

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 21, 2016**

Library Auditorium
7401 E. Civic Circle
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314
Meeting convenes at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skoog called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Skoog, Vice Mayor Anderson, Council Members Grossman, Nye and Whiting
Absent: Council member Mallory

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

a. Consideration of approving the canvass of the 2016 General Election

Council member Grossman commented that he knows that Prop 440 passed by an overwhelming majority [Yes votes: 16,811 86% versus No votes: 2,741 14%], but he wanted on the record that should we have to have a vote in the future to raise the sales tax that it could possibly cost the town, based on today's cost, up to \$100,000. So every time we want to have a vote like that it is going to cost the Town \$100,000. In the past, any sales tax adjustment was a decision made by the Town Council Members who were at every budget meeting, who knew all the intimate details of our budget and what the Town's needs are, because that is what they are elected to do; it was costing the town nothing. So now this current election, as pointed out by Council member Nye, was \$45,000 and change. All elections cost.

Town Clerk Diane Russell reported that that voter registration numbers went up by over 2,400 between the Primary and General Elections with 24,321 registered voters for the General. Of those, 19,552 registered voters voted which is an 80.4 percent participation level which is the best the Town has had in years. [This increase may be correlated to the contentious 2016 Presidential Election held simultaneously.] As Council member Grossman stated, the cost for the General Election was \$45,359.53 which was a lesser fee than expected because so many participating municipalities, districts etc. also picked up a share of the total election expense. Initially our proposed fee was \$4.10 per registered voter, but because this was a consolidated election of numerous agencies our cost was \$1.87 per registered voter. The total cost for both the Primary and General Election was \$132,770.59. Without this having been a consolidated election with so many participating agencies the town may have had to spend twice that much or more.

Council Member Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Whiting to authorize the Mayor (or in his absence the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1981 setting forth the official returns of the November 8, 2016 General Election by roll call vote. MOTION carried UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Anderson made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Whiting, to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote. MOTION carried UNANIMOUSLY. Mayor Skoog adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

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 Special Council Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, held on Monday, November 21, 2016.

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

Dated this November 22, 2016

Diane Russell, Town Clerk