

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 06/10/2014**

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

Mayor Kelly Willis, Vice Mayor Jason Willis, Bev Kay, Tom Poscharsky, Stuart Hensley, Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard STAFF: Brian Richards, Terry Cooper, Dale Call, Pat Hancock, Cathie McDowell, Steve Schneider

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Kay/Willis

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Kathy Farber, resident of Navajo County, stated that Northland Pioneer College recently increased the property tax of Navajo County by 12.5%. She read an article regarding this issue published in the White Mountain Independent.

Brad Farber, resident of Navajo County, stated that Navajo County is ranked 85th on the list of 387 poorest counties in the United States. He said he is pro-community and out of the 72 families he has invited to this area 52 have located by him. He said he attended all of the meetings of the Fire Services Review Committee and would vote no on forming a fire district. He said that until Navajo County and the fire districts are made to control their appetites this area will not grow. He said the taxes gathered for Northland Pioneer College are approximately \$30 million yearly and it is a dereliction of duty by Council to not attend county taxation meetings. He said NPC's enrollment is down 20% to 30%. He asked Council to fight to help senior citizens who cannot afford the property taxes. He asked that Council attend a meeting in Lakeside tomorrow at 3 p.m. to learn about fire districts and Lakeside's \$3.5 million budget. He said that if the Town wants to survive it is necessary to be fiscally responsible and attend the meetings to see who is eating from the backside.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 05/13/2014.

B. Approval of Invoice from CMI Engineering dated 05/10/2014.

C. Approval of Invoice from Brown & Brown Law Offices, P.C. dated May 2014.

D. Consideration & Possible Approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 14-04 Rezone property Residential 4500 ft. lot (R-45//PAD) and Residential 1 acre (R-1A) to Agricultural (AG). Owner is JP Cattle Company LLC.

E. Consideration & Possible Approval of 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 14-05 Rezone multiple properties Agricultural 5 acre (AG) to Residential 2 acre (R2A). Owners are Dunlap, Backus, and Smith.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Whiting, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of One-Day Liquor License for White Mountain Base Submarine Veterans Golf Tournament. (Paul Watson)
Buck Biddle, representing the White Mountain Base Submarine Veterans, said the golf tournament is scheduled for the first Saturday in August. He said this is the 7th tournament held in Snowflake and his organization feels the tournaments have been very successful.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Kay, to approve the One-Day Liquor License for White Mountain Submarine Veterans. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 14-10 Requesting that the Legislature amend Statute (A.R.S. § 9-821.01). (Barbara Flake)
Flake explained that this resolution is requesting the Legislature to amend State Statute to allow cities and towns to calculate the majority of votes cast for a municipal office based on the total number of votes cast for that office. She said this resolution is necessary because of consolidated elections to establish a consistent method to calculate a majority for municipal elections. She said the Legislature passed a bill this year to create a temporary fix for the 2014 election and this resolution is seeking to make the fix permanent, making the majority vote calculation threshold consistent for all cities and towns.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Poscharsky, to approve Resolution No. 14-10 Requesting that the Legislature amend Statute (ARS 9-821.01). Motion passed; unanimous

C. Consideration & Possible Approval of Variance Request to encroach the rear yard setbacks for the construction of room additions. Property is located at 14 South 1st East Street, Snowflake, Arizona. The owners are Mike and Donna Little. (Dale Call)
Call stated that Mike Little would like to construct 2 room additions on the west side of the apartments to improve the apartment complex by providing enclosed space for the water heater, a washer/dryer, and storage. He said that Little would also like to improve the property with grass and possibly a new traditional pitched roof which would improve the aesthetics of the area. Call said this request would encroach the back property setback by 12 feet leaving an 8 foot setback. Call notified adjacent property owners and received no responses. Call said that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered this request and recommended Council approve the request.

Willis asked if it could be made mandatory that renters could not store items outside. Little stated that he is doing the upgrade for the property to improve the quality of life for his renters. He said he wants to keep good renters and there would be additional storage space in the proposed additions. Whiting asked if this request would cause any concerns regarding fire protection. Call said that it would be an improvement placing the water heater inside and providing another egress through a second door.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Whiting, to approve variance request to encroach rear yard setbacks for construction of room additions. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Consideration & Possible Approval of Variance Request to place manufactured office building on Residential/Transitional (RT) zoned property. Property is located at 76 W. Snowflake Boulevard, Snowflake, Arizona. (Dale Call)
Item was tabled by Council at the last Council meeting. Request has been withdrawn by Navajo County.

Motion by Willis, 2nd by Whiting to accept withdrawal of variance request by Navajo County. Motion passed; unanimous

E. Consideration & Possible Approval of Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission. (Tom Poscharsky)
Poscharsky said a letter of interest to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission has been received from Roger McDowell. He said that McDowell brings good criteria and worked with the original group that discussed and planned zoning for the Town. Call said there is one vacancy and will be one more by the end of summer. Poscharsky asked for a list of the terms of the existing commissioners. Call said he would provide the information to Poscharsky.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Kay, to appoint Roger McDowell to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion passed; unanimous

F. Consideration & Possible Approval of Drainage Easement for Southern Solution Channel from Apache Railway. (Paul Watson)
Watson said this agreement is necessary to continue work on the Southern Solution Channel Project. He said Arizona Public Service (APS) is supportive of the agreement. He said the APS poles will not have to be relocated.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Whiting, to approve the Easement and Maintenance Agreement with Apache Railway for Drainage for the southern Solution Channel. Motion passed; unanimous

G. Discussion on the upcoming (2020) Regional Transportation Improvement Program street project. (Terry Cooper)
Cooper explained that it is time to submit a project to be programmed into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program coordinated by the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). He said that these federal-aid projects are funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and only approved FHWA functionally classified roads qualify for the funding. There are four roads that meet the criteria for the funding: 7th St South, Centennial Boulevard, Old Woodruff Road, and Snowflake Boulevard. Council was asked give direction for the next project. Cooper explained the work necessary on each of the four roads listed. Whiting said he feels that with the ballparks and future development considered Centennial Boulevard will be a major road. Poscharsky asked if the project submitted could be changed at a later date. Cooper said it is possible to change the project and/or the scope of work as far as the money will go. He said he also has found out that

other roads can be on the list of classified roads but staff will have to identify the roads to reclassify them to be able to have the roads added to the list for consideration. He said it is necessary to get a project in the schedule now.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Johnson, to approve “Widening of Centennial w/bike lane and ribbon curb and shoulder work” as a project for submittal to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Motion passed; unanimous

H. Consideration & Possible Approval of the tentative budget for FY2014-15. (Brian Richards)

Richards said that the budget for next year was presented at a work session on May 13, 2014. He said some minor changes to the budget presented at that work session are: 2 line items in the Library Department were increased by \$1,000 each; Police Department benefit line item was increased by \$11,800. He said that the tentative budget will be published in the paper for 2 weeks and a public hearing will be held in July to pass the final budget. He asked if there were questions regarding the budget. Poscharsky said the budget follows what has been presented during the process.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Kay, to approve the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15 as presented. Motion passed; unanimous

Motion by Willis, 2nd by Ballard, to move to Executive Session. Motion passed; unanimous

I. Executive session as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for advice on legal matter.*

Council moved to Executive Session. There was no discussion in Regular Session.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Willis, to return to Regular Session. Motion passed; unanimous

7. COUNCIL MEMBER’S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Ballard said that the Economic Development Committee meeting was cancelled this month.

Whiting said he met with Don Gonzales and learned that Western Molding is starting up again and will have 14 to 15 employees.

Kay said she attended a meeting regarding moving forward educating the community about a safe community through use of ham radios. She said a plan for communication was presented.

Kay announced the Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Auction fundraiser to be held on June 27th. She said tickets can be obtained from her and from the Chamber office. She said the Town has purchased a table.

8. MANAGER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS AND REPORT

Watson stated the following:

- O'Reilly is underway
- Wal Mart has a new engineer and is working with Taylor on concepts and specs
- There is a meeting planned next week with an individual regarding the possibility of utilizing the railway to make deliveries to the west coast which could possibly increase jobs for the railway.
- Communicated with the tomato plant regarding the Northern Solution. The tomato plant has started a new crop of organic small cucumbers.
- There is a legislative update by the League of Arizona Cities & Towns on Thursday, June 12th, at 10 a.m., in the Show Low Council Chambers.
- The Raise a Barn Project will be held Monday, June 23rd, at 8 a.m., at the tennis court where striping for "pickle ball" will be done. Lunch will be served.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:53 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held June 10, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk