

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 04/05/2022

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 7:02pm Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Allison Perkins, Cory Johnson, Greg Brimhall; Staff: Brian Richards, Katie Melser, Joe

1. **PRAYER/PLEDGE** Brimhall/Ballard

2. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

ARBOR DAY, read by Mayor Johnson; Mayor Johnson expressed support for Arbor Day and supporting tree planting

FAIR HOUSING MONTH, read by Greg Brimhall on behalf of Mayor Johnson

3. **CALL TO PUBLIC: Mark Shien:** report on projects, specifically the pool and paving on 19th south

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. COUNCIL MINUTES DATED MARCH 1, 2022

B. MARCH CHECK REGISTER

C. IGA WITH NAVAJO COUNTY FLOOD DISTRICT

D. RESOLUTION 2022-02 APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A NON-MOTORIZED GRANT FROM ARIZONA STATE PARKS RTP

E. VARIANCE REQUEST: 202-38-025C: REID: TO ALLOW A CHANGE TO THE SITE PLAN, DIRECTION THAT THE HOME FACES

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

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. STOP SIGNS/SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Chief Martin addressed the council regarding additional concerns regarding 4-way stops around the high school. With a lot of school traffic in the area, 4-way stops would be advisable on 4th W and 1st S as well as 3rd W and 1st S.; 1st W and 1st S is also an area of concern, but as a first step measure it would be well to try school crossing signs and crosswalk markings.

Ballard- would it be hard to stop at the bottom of the cemetery hill when it's snowing? Martin- it could be a problem but the few times a year it would be a problem don't outweigh the rest of the year.

Brian trim trees

Perkins- are those corners painted? Martin- we need to look at the intersections, especially around the schools, and paint them red. Brian said we'll start working on those as well.

Perkins- how do we educate the community on how to properly execute a 4 way stop? Martin said he'll work on something we can push out on our social media.

Brimhall- how about 7th south and Frontier Parkway?

Martin- the reality that we're looking at in the future is stop signs every two blocks

Johnson- are we getting carried away on those stops? It isn't convenient for the residents in that area. Martin- convenience can't outweigh safety; don't have the resources to assign an officer in the 5 block radius, there couldn't be enough coverage.

Johnson- have we had more accidents in the proposed areas?

Martin- no, but we need to put traffic control into place for the growth we're experience; how else do we control traffic?

Johnson- there are always lots of opinions about these types of issues, in agreement or opposed; it isn't that much more time to stop or drive slower.

Martin- we have to look at what we can control

Sam Flake- so many people fly down 4th W and will be affected by the 4-way stops, but he would rather have people going slower and stopping to make the neighborhood safer.

Motion by Perkins, 2nd by Johnson L, to approve the proposed stop signs as presented. Motion passed; unanimous

B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT: 202-53-109: PAPA: TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE WITH AN APARTMENT ON THE SECOND FLOOR

Joe Jarvis presented the issue to the council, the P&Z recommended to approve this SUP unanimously.

Mike Papa- he needs a shop, he wants to match the home, so putting living quarters above makes sense for the roofline.

Ballard- started yet? no, waiting for a permit

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Ballard, to approve the Special Use Permit to allow construction of garage with apartment. Motion passed; unanimous

C. SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 145 S MAIN ST

Brian presented the item to the council; usually when you sell public property you have to notice the public and go to auction. For the past 6 years we haven't been getting any rent on the building. Brian approached the county manager about purchasing the building with the agreement that they would keep the justice court open in Snowflake. Selling it to Navajo County for \$450,000 and it has already been approved by the board of supervisor.

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Brimhall, to approve the sale of real property at 145 S. Main Street to Navajo County. Motion passed; unanimous

D. SNOWFLAKE TRAIL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NAVAJO COUNTY

We applied for several different projects for county ARPA money and were awarded \$200,000 that we will be using to improve our trail system. This would be specifically for the loop trail between Snowflake and Taylor.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Perkins, to approve the Snowflake Trail System Improvements grant agreement with Navajo County. Motion passed; unanimous

E. PURCHASE OF BICYCLE PLAYGROUND

This is the bike park that we are working on constructing. There are some features that we want to purchase; the company will come and install them for the proposed price.

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Perkins, to approve the purchase of bicycle playground and jump line as presented. Motion passed; unanimous

F. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS FROM SNOWFLAKE TOWN COUNCIL

Lewis- Thanks for the experience, it's painful seeing his empty seat. He hasn't missed a meeting in 8 years, he's learned a lot.

Johnson L- it is an education, that's the best way to describe it; express appreciation to Bob and Byron and luck in their race for the mayor seat.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Brimhall, to accept resignations of Byron Lewis and Bob Flake, with thanks. Motion passed; unanimous

If you're interested in being appointed to the council, you can submit a letter of interest and it will be discussed at the next council meeting.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ballard- Senior Center is fully staffed, things are back up and running

Brimhall- golf course drained the ponds and dug them out and filled them back up, looks nice

Johnson L- happy with all the projects that are going on in Snowflake; kudos to Town of Taylor for the new trail they created by the airport; appreciate the progressive nature that the towns are embracing; the county's study showed that people want to come to this area for outdoor activities and we are moving in the right direction according to the study by working on all the trails and parks; can't wait for the

monsoons to come to see if what we've done has worked at the creek; appreciation for the resigned council members and that they want to continue to serve in the capacity as mayor; thanks to staff and community members that are interested in what we're doing.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

Updated on capital projects that have happened; 19th S specifically, to answer Mr. Shien's question, is set to be completed by September because it's on a deadline as a federally funded project; going to start working with X Media, they are a public relations firm that will help us with video and promoting our projects (like the bike park) on social media, we have a video from them on the project happening now. The pool is moving forward, but there are lots of delays, Town of Taylor is paying their share on the debt service for this.

8. ADJOURNMENT 8:16pm