

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE  
HELD 11/15/2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** at 7:03 p.m.

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

**2. PRAYER/PLEDGE** Pocharsky/Ballard

**3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

*Recognition of Service to Town of Snowflake & Snowflake Municipal Golf Course—Mark Wilson*  
Mayor Poscharsky read the following recognizing Mark Wilson:

**In** recognition of more than 17 years of unprecedented service to the

Town of Snowflake and the Snowflake Municipal Golf Course —

**He** has exemplified the virtues of dedication, commitment and resilience.

**With** a “never give up, never give in” work ethic, he spent countless hours tending to the needs of what turned out to be his home away from home.

**With** a “can do” and a “will do” anything attitude, he somehow managed to keep machines running, water flowing, and the grass growing.

**He** is a modern day MacGyver, wearing a red cape with “S” for “Superman” on his chest.

**He** is more than one in a million.

**We** thank you for all your blood, sweat and years – *(there’s no crying in golf).*

*You have kept the course alive with very little or nothing.*

*We are indebted to your service and wish the best of luck to you and your family in your future endeavors.*

Terry Cooper and Paul Watson recognized Mark Wilson for his work ethic, dedication, and amount of time spent while working at the Golf Course. Cooper said Wilson is still involved and saying he worked countless hours is an understatement. He said Wilson had very little help and what is done now at the Course with staff, Wilson did alone which is unbelievable. Wilson stated he started at the Golf Course in 1995 helping Steve Schneider with machines and the irrigation system. A “Claret Jug” was presented to Wilson. Council thanked him for all his time, for his help with the Car Show, for taking ownership and being a leader in taking the Golf Course to the next level.

*Recognition of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Tree—Tree City USA Program*

Mayor Poscharsky recognized Bruce Mighton as the Town Arborist who made sure trees were planted. He said a Red Maple was planted at Pioneer Park as a Commemorative Tree in honor of the “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tree City USA Program.”

**4. CALL TO PUBLIC**

Greg Brimhall, Snowflake High School Golf Coach, thanked the Town for sticking with the Golf Course. He said people worked to get the Course here. He thanked the Town for letting a tournament take place at the Golf Course. He said 35 kids came out for the team last year. He

said golf is still popular among the youth. He said golf teaches kids to respect themselves and control anger and emotions. He said the tournament held helped to raise money for the High School Golf Program.

Chris Wall, Manager of the Senior Center, reminded Council that they agreed to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center on November 17th at noon. She said over 100 people signed up to therefor dinner. She said she is looking forward to learning and creating new ideas for the Senior Center.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council minutes dated October 25, 2016.
- B. Approve Accounts Payable
- C. Approve Invoice from Robert M. Hall, P.C. dated July, August, 2016

*Motion by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous*

## 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration & Possible Approval of Purchase of Golf Course Maintenance Equipment. (Terry Cooper)

Cooper stated that Council approved the 5-Year Plan for the Golf Course which included the purchase of new equipment for maintenance operations. He said staff conducted demonstrations using Toro and John Deere golf course maintenance equipment. He said that in the 10-day period of time of the demonstrations many golfers took notice to the improved conditions that could be having the right equipment. He said staff with consideration of the demonstrations of Toro and John Deere equipment, references from other golf courses, and the experiences from existing staff, recommends the following purchases:

- Two (2) Toro Model 4500-D Deck Mowers (for rough areas) \$67,165.35 ea.
- One (1) Toro Model 5510-D Reel Mower (for fairways) \$58,979.22
- One (1) John Deere Model 2500B Tri-Plex Mower (for greens) \$33,856.96
- One (1) John Deere Pro Gator Utility Wagon (for maintenance) \$25,610.80
- One (1) John Deere PR Gator TX – Lightweight Utility Wagon \$ 9,279.24
- One (1) Dakota 420 Material Hauler (for top-dressing fairways, etc.) \$29,019.63
- TOTAL PURCHASE  
\$291,076.55

Cooper requested Council approve an amount not to exceed the total purchase amount and he would look for lower prices.

Johnson L asked where this is in the budget. Richards said it is not in the budget but when working out the financing of the purchase, \$5,000 a month/\$60,000 a year will fall within the budget. Cooper said some of the existing equipment will be used on the course. He said the new equipment is not enough for the whole course.

*Motion by Poscharsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson C, to approve as part of 5-Year Plan for the Golf Course the purchase of maintenance equipment not to exceed the amount of \$292,188.21. Motion passed; unanimous*

B. Consideration & Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2016-16 Adopting Results of General Election held November 8, 2016. (Barbara Flake)

Barbara Flake read Resolution No. 2016-16 adopting the results of the General Election and declaring that Michael “Lynn” Johnson is issued a certificate of election to fill the Office of Mayor for a 2-year term. Poscharsky thanked the candidates for running and congratulated Johnson for winning the election.

***Motion by Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Poscharsky, to approve Resolution No. 2016-16 Adopting results of General Election held November 8, 2016. Motion passed; unanimous***

C. Swearing In Ceremony for Newly Elected Mayor & Council Members.

Judge Peterson conducted the Swearing In of the newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

D. Recognition of Mayor Tom Poscharsky.

Mayor Johnson stated he would like to recognize Tom Poscharsky for his service to the community and his long-time service as Council Member and Mayor. He said Tom is an example of community service.

Brian Richards said he appreciates working with Tom who is a good businessman and works tirelessly for the Town. He said “take no prisoners” is engraved on the chair being presented to Tom tonight. He said Tom is a good photographer and has taken many landscapes photos from throughout the state and the Town is presenting him one of his favorite of the Grand Canyon.

Paul Watson stated that Tom truly cares about the community and there is no doubt that his passion is to make a sustainable community and provide quality jobs. He said that because of his work with Tom on economic development at the Town, he is now working at Navajo County on economic development. He said there is the possibility of additional jobs and Snowflake is on the map because of the efforts of Tom and the Council. He thanked Tom for his dedicated service and leadership and that as he goes forward to “take no prisoners.”

Terril Kay said Tom is inspiring in leading everyone to look outside the box. Kay said he is amazed by Tom’s knowledge and contacts. He said Tom is a strong, great leader and will be missed. He said Tom had a willingness to hold strong on items that were tough. He said he wants Tom to continue to work with the Town.

Cory Johnson stated that Tom has written letters to companies to come and look at our community. He said Tom has a fearless passion and knows what he believes.

Byron Lewis said Tom took him under his wing. He said Tom spend time behind the scenes to work for Snowflake and represented the Town well. He said he honors Tom.

Kerry Ballard said he enjoyed working with Tom. He said when Tom became Mayor he wanted to save the railroad. He said Tom even called Japan in his search for jobs. He said Tom could be a little rough around the edges but did a great job representing the Town well.

Allison Perkins said when she decided to run for Council she appreciated that Tom explained the issues and treated her as an equal. She said she spent time working with the Senior Center and Tom was there every time helping with the food bank and delivering meals.

Stuart Hensley thanked Tom for his service. He said the last 2 years have been very interesting.

## **7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Ballard said he attended the candlelight vigil for Officer Reed. He said we are a community together with people from all over the state. He said that NACOG has grants that no one applied for and he working with Chris Fetzer to see if Town can apply. He said the Community Values Committee went to Copperstate Farms to tour the plant. He said tours will no longer be given after they start growing.

Perkins said it is good that the greenhouse will be used and not go to waste and will be used bringing jobs to the community. She said there are finally streetlights down Concho Road. She gave a shout out to the Senior Center and said they can always use volunteers which is very rewarding. She said the Center served 1500 meals last month.

Terril Kay welcomed Mayor Johnson and Council Member Allison Perkins. He said NACOG has good programs one of which is helping the elderly get their homes up to par.

Cory Johnson thanked Police Chief Larry Scarber for the amazing job his department does.

Byron Lewis offered condolences to Officer Reed's family. He thanked the candidates who ran for office and those who won election. He gave a shout out to Charlotte Hatch and Patty Matyas for the Chamber Luncheon. He said he looks forward to working with the new Council.

Lynn Johnson complimented the Chief of Police and staff. He said he participated in the DARE graduation for 120 6<sup>th</sup> graders. He said seeing their excitement and the way the program is handled was great.

## **8. MANAGER REPORT**

Richards gave a shout out to employees that work for the Town providing all the services of the Town. He said he appreciates their effort and pride in the community. He thanked Mike Larson and Surface Contracting for their time putting on a surface treatment with donated materials at the golf course.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held November 15, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

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Barbara Flake, Town Clerk