

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 14, 2013**

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 - Pastor Charles Folkner of Mile High Worship Center

Pastor Charles Folkner gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Anderson led in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Tjiema, Mayor Skoog, Council Member Lasker, Council Member Mallory,
Council Member Nye, Council Member Anderson, and Council Member Whiting.

5. SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Chamber of Commerce

Marnie Uhl, CEO of the PV Chamber of Commerce, introduced Melissa Jackson representing Complete Nutrition. Melissa said this is the first store of its kind in Arizona and told a little about the Complete Nutrition franchises that will be opening up across Arizona and the services that they offer. They offer a lot of employment opportunities. Phone: (928) 776-0360 Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:00 – 7:00 and Sunday 12:00 - 5:00.

Marnie introduced Brian Hope new owner of the Prescott Valley, Prescott and Flagstaff Papa John's Pizza Restaurants. Brian presented some of his personal background telling how he progressed from a delivery guy to owner of Papa John's and how he and his wife got to Prescott Valley. Since then he has become very involved in the local youth events.

b. Yavapai Symphony Guild, Carol Friedman

Carol Friedman said this is the Guild's 37th year in existence. They are an all volunteer group that fans out to every third, fourth and fifth grade in the county. Music doesn't exist in the elementary schools so they proudly introduce children to music. This year's concert will provide music to 4,960 kids at Tim's Toyota Center. She presented Council with VIP tickets for the Tuesday, March 5 concert; the doors open at 9:30 a.m.

c. March 12th Vote on General Plan 2025, Richard Parker

Community Development Director Richard Parker reminded everyone about the importance of understanding and voting on the General Plan 2025 which is on the ballot of the March 12, 2013 election. Since Council's ratification of the plan several months ago, Community Development staff has been out and about town talking about the new plan. Parker pointed out that if the new plan is not passed then the current plan will be adhered to. He asked that residents take the time to familiarize themselves with the document so they can be informed voters.

Parker said that there have been numerous concerns expressed over the last few days regarding passages in the plan that have been taken out of context - namely that the town will be demolishing mobile homes and moving people from those homes. That is not something the town has ever done through eminent domain nor would the town ever undertake steps like that.

Council member Lasker has been monitoring the blogs that state, "that all older mobile homes are slated to go leaving the owners of a parcel of land that is too small to build on and shows that the town has plans for how that land will be bought cheap and developers will gain." Lasker looked through the whole General Plan 2025 and didn't see that stated anywhere. Some of our most vulnerable citizens are being frightened with these lies that are going around in certain neighborhoods.

Parker stated that the pages referenced in the blog are in the town's Housing Element which is 25 or 30 pages long. It talks about all aspects of the population in the town and examines that population and makes recommendations. Housing rehabilitation funds of upwards of \$3 million have been reinvested in this community. Those are the recommendations that refer to potentially replacing a mobile home done with a forgivable loan that people qualify for - people that are disabled and/or economically challenged. Nowhere does the plan recommend that the town actively go forward and pursue eliminating mobile homes. A portion under the rental description for mobile homes does address mobile homes that have outlived their usefulness and are falling apart. Based on tenant requests, fifteen a year are assisted in dealing with a dilapidated structures. Parker asked that anyone who has questions regarding this issue are encouraged to call him directly at 759- 3051.

Council member Nye became aware of this issue today. She complimented the people who called in to get the truth. She is appalled at the abusive behavior of some bad players going around spreading this rumor. Council has always done everything they could to take care of our citizens. Tonight the Council has the opportunity to accept another \$440,000 in Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation funds.

Parker said these things can be addressed with foresight as outlined in the General Plan 2025.

Council member Mallory said she had a long term resident come to her the other night who was upset about this very issue. Some of these people have been here thirty years and have put their heart and souls into this community.

d. CYMPO Update, Chris Bridges

Chris Bridges gave an overview of how the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization came about, and a little about what the organization does. CYMPO is a small organization, federally required and funded with a goal to promote the safe and efficient travel of people goods and services throughout our region through transit planning, road planning, to bicycles, and trails. The average person pays \$290 a year in gas taxes – 18.4 cents federally and 19 cents for Arizona if you drive a car that gets about 21 mpg. Gas tax and vehicle license tax are the two biggest contributors to how we fund our roadways. While the tax rate has remained the same for 20 years, the cost of roadways has increased greatly. Vehicle license taxes have decreased since the recession as people tend to hold onto their vehicles longer directly affecting roadway maintenance and construction. Much of the funds (HURF) collected from these taxes are dispersed to fund such things as the Department of Public Safety. A traffic interchange like Glassford Hill and 89A or Viewpoint and 89A cost \$18 - \$25 million. Freeway widening, like Fain Road, cost about \$3.5 million per mile. ADOT has gone through a long range planning process and identified the transportation needs of the entire state in the neighborhood of \$88 million dollars. Our projected revenue over the next 25 years is \$26 million. Alternative fuel is not taxed. The estimated shortfall is \$62 million. Regional transportation plans are completed every 5 years as required as things change. The State Route 69/89 traffic interchange, 89/89A interchange plus bridge, Viewpoint interchange plus bridge, 89A spur (Fain Road), Glassford Hill Road (recovery road project), Fain Road widening and 89 widening between Chino Valley and 89A intersection are a few of the CYMPO projects either completed or being work on. The things that CYMPO does take a really long time to do from the planning stage to construction completion. Then maintenance begins. Chris said the bad news is that the ADOT Transportation Board is considering eliminating the 89 south widening project between Chino Valley and Prescott. This road carries about 22,000 vehicles per day with 1/3 of those coming across 89A to Glassford Hill Road to work and shop. Chino Valley to Ruger Road will stay in the program under any scenario. He will continue to push for that project, but recommended that council write a letter to support the 89 south widening project encouraging them to keep it in the ADOT program. Eight major projects totaling about \$123 million will be coming out of that program. A figure about truck traffic on 89 is unavailable at this time.

e. Update on Transit Voucher Program, Terri Drew NACOG Regional Director

Terri Drew expressed gratitude to Prescott Valley as the only town in the area which continues to fund the Transit Voucher Program. The Voucher Program has become an integral part of this community over the last 12 years. Citizens depend on this transit program for work, groceries and medical services. The community has responded to Terri who read a few letters of appreciation from users of the system. They recently received a \$50,000 USDA grant with a 100

percent match to assist with the program. A provider offered a 50 percent match for each ride provided. Of the 5,530 rides requested they were able to fund 2,678 providing service to 726 constituents - \$25,000 investment. With the \$50,000 contribution from the USDA and the primary provider will be able extend the amount of rides they can offer.

Council expressed thanks to Terri for the service they provide.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

a. Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Initiative

Town Clerk Diane Russell read the proclamation after which it was accepted by Council member Lora Lee Nye as Council's representative to MATFORCE. She commented that prescription drugs are found in your homes, in your cabinets and in your kitchens. Nye encouraged people, with prescription drugs they are no longer using, to gather them up and take them to any Police Department or Sheriff's Office so that they are not accessible to those who would abuse them.

7. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

No comments were forthcoming.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

a. *Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2013 council meeting*

b. *Approving a new Series 12 Liquor License for Encanto Pizza & Wings located at 8400 E. Long Mesa Drive; Xavier Terrazas, applicant*

c. *Approve the re-appointment of David Kyburz, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-847A(1), to fill the citizen position on the Local Board for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016*

d. *Approval of acceptance of this Gift Deed for the dedication of the existing 800 feet of Enterprise Parkway roadway and ROW immediately south of Valley Road from the Fain Signature Group*

e. *Approving Accounts Payable for January 16 thru 31, 2013*

Council Member Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to approve all items listed on the consent agenda, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

- a. Consideration of approving an agreement with Black and Veatch to provide an evaluation of current loadings to the wastewater treatment plant, the ability of the plant to treat the loadings, and impacts to the collection system, treatment facility and the environment as an in-kind engineering service

Neil Wadsworth, Utilities Director, commented that this is a no cost contract to the town but will be done as an in-kind service based on reimbursement for prior town paid work on the expansion work on the treatment plant. The work will provide an evaluation of current loadings to the wastewater treatment plant, the ability of the plant to treat the loadings, and impacts to the collection system, treatment facility and the environment. The 'in-kind' (engineering) services will be provided at no cost to the Town, however, costs for laboratory services estimated at about \$15,000 will be paid by the Town to a third party laboratory through our operations and maintenance contract with CH2MHill.

Council Member Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Nye, to approve the In-Kind Services Agreement with Black & Veatch, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- b. Consideration of approving a letter of acceptance for a grant in the amount of \$440,000 for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

Ruth Mayday, Planner, said on November 13, 2012, Staff submitted an application to the Arizona Department of Housing for funding for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (OOHR, HR). The purpose of this program is to provide funds for the rehabilitation of owner occupied homes where the homeowner meets specific criteria, including but not limited to income, household size and composition, age, and criticality of repairs. To date, the program has served forty-five homes in the community, investing over \$600,000 in much needed repairs for homeowners who are physically or financially unable to repair their own homes. There are over 40 additional households currently awaiting assistance.

The Town of Prescott Valley has been awarded \$400,000 in funding for rehabilitation activities and an additional \$40,000 to cover administrative expenses related to the program. Given the demonstrated need in the community, staff supports the acceptance of the grant. The same guidelines will be in force as in the past. It is a forgivable loan with no repayment required. Should they sell the home prior to the 5-10 year lien, they will be required to pay any amount that is outstanding on the loan.

Council member Lasker said it would be have nicer if this information had gone around before all the ugly rumors. This program benefits those people in need.

Mayday said it is most unfortunate that the general plan information has been misconstrued. It is those areas that evidence a need for this program that are addressed in the General Plan - if something is torn down it is replaced with something better for the homeowner. This program

has spent \$1.5 million over the last 4 years for housing rehab and buyer assistance. Another \$1.5 million was brought in prior to Mayday's arrival here. The impact is far greater than just the physical impact to the home. It changes the owner's lives. The transformation can be amazing.

Council members Lasker, Nye and Whiting all said this is an incredible program seldom heard about with no fiscal impact on the town budget. We are bringing the tax dollars that we sent to the federal government back to invest in our community for those people who need the help the most.

Richard Parker commented that Ruth spends a lot of time and effort in this program which is administered in house. She has been successful with the program and she has helped bring up the capability of the administrative staff.

Council member Anderson said that over his years on this council he has stressed that grant money isn't free. We paid into it and we are simply taking some of that money back. If we don't take it, someone else will. We have to be careful when we put in for grants, but were it not for this grant many of the people that these funds have helped would be homeless. For that, he is grateful.

Mayday anticipates working on about 20 homes this year. You can call Ruth at (928) 759-2058 or get the information from the town's website at www.pvaz.net.

Council Member Anderson made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Lasker, to accept funding and authorize the Mayor (or in his absence, the Vice-Mayor) to sign the acceptance letter, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- c. *Consideration of approving a Letter of Support from the Town of Prescott Valley Council to the CYMPO Executive Board to emphasize the immediate need for ADOT to continue efforts toward construction of a 'grade separated' traffic interchange at SR89A and Robert Road*

Public Works Director Norm Davis said ADOT looks for support from a municipal council for a project. The Robert Road/89A interchange has a signal but there is no separation of traffic. As mentioned earlier by CYMPO's Chris Bridges, they wish to build 89A to a freeway standard with a grade separated Traffic Interchange and complete that 14 mile section. This step would eliminate the at-grade interchange at Robert Road.

Council Member Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Whiting, to approve the Letter of Support as attached, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were forthcoming.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Whiting made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., 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, February 14, 2013.

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

Dated this February 19, 2013

Diane Russell, Town Clerk