

**7:00 PM, FEBRUARY 4, 2020
IN THE COUNCIL ROOM LOCATED AT
81 W 1ST SOUTH, SNOWFLAKE, ARIZONA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 7:01 pm All council present; Bobby, Willie, Terry

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Ballard/Perkins

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

4. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Dean Porter addressed the council. He told the history of a scene he saw when he was 4 years old during the Pioneer Days about races and horse racing; he told Robert Yellowhair about this and he made. He wants to donate it to the town. He has an Anglo and an Indian horse racer, also he place Geronimo against the tree, Chief Baja Billy, and Chief Alchesay of the Apache. He has no title for it, but if you do put a plaque, put their name on it; would like a letter stating the gift and the date (February 4th).

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council Minutes dated January 7, 2020

B. Approve Council Worksession Minutes dated January 7, 2020

C. Approve January Check Register

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis B, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous with Lewis H absent

6. PUBLIC HEARING: ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION HOMERULE OPTION

A. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Perkins, to Open the Public Hearing. Motion passed; unanimous with Lewis H absent

no comments

B. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Lewis B, to Close the Public Hearing. Motion passed; unanimous with Lewis H absent

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of resignation from Councilman Hunter Lewis

Mayor Johnson read Hunter's email into the record.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Brimhall, to accept the resignation of Hunter Lewis from the council. Motion passed; unanimous with Lewis H absent

B. Consideration of appointment to fill council vacancy for the remainder of the term for Hunter Lewis

Jeff Millett addressed the council about filling the vacancy. Hunter recommended him to fill the position. Been in the community since 2012 but has been visiting for many years before that. Background in business and marketing, was previously a business consultant. Currently a full-time real estate agent with SEI Realty. Snowflake is no longer the best kept secret, there are people here from all walks of life here now. Hopes to help set short term and long-term goals for the community. We embrace our history, but we also embrace growth and opportunity.

Bob Flake addressed the council about filling the vacancy. He grew up in Snowflake, he loves it.

He farms and ranches. He has a lot of respect for Jeff Millett. Been approached a few times over the past few years about running for council but his schedule has freed up since he isn't coaching basketball any longer so he felt like now was the time. Felt like serving the community and serving. He's been the Farm Bureau president among being on other boards. It's important to be involved to have a voice and represent those around you. Appreciate the opportunity to fill the seat, and has intentions of running for council.

Brimhall- appreciate both of them willing to be on the council, it's a great experience

Brian- excited to have 2 good men in the community that are interested in the seat. He wants the record to show that he considers Bob his brother in law, not legally any longer though.

Johnson C- appreciative of people willing to step up; he asked Bob to be here when he heard that Hunter was resigning; Bob has a big love for our community, he's levelheaded, among many other qualities.

Mayor Johnson encouraged them to continue serving the community

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Johnson L, to appoint Bob Flake to fill the vacant council seat of Hunter Lewis. Motion passed; unanimous with Lewis H absent

At this point, Town Clerk Katie Melser swore in Bob Flake as a council member and he took his seat among the other councilmembers.

C. Consideration of Call of Election 2020

Motion by Lewis B, 2nd by Brimhall, to approve the Call of Election 2020. Motion passed; unanimous

D. Report from Police Department

Chief Martin provided a report for the council and media. He explained the process of consolidating dispatch with City of Show Low. ALEAP is continuing, policy and procedural updates occurring, audit forthcoming to see about meeting the required criteria. Changes in personnel with retirement of staff. 40 weeks of training is coming to an end for the 3 new recruits. They have had some staff movement in promotions to fill vacancies; other equipment upgrades as outlined in the report; over 2017-2018 there were 13 officers, in 2019 there were only 12 officers, so they did a good job responding to calls with less officers.

Johnson C- How many officers now? Martin- Up to 15 once our 3 FTO complete training

Johnson L- Why are you wearing a beard? Martin- Officers asked about having beards, the PD approached the community about their feelings about officers with beards and the response was positive for beards. They have updated their policy to allow for well groomed beards. Not all officers wear beards, but they do support it even if they don't wear beards.

Ballard- glad to see citations go down. Martin- they are the best tool for correcting driving behavior, it has its place in the community and it is at the officer's discretion

Lewis- do you anticipate an increase for hands free offenses? Martin-Yes

E. Report from Fire Department

Chief Nelson provided a report to the council. Call volume continued to increase in 2019. Personnel, there are 12 full time positions as well as 2 part time positions that are filled with multiple reserves. Training has been important in continually improving services and staff has been attending valuable training to keep up with improving services. Worked hard regionally to improve working with other agencies. Regional shift correlation and grant correlation for better services. Has received technology and resources through grants to improve services. Mutual aid between agencies has been good. 2 new (to the department) fire trucks into service last year; lots of new equipment and technology. Continue working to build the department and professionalism in the department.

Ballard- Does Fire House Subs ever give you any money? Nelson- they have a grant with them right now. How old is your oldest engine? Nelson- The engines they have now should be good for at least 10 years.

Johnson C- how many are fire and how many are ambulance? Nelson- about 300 fire, and the rest are ambulance

Johnson L- tell us about the staff you have here. Nelson- Matt Krekeler is a reserve from Timber Mesa, and his wife is a volunteer that fills in when staffing is short.

F. Consideration of Resolution 2020-05 Comprehensive Fee Schedule

Terry Cooper- it's time to raise rates, it will help recoup improvements made to the course. It is about 10% overall.

Perkins- how have the liquor sales been, made money? Cooper- Basically breaking even at this point, only open 4 days a week, it does better in the summertime, and especially during tournaments.

Brimhall- Driving Range changes? Cooper- Would like to make it one level and wrap it around so the tee spots are all equal.

Lewis- has collected a 5-gallon bucket of balls from his yard, so thanks; has heard many positive comments about the improvement of the course from locals and out of towners.

Motion by Lewis B, 2nd by Johnson C, to approve Resolution 2020-05, Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the Golf Course. Motion passed; unanimous

G. Consideration of Purchase of 30'x50' steel building for parks department

Brian- Several dilapidated buildings behind town hall that the parks department uses that we would like to replace with this steel building, we have prepared an area for a pad. We will be using a local installer.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Johnson L, to approve purchase of 30'x50' steel building for the parks department as presented. Motion passed; unanimous

8. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS - The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to ARS 38-431.02.

Brimhall- Groundhog breakfast was really good; appreciates the ab down on Rutledge Rd.

Lewis- shout out to the community, thank everyone for contributing to our way of life.

Ballard- Legislative Day was good; Groundhog day was good, 600-700 there; went to Rennie Crittenden's funeral, it was good, they gave him a street sign; attended NACOG comprehensive economic strategy, it talks about what Navajo County can do to improve; Senior Center has a letter requesting a van that he'll be giving to Brian, Robb Hatch with Arizona Motors is willing to help with getting the van; Chris Wahl resigned from the Senior Center.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

The groundhog breakfast was very successful. Did work on Rutledge, it was pretty bad. Has reached out to Larson Waste to see if they will help with repairs. Reached out to Steve Brophy and has an agreement he may be willing to sign. Northern Solution is continuing, going to bid on the fire station school project.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:13 pm