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Town Council meeting minutes dated 09/25/2012.

B. Approval of Invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices dated 10/12/2012.

C. Approval of Invoices from Hatch Construction & Paving dated 9/18, 9/19, 9/20/2012.

D. Approval of Invoices from LMT Engineering, Inc. dated 8/1, 9/6/2012.

Motion by Poscharsky, second by Whiting, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation regarding "Save Our Home AZ" Program. (Terry Nagle, NACOG) Terry Nagle, NACOG Housing Counseling Programs, summarized the programs offered to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure. He said money has been allocated to NACOG

to assist homeowners from a \$256 million settlement. To be eligible, a homeowner must have a gross income of no more than 150 percent of the area median income for the County in which the property is located. The assistance types available are:

- Principal Reduction Assistance: Permanent Mortgage Modification or HARP 2.0 Refinance
- Second Mortgage Settlements
- Unemployment/Underemployment Mortgage Assistance
- Short Sale Assistance

To determine eligibility for the program, individuals should log on to www.azhousing.gov and complete an online application. A counselor will make contact with applicants within seven days. Also, an individual may contact the Arizona Foreclosure Help Line at (877) 448-1211. There is no charge for assistance from HUD certified officers.

Poscharsky asked if this information could be given to the newspapers. Brimhall asked how much of the \$256 million settlement was given to NACOG. Nagel said \$150,000 per constituent was allocated to NACOG.

B. Approve/Disapprove location for placement of asphalt millings and associated transportation costs. (Terry Cooper)

Cooper said the SR77 mill and pave project has come to an end and staff has been informed by ADOT of the allocation of asphalt millings from that project. He said the Town will receive approximately 5,000 cubic yards of the surplus milling that are stock-piled in the Navajo County Maintenance Yard on Pinedale Road in Taylor. He said Navajo County will receive 10,000 cubic yards and the City of Show Low will receive 5,000 cubic yards.

Cooper said critical factors considered for which roads to apply the millings were ownership, roadway classification, traffic volume, and existing conditions. Staff recommends the millings be placed on West 7th South (from Hillcrest to Porter), Porter (from 7th South northward to existing pavement), and Country Club (from Porter eastward to existing pavement). Cooper said with an average thickness of six inches, these roads will use approximately 4,500 cubic yards. He said if there is remaining material, options being considered include facility parking lots, such as, the Academy Building/Pool parking lot, the Library, and the Cemetery. He said other options could be segments of other streets, such as, 3rd South (between 3rd West and 4th West), Hatch Avenue, or Rodeo Road.

Willis questioned why Snowflake did not receive all the available millings since the project was in this area. Cooper explained that Navajo County and Show Low, along with Snowflake applied for the millings and ADOT decided the split. Davis asked about using millings on 3rd South off Main Street. Rob Emmett said there are significant drainage issues with the road. He said the water that that was involved in the litigation with the school flows to this road. Ballard asked about using the millings on Staley. Staff said the critical factors (listed above) should be used to determine where the millings are placed.

Cooper said that whether there are leftover millings depends on how much is used on the roads 7th South, Porter, and Country Club. He said these roads are traffic corridors.

Cooper said the best application of the millings is to transport directly to the job site via belly-dump tractor trailers which is estimated to cost \$21,250 based on an average load of 20 cubic yards and estimated time of one hour per load at a truck rate of \$85 per hour. Staff asked Council to approve the expenditure of up to \$21,250 from the HURF Maintenance Material budget line item for the transportation of asphalt millings to the designated streets.

Motion by Whiting, second by Kay, to approve the location for placement of asphalt millings and associated transportation expenditure with a cap of \$21,250.

C. Presentation of information regarding March 2013 Election. (Barbara Flake)
A Primary Election will be held for the Town of Snowflake on March 12, 2013. There will be four Council seats with a 4-year term on the ballot. The vacancy created tonight with the resignation of Lorri Davis will also be placed on the ballot with a 2-year term. Packets for interested candidates will be available for distribution on November 13, 2012 and must be turned in by December 12, 2012. There is legislation that goes into effect in 2014 that will change the dates of future elections for the Town of Snowflake. The law will require Town elections to be held in the fall of even numbered years. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns, legal staff, and election experts are working on a process for this change to be put in place. The current opinion is that the Town should hold their election as planned and make the necessary changes to term limits according to the recommended process when the law takes effect. It has been stated that terms can not be legally shortened which would mean that terms will need to be lengthened to comply with the new law.

D. Approve/Disapprove Council Member appointment to Senior Center Board. (Tom Poscharsky)

Tom Poscharsky expressed interest in serving the Senior Center.

Motion by Willis, second by Ballard, to appoint Tom Poscharsky to serve on the Senior Center Board. Motion passed; unanimous

E. Approve/Disapprove Resolution No. 12-017 Declaring Arizona Cities and Towns Week.

Mayor Willis read Resolution No. 12-017

Motion by Willis, second by Poscharsky, to approve Resolution No. 12-017 Declaring Arizona Cities and Towns Week. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Brimhall said he appreciated Lorri Davis' 5 ½ years of service to the Town.

Davis said the new paved roads look good. She said 3rd South behind the high school is being well-maintained.

Ballard said it is fun to be back and Davis will be missed. He said Bill Knopnicki passed away. He asked that a card be sent from the Council.

Poscharsky said a candidate forum is being held at the Catholic Church Community Center Wednesday night at 6 p.m. All the State and County candidates are coming. Questions will be asked and time provided for answers from the candidates. He said there is work ongoing with potential buyers for the paper mill. He said Catalyst is ensuring that it will not be used as a paper mill. He said American West Potash has signed an agreement and Passport Potash is also moving forward. A target date seems to be 2015-16.

Whiting thanked Davis for her service that has shown she cares about the community. He asked everyone to look for opportunities to serve those who are in need with the loss of jobs at the paper mill.

Kay said she will miss Davis. She asked Council to provide and serve hot chocolate at an activity during the 12 Days of Christmas on Monday, December 3rd.

Willis said Davis will be missed.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held October 23, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk