

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 1, 2016**

Library Auditorium/Council Chambers
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 Don Tjiema of the Mountain Valley Church of God gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Anderson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Harvey Skoog, Vice Mayor Rick Anderson, Council members Marty Grossman, Mary Mallory, Lora Lee Nye, and Michael Whiting.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE

Magistrate Court Judge Keith Carson administered the Oath of Office to the re-elected Council members Rick Anderson, Marty Grossman, Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

A. *Manuel & Jennie Duran's 70th Wedding Anniversary*

Town Clerk Diane Russell read the proclamation after which it was presented by Mayor Skoog to Manuel and Jennie Duran. Vice Mayor Anderson invited the many Duran family members in attendance to come forward. Anderson congratulated the Durans as the longest tenured residents of Prescott Valley. Council members thanked them for pioneering Prescott Valley saying they have left a beautiful gift in this Town of Prescott Valley for all to enjoy. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to the Durans. Manuel said they have been here since 1967. He thanked everyone for being here tonight. Jennie said it was such a pleasure to be here with all these nice people. Family members thanked council for making this evening special for the Durans.

6. MAYORS RECOGNITION AWARD

Vice Mayor Anderson read the Mayor's Recognition Award celebrating Manuel Duran's 92nd birthday after it was presented to Manuel followed up with everyone singing happy birthday to him.

8. SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. *Chamber of Commerce*

Gloria Grose announced that the *Holiday Festival of Lights* is tomorrow evening, December 2, with 43 entries in the parade. Three schools combined to form a 65 member band. Events start at 4:45 p.m. with choirs singing, followed by Mayor Skoog's speech and Chamber of Commerce CEO Marnie Uhl reading the "Night before Christmas". Everyone is encouraged to dress warm as it will be cold.

Grose encouraged everyone to visit the *Valley of Lights* in Fain Park which opened Thanksgiving evening and is open daily from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. until December 30th.

The Early Bird Lions Club Christmas tree lot on Glassford Hill Rd. is open each evening for fresh Oregon tree sales.

b. Parks & Recreation Commission Annual Report

P&R Director Brian Witty introduced Commissioners Pat Fraher and Elaine Fahlman. Pat hit the highpoints of the 2015-2016 Annual Report including this year's community improvements, event and program participation levels and new art pieces acquired. New staff members were acknowledged as well as local partnerships with groups that participated in the projects and Pat expressed appreciation for the grants received for different projects around town parks.

Council member Grossman commented that Pat only touched on the organizations involved and events held through the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission that are detailed in the report itself. Council Member Nye commented that we have all these beautiful parks thanks to staff's dedication and determination.

Elaine Fahlman commented that a lot of tourists visit here which brings money into the community. She is happy to help the town increase its bottom line. She thanked Council for approving the Bob Edwards Park playground and looks forward to completing the park. She was also delighted that Ryan Judy got the grant to expand the Boys and Girls Club.

Vice Mayor Anderson thanked both very active organizations (P&R Commission and Library Bd.) and their volunteers for their dedication to get so much accomplished for our town. Council wants to get the Bob Edwards Park completed as soon as possible too. Mayor Skoog complimented those who put this excellent report together.

Witty thanked the commission and council for all their support to be a part of the economic engine in growing our community by bringing the events to town which in turn brings visitors to town. The ramada is coming to Bob Edwards Park and will be installed within the month of February. “Everyone will be proud of the park when the grass sprouts and comes to life for us this spring.” It will be a park to be proud of. Council Member Nye reminded Witty to include the wheelchair swing.

c. Library Board Annual Spotlight Report

Library Director Stuart Mattson thanked the staff for their work on the report that was paid for by the *Friends of the Library*. Mattson introduced the incoming “*Friends*” President and VP Diane and Don Lamont. Mattson will bring the whole board to a January meeting.

Library Board of Trustees member Kathy Derry said they received two grants this year allowing them to add a series of cultural events, replace 25 outdated laptops and add Early Literacy Stations. Attendance of adult programs has increased by 38 percent as over 1,000 community members attended over 17 Cultural Enrichment programs this past year. Michele Hjorting and Megan Hammond were thanked for procuring the grant as well as the other partnering entities.

Larry Martin commented that page 15 of the Spotlight really points out the adult cultural series of events held over the year. This cultural series was all about getting the community to “think outside the box” to recognize that the library is more than books. “We have a great community with a lot of talent.” He thanked the council for their support to make these things happen.

Council Member Nye said people don’t know how diverse Prescott Valley’s culture is. This series showcased the diversity. Nye also commented that a stage was needed for these events and we need to focus on the conversion of this dais into the stage it was designed to be used as for these things.

9. CERTIFICATES

a. Certificate of Appreciation to Richard Parker for 20 years of service

Town Manager Larry Tarkowski said it would be tempting and so easy to roast Richard. He thanked Kim Parker for putting up with Richard all these years and giving him a shoulder to cry on. He commented that he has had the good fortune of knowing Parker since 1991 when he worked for Yavapai County while they were putting together a transportation plan for the area. Although he recognized Richard as a capable person, he also saw him as arrogant and pompous. While at NAU during a program he recognized Richard as being knowledgeable but being a real pain and dominator of conversation, even though Richard was correct in his comments. About a year and a half later a position came open in Community Development. Tarkowski said it was time to build the department and get it going in a totally different direction as some areas of service were lacking. Some very capable people were interviewed who fit the mode of planners and bureaucrats. Richard’s presentation during the interview process was abominable, but the interviewers knew he was very capable and he was just what this community needed. Richard

has been an integral part of this Executive Management Team for 20 years for which Tarkowski thanked him.

Richard said Woody Lewis and Lyn Newton who work in Community Development are the longest tenured staff with the town. All the staff members are a staple of the town and enjoyable to work with. He commented about how much he enjoys coming to work every day saying this is the single best career decision he has made. There is nothing Prescott Valley can't do and he thrives on leading the way on many endeavors regionally. He works with a "can do staff" and they do remarkable things here. There is sanity and predictability here leading to positive outcomes. He has a good group who has the customer service mantra down pat.

Mayor Skoog said he was a part of the interview committee hiring Richard and Richard was the only one who insulted the town during the interview. If they hadn't known him they probably would not have hired him. It has been an outstanding thing.

Richard said he doesn't think he has insulted the Mayor except to his face and never in public. He recalled that there was only one time that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council disagreed, but they worked through those differences. It is a healthy process. There are very few communities that welcome good quality growth and development and he is glad to be the leader of that group.

Council congratulated Richard saying he has done a great job for them and they have enjoyed working with him over the years and always appreciate the answers he provides. He is a great asset to the community. Council commented that Richard is the only guy you can ask a yes or no question and get a 20 minute answer. Working with the Com Dev staff is a testament to Richard's leadership.

Woody Lewis said we have a great staff and the 20 years have flown by.

Vice Mayor Anderson presented Richard with a plaque, pin and a check. Richard said he is glad he was selected to work here saying he and the staff appreciate what council does. He recalled the leadership shown by the mayor and council during the economic downturn when his department was hit hard. While people may have been furloughed to other departments, nobody lost their job. They made cuts but did not lay anyone off which was so respected.

10. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were forthcoming.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. *Approving the November 17 and November 21, 2016 Council Minutes and November 10, 2016 Work Study Session Minutes*
- b. *Approving the emergency purchase of an Expansion Valve for the HVAC Unit*

c. *Approving public utility easement for APS across a portion of the Bob Edwards Park*

Council Member Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Grossman, to approve all items listed on the consent agenda, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

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

a. *Consideration of appointing Edmund Corrigan to the Municipal Property Corporation Board*

Vice Mayor Anderson said one position on the Municipal Property Corporation Board became open when Sally Landes resigned, effective October 12, 2016. Sally Landes was appointed to the Municipal Property Corporation Board on October 27, 2011 to fill a partial term with a renewal date of November 18, 2013. She served two consecutive terms with the second having a term renewal date of November 18, 2016.

The vacancy was advertised and one application was received. Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Lora Lee Nye and Mary Mallory conducted the interview and are recommending the appointment of Edmund Corrigan to fill the vacancy made by Sally Landes's departure, with a term renewal date of November 18, 2019.

Mr. Corrigan said they moved here two years ago from New Jersey and love this town. He wants to give back to the town in return for what they have gotten. They relocated here to be closer to family.

Council Member Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Whiting, to appoint Edmund Corrigan to the Municipal Property Corporation Board, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

13. *COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC*

No comments were forthcoming.

14. *ADJOURNMENT*

Council Member Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Grossman, to adjourn by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Skoog adjourned the meeting at 6:44 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 Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, held on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

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

Dated this December 2, 2016

Diane Russell, Town Clerk