

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 10/27/2015**

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

Mayor Tom Poscharsky, Vice Mayor Kerry Ballard, Lynn Johnson, Stuart Hensley—excused, Byron Lewis—excused, Cory Johnson, Terril Kay STAFF: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Dale Call

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Johnson C./Kay

3. MAYOR’S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Robert Yellowhair—Artist

Mayor Poscharsky welcomed Robert Yellowhair and his son. Poscharsky read a Proclamation declaring “Robert Yellowhair Day” and recognizing Robert for bringing to life in his vivid paintings kachinas, Indian pottery, jewelry, baskets, and native animals all located in the beautiful country of Northeastern Arizona. It was shared that Robert has made over 700 saddles and 2,500 paintings. Robert stated that he did a portrait of John F. Kennedy and a painting for the Smithsonian Institute. Robert shared stories of the early history of Indian tribes in the area and in Snowflake. He told Council that an effort should be made to recognize people from this area that are known throughout the country. He said he would like to do a painting for Snowflake depicting all who came to Snowflake and those that are well-known. Poscharsky stated that Robert Yellowhair has a permanent display at Navajo County’s Center for the Arts located on Penrod Road in Show Low. Hours for the Center for the Arts are November through March, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, the artwork is for sale. There is an event this Friday, October 30th, at 5 to 7 p.m. to meet some of the artists with refreshments being served.

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Cindy Schreiber, Senior Citizens Center, introduced staff from the Center—Loretta Whitlow, Director, Nanette Lemons, part-time assistant, and Tina Meckstroth. Cindy invited the Council to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center on November 19th. She said they should be at the Senior Center by 10:30 a.m. Lynn Johnson said he will wash dishes. Cindy said that Jason Whiting will be the gravy server and bouncer. She thanked the Town and Mayor for the van that was donated to the Center. She said staff is able to double the services offered to the seniors and is able to take seniors to appointments while the other van is delivering meals. She described the progress on the building addition and thanked the Town of Snowflake and the Town of Taylor for their support.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Work Session & Council Meeting minutes dated 09/22/2015 & 10/01/2015.

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of Variance to Encroach Side Yard Setbacks.

Location is 470 W 1st Street North, Snowflake, Arizona.

Dale Call reviewed that the owner was requesting a variance to construct an addition to the home that was built 5 feet from the property line before zoning regulations were in place. The owner stated that she would like the addition to be in line with the existing home. Call stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the variance. Mayor Poscharsky said it appears to be in character with the neighborhood.

Motion by Poscharsky, 2nd by Kay, to approve variance request for 470 W. 1/2 North Street, Snowflake, Arizona to construct a room addition encroaching side yard setbacks by 5 feet.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Johnson C. complimented Town staff for their progress on the project of the entry into Stratton's and the Lumber business.

Poscharsky said he attended the opening of the new cancer center and toured the state of the art radiation treatment facility. He thanked Barbara Bruce for her work with the foundation involved with the cancer center. He said there is progress being made regarding a decision being made for the location of the egg farm. He said options are being looked at regarding the railway.

Johnson L. said he is enjoying his involvement with the fitness challenge between the Fire and Police Departments. He said they meet on Wednesdays for a class on healthy eating and he is enjoying the camaraderie. He said the hiring of the Police Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief was well done. He said that he spent 9 days in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, doing healthcare with a non-profit group. He said he has realized the blessings we have in the United States.

Ballard said he attended the NACOG meeting in Flagstaff. He said they celebrated their 40th year of Senior Citizen Centers. Ballard thanked the staff of the Silver Creek Senior Citizens Center. He said it people are getting older and it is getting harder to handle all the seniors with the available budget. He said that I-17 is being looked at for ideas of how to alleviate traffic when wrecks occur. He said ideas suggested are to make it a toll road to finance an increase to 4 lanes or a side road that runs parallel to the highway.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 7:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held October 27, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk