

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 10, 2011**

Library Auditorium
7401 E. Civic Circle
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skoog called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Reverend Julia McKennaJohnson gave the invocation after which she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Skoog presented Reverend Julia McKennaJohnson with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to the town.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Skoog, Vice Mayor Anderson, Council Member Flannery, Council Member Lasker, Council Member Nye, Council Member Schumacher, Council Member Tjiema

5. SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. *Chamber of Commerce*

Karen Benson introduced Robin Binkley from Allstate Insurance Co. who presented each council member with a small gardening bag to represent the changes and growth in Allstate. Binkley said she has merged two agencies into one in Prescott Valley known as Northern Arizona Associates. Allstate Insurance Company was founded in 1931 offering many lines of coverage and financial services. The public is invited to attend a Coffee Chat with the Chamber of Commerce April 21 from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at their office.

6. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

a. Council member Flannery said the census has been completed which now leads to redistricting at the county level as well as the state. Given that the County population is now over 200,000 the county will be adding two more supervisors bringing it to a total of five. Yavapai County Election Districts are the basis used for redistricting. Citizens are encouraged to look at the Yavapai County website for more information and fill out a survey.

b. Council member Nye complimented Parks & Recreation Director Brian Witty for bringing one of the first Centennial Events forth on April 29 called the 'Living Legacy' at Mountain Valley Park. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

c. Mayor Skoog congratulated the winners of the election and thanked the others for running. It was a good clean campaign.

d. Vice Mayor Anderson congratulated the candidates for the timely removal of their campaign signs and said that is the fastest he has seen campaign signs come down. He suggested that people call the Town Manager if they see any missed signs.

e. Council member Schumacher announced that the Prescott Valley Soroptomist Club will be hosting its 9th 'Choices not Boundaries' program for girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grade to be held Saturday, March 26th and April 2nd at Parkview School. Call Fran at 925-0530.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a. *Approval of Minutes - February 17 Regular & Executive Session and February 24, 2011 Regular Session*

b. *Approving a \$28,933 expenditure for Civic Center building modifications through Aspen Valley Development*

c. *Approving Accounts Payable for February 15 - 28, 2011*

Council Member Schumacher made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Lasker, to accept the consent agenda as read. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8. NEW BUSINESS (FOR REVIEW, COMMENT, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. *Discussion regarding extending Viewpoint Drive between Manley and Long Mesa Drives to provide an alternate route of traffic access before continued roadway*

widening of Robert Road

Public Works Director Norm Davis said it has been a long-term goal of the Town to improve some of the main streets and roads in town. With the current construction market, we have Robert Road currently under construction from Spouse to Tranquil and expect it to be completed this fall. Staff is looking at what roads or streets they would recommend to council next for improvements. Such roadway improvements for consideration are those that were identified and recommended in the 2002 Street & Infrastructure Committee Report, the committee being comprised of 35 citizens. The next anticipated phase of Robert Road construction from Tranquil to Long Mesa does not provide for an alternate route for the existing traffic on Robert Road. Staff would like Council to consider constructing an extension of Viewpoint Dr. from Manley to Long Mesa as the first construction option to provide an alternate route for Robert Road traffic prior to continued roadway widening of Robert Road from Tranquil to Long Mesa. Funding for this project is money already designated in the 2002 Street & Infrastructure Committee Report through the .33 sales tax. No additional monies will be needed for this project. The road will be a two-lane road with a two foot shoulder to move traffic without any pedestrian enhancements at this time.

Council member Flannery expressed concern that the Viewpoint and Long Look intersection would not line up. He suggested some alignment of those streets be done prior to a four-way stop intersection being put in place. Davis said this will be taken into consideration as they move forward with the design. Davis stated this road will take a lot of the current traffic off of Robert Road just as the short Viewpoint roadway from the Civic Center to Long Look has done. Staff will move ahead to scope the project.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Cliff Branch stated that for a friendly town, we have one bad image! Everyone here wants to stick their head [in the sand] and he assumes council has deaf ears to this. The things that go on here are not friendly. Trader Joes was offered free land in Prescott Valley but chose Prescott instead; maybe it was the speed traps. Mr. Branch said everyone complains about those speed traps. One person coming from Chino Valley to go to the movies said the trip cost them \$195 to attend because of the speed trap on Glassford Hill Road. Mr. Branch stated that the photo radar markers have been changed and more of them added.

Town Manager Tarkowski responded that no new signs have been added (confirmed by Public Works Director Norm Davis) – they have been up for two years.

Mr. Branch said we should take some of that money and hire 20 people to wave signs warning them about photo radar areas. Why don't we help the situation out and get rid of them? The money goes out of this country because the signs are not made in this country.

Tarkowski responded that the town contracts with Redflex Inc. with offices in Scottsdale which services many municipalities in the state of Arizona and headquartered in Missouri or Mississippi. They provide the related photo radar equipment.

Mr. Branch continued with, why don't we work on something friendly for a change - it makes no sense to me. We have the only high school in probably the USA that is now used for bus repair. A welcome sign is not a speed trap. You cannot come into this town without going through one. Is all this necessary? He suspects people will go around PV. He sees no hope for this town if this continues. He suggested that the Centennial Committee may want to go back to calling this Jackass Flats. He hears all this stuff and doesn't understand why council doesn't hear these complaints.

2. Reed Winfrey stated that he is grateful that we have photo radar because our town is safer. No one has complained to him about photo radar, even during his campaign efforts. When he was a volunteer with the PVPD and taking down a speed sign, he had people passing him at 72 mph in a 45 mph zone. If they got a ticket so be it. They should have gone to jail. Photo radar is an asset to this town.

3. Tammy Hayden, a resident in Stoneridge, said she doesn't fully understand about the CFD. She hears conflicting stories and is concerned about the town taking responsibility and negotiating, appropriately, with SunCor on their behalf. As an average citizen, if you do your homework prior to purchasing a home and then find out later that you need to pay extra for the road to get to your house, that is appalling! She finds it appalling that she has to pay an additional tax every year for the road to get to her house. She asked that council represent 'our community'. She researched, talked to 3 realtors, looked at models for years and nothing was said about the road costing extra. Government and big business is screwing the average person. She would like a response about where the negotiations stand and understands Tarkowski is not communicating very much with the group. She said council needs to know what the specifics of the negotiations are and make sure they are looking out for the everyday person. Regarding the speed traps – Ms. Hayden said she works with seniors who said they won't shop at Kohl's anymore after having gotten tickets by coming over here via Glassford Hill Road.

Tarkowski responded that we continue to negotiate with the SunCor principles and there are a number of deal points they are working on. The town's bankruptcy specialist continues talking with the SunCor attorney. Those things are ongoing. Rumors are floating around the community. Negotiations continue, the deal points are similar to what was discussed with the homeowners association in terms of putting additional dollars into the Debt Service Reserve Fund and also some discussion about some properties being involved with this. It is an ongoing negotiation. There is progress going

forward. It is not a question of if, but when, SunCor declares bankruptcy. SunCor needs to stop talking about putting money into the Reserve Fund and just do it. SunCor's stance is they are trying to diminish harm to the home owners. There is nothing to stop them from doing that if they are being forthright and honest with the home owners in that community. The Town encourages them to do that.

Hayden noted that the 3 options given them were not beneficial to the homeowners, but detrimental to them. The options were not clear, in layman terms. Is Prescott Valley taking any responsibility for this? She cautioned the council members to be aware of the specifics of these negotiations on their behalf. They are hearing that the Town is being a stumbling block in this. She said she feels "like the Town is screwing us". She encouraged the council/board to do the right thing.

Council member Schumacher told Ms. Hayden that "we not trying to screw you at all". We have lots of Community Facilities Districts like Stoneridge. We are looking out for you, and know exactly what is going on and are being open about everything with you. We are trying to get SunCor to do what they said they would and put up the money they have talked about into the Reserve Fund to keep the homeowners harmless.

Ms. Hayden asked why the town would agree to allow them to charge the homeowners for a road into their area. Why didn't the developer pay for the road when they developed the area?

Council member Schumacher responded that it is more than a road - there are a lot of other things in that package. Hayden asked why there weren't safeguards in the CFD agreement to protect the homeowners. She suggested that Ms. Hayden talk to Mr. Tarkowski for a clearer explanation.

4. Bill Vogel Stoneridge resident said some of the point is being missed. He is disappointed in the council/board as far as not having been looked after as a homeowner. We negotiated with a company that was owned by APS and he is sure that when the decision was made to give them this money that was taken into consideration. He doesn't understand why there were not safeguards in this for the homeowners, i.e. insurance, default insurance etc.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Schumacher made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Nye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm., by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Diane Russell, Town Clerk

Harvey Skoog, Mayor

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF YAVAPAI) ss:
TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I, Diane Russell, Town Clerk of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, held on Thursday, March 10, 2011.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this March 14, 2011

Diane Russell, Town Clerk