

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 23, 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.

*4    ROLL CALL*

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

*5    SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS*

*a.    Tax Assistance Program, Pamela Pearsall, Yavapai County Assessor*

Ms. Pearsall was not available.

*6    PROCLAMATIONS*

*a.    Parks & Recreation Month*

Town Clerk Diane Russell read the proclamation after which Mayor Skoog presented it to Parks and Recreation Commission members Pat Fraher and Ron Brinkman. Vice Mayor Anderson thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission for the fine job they do on the Town's parks which represent the best part of our Town.

Mr. Fraher and Brinkman thanked Council for the recognition and for providing resources to improve the parks over the last year. They look forward to continuing that. They are looking forward to the development of Bob Edwards Park which will be a great addition to the system.

7 CERTIFICATES

a Certificate of Appreciation to Suzanne Duskey for service on the Arts & Culture Committee

Ms. Duskey was not available. Item was tabled.

8. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Grossman said the “Hope Still Floats” event will hold a silent auction or live auction to benefit the Prevent Child Abuse program through the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center in Prescott Valley. It is a \$50 a plate dinner. They are looking for sponsors of \$250 and for donated items for the auction which will be held on August 20 from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. at StoneRidge Club House. Council member Grossman can be reached at 759-3100.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

a. *Approving the June 9, 2016 Council meeting minutes*

b. *Approving Mayor Skoog’s absence in accordance with Town Code Section 2-02-050*

c. *Approving the proposed Regularly-Scheduled Town Council meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017*

d. *Approving Resolution No 1969 adopting the revised Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Risk Management Records*

e. *Approving a public utility easement to Arizona Public Service on a portion of the Tank Farm property, parcel number APN: 103-07-621, as required for the development of Granville Unit 7D*

f. *Approving a Budget Transfer from the Police CIS Operating budget line item to Police CIS Capital budget line item*

g. *Approving the VOCA grant agreement renewals with the Department of Public Safety to accept the grant renewal*

h. *Department Reports*

i. *Approving the Financial Report*

j. *Approving the Investment Report*

k. *Approving Accounts Payable*

Council member Stephen Marshall made the MOTION, seconded by Vice Mayor Rick Anderson, to approve all items on the consent agenda, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

*a Consideration of reappointing Danny Avalos to the Parks and Recreation Commission*

Vice Mayor Anderson said on June 30, 2016, Danny Avalos' term on the Parks and Recreation Commission will come due for renewal. He submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Danny Avalos was first appointed to an existing partial term on this commission on July 12, 2012 and this re-appointment will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Danny Avalos for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Council member Mary Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Michael Whiting, to reappoint Danny Avalos to the Parks and Recreation Commission to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

*b Consideration of reappointing Pat Fraher to the Parks and Recreation Commission*

Vice Mayor Anderson said on June 30, 2016, Pat Fraher's term on the Parks and Recreation Commission will come due for renewal. He submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Pat Fraher was first appointed to an existing partial term on this commission on August 22, 2013 and this re-appointment will be his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Pat Fraher for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Fraher appreciates the opportunity to serve and it has been a pleasure to be on the commission for the last three years.

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Vice Mayor Rick Anderson, to reappoint Pat Fraher to the Parks and Recreation Commission to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*c Consideration of reappointing Ron Brinkman to the Parks and Recreation Commission*

Council member Nye said on June 30, 2016, Ron Brinkman's term on the Parks and Recreation Commission will come due for renewal. He submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Ron Brinkman was first appointed to an existing partial term on this commission on July 9, 2009 and this re-appointment will be his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Ron Brinkman for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Council member Nye commented that he is a very dedicated man and has made a difference that will go down in all the Town's records. Vice Mayor Anderson added that seven years is a long time, and we appreciate what he does for the town. He is at every event, represents the Town well and sets the bar high for everyone else. Ron said he enjoys being on the commission and thanks them for consideration of his reappointment.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Lora Lee Nye, to reappoint Ron Brinkman to the Parks and Recreation Commission to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*d Consideration of reappointing Joan Adamak to the Library Board of Trustees*

Vice Mayor Anderson said on June 30, 2016, Joan Adamak's term on the Library Board of Trustees will come due for renewal. She submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Joan Adamak was first appointed to an existing partial term on this board on August 22, 2013 and this re-appointment will be her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Joan Adamak for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Council member Mallory said she appreciates all the people in the community volunteering on these boards and commissions. They are the backbone, heart of what makes this community so special.

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Vice Mayor Rick Anderson, to reappoint Joan Adamak to the Library Board of Trustees to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*e Consideration of reappointing Larry Martin to the Library Board of Trustees*

Council member Nye said on June 30, 2016, Larry Martin's term on the Library Board of Trustees will come due for renewal. He submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Larry Martin was first appointed to an existing partial term on this board on September 8, 2011 and this re-appointment will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Larry Martin for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Mr. Martin said 2019 is a long distance. He chose to renew because the library is a vital part of the community and he wants to continue to be a part of it. Also, there are some exciting things coming up in libraries and we have a great future. Just as important is that he is the only one on the board who can control Stuart [Library Director] when he gets out of line!

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Lora Lee Nye, to reappoint Larry Martin to the Library Board of Trustees to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*f. Consideration of reappointing Nina Kane to the Arts & Culture Commission*

Vice Mayor Anderson said on June 30, 2016, Nina Kane's term on the Arts and Culture Commission will come due for renewal. She submitted the renewal application letter choosing to be reappointed. Nina Kane was first appointed to an existing partial term on this commission on January 28, 2016 and this re-appointment will be her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive term.

Vice Mayor Rick Anderson and Council Members Mary Mallory and Lora Lee Nye are recommending the re-appointment of Nina Kane for a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019.

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Michael Whiting, to reappoint Nina Kane to the Arts and Culture Commission to a term with a renewal date of June 30, 2019, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*g. Public Hearing - Proposed Expenditure Limitation and Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17*

Town Manager Larry Tarkowski said this is the last step in the process started back in November. The process included a couple of retreats, a community open house, hearings, budget information on the website plus council has heard many presentations from the Department Heads about their intended accomplishments over the next year based on Council's direction. We appreciate the time that council has dedicated to this process and the direction provided as to what they would like staff to accomplish. It has been very direct and unambiguous. In addition, he thanked Bill and his staff for assembling all this. GFOA has applauded us for the past 14 years on the budget results. This has been a very transparent process and any questions from the residents have been answered very quickly and to the point.

Vice Mayor Anderson suggested Council take public comments to determine what depth, if any, Bill Kauppi needs to explain the budget.

Public Hearing was opened.

No comments or questions were forthcoming.

Public hearing was closed.

*h. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 1967 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Final Expenditure Limitation and Budget for the Town of Prescott Valley*

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Marty Grossman, to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1967, adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Final Expenditure Limitation and Budget for the Town of Prescott Valley, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 1 nay. Council member Stephen Marshall voted nay.

1 Consideration of approving the scheduling of a May 17 election creating a property tax to fund a transit system

Town Manager Larry Tarkowski said we had a Work Study last week where scheduling an election for the possibility of implementing a property tax to fund a transit system was discussed. There have been a number of people and groups insisting on the town implementing a transit system. Our response to that was we have been funding rides through NACOG for the voucher system for those who are transportation impaired. Public Works Director Norm Davis was able to secure funding through CYMPO to do a feasibility study with a proposed system that could be implemented in the town. This would require a new funding source as our revenue pie could not be cut again. The study incorporated a property tax to fund the new transit service. Davis worked with the transit advocate group saying that they needed to demonstrate a level of interest from the community in form of signatures and bring it to council. They presented 500 signatures although the group indicated that not all of them were residents. What staff heard from Council was that we needed to bring back to council an action to either vote for or against scheduling a May 2017 election creating a transit system funded by a property tax.

Vice Mayor Anderson commented that prior to the January 21<sup>st</sup> public hearing, he attended public meetings on October 20<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> making it very clear that funding for this proposal would require a property tax requiring a vote of the citizens. In January Council decided that the proponents of the transit system and the passage of a property tax to fund it would have to seek petition signatures to have the question put on a special election.

Council agreed that if proponents agreed to garner a significant number of signatures then Council would consider voting for putting the measure before the citizens. Anderson's assumption was like that of every other petition - that the advocates would collect signatures by verified registered voters in the Town of P V. It was made clear last week that there was no attempt made to verify that the people who signed the petitions lived in Prescott Valley or were registered voters. If these petitions were turned in for any other purpose they would not be acceptable. Therefore he feels they should not be accepted by this Council. He recommends that the issue not be put up for special election but instead recommends that the proponents be instructed on the legal and acceptable method of collecting signatures and that they be gathered enough signatures for a proper initiative. He is making no judgement as to whether we need a transit system or if a property tax should be put in place to fund it. That decision must be left to the citizens of Prescott Valley.

Council member Mallory agreed with the Vice Mayor. There are legal and correct ways to take our passions forward for consideration and or action. CYMPO's study tool is a good tool with current data that could be used.

Council member Nye said she was saddened when the signatures were turned in. This is an important issue that should be treated with respect following the guidelines. She expected significant numbers of appropriate signatures. Council did not get that response. She has supported transit every year she voted for the Voucher Program. Council does not have the information they need to make any kind of a decision.

Council member Grossman said the proponents said the property tax would be \$30 per home, but that figure was not set in stone. As much as he would like to see a transit system in this town, initiating a property tax now is open ended for increases. We need a better and more sustainable funding source than putting it on the backs of the people who may not even use it. He cannot support having this on the ballot next year. It would be too costly for the town to have the election and he doesn't feel the numbers that we were given are sustainable at that level.

Council member Whiting anticipated that the advocates would be coming forward with an initiative with appropriate signatures for the proper process. He would challenge the advocates to get an initiative and bring it back to the council for their consideration. They will wait to see more action from the community before putting this on the ballot.

Town Clerk Diane Russell responded to Council member Nye's question that should the Town need to go with a Voting Center election the cost of such an election in May 2017 would be approximately \$90,000 based on this year's figures from the County. If we can hold an All-mail Ballot election that may reduce the cost by about \$30,000. This is an estimate as we do not know what the Yavapai County fees will be in 2017. A publicity pamphlet will also be needed as we will be putting a question out to the voters.

Council member Stephen Marshall made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Whiting, to decline to direct the Clerk to take such steps, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*J     Consideration of approving Resolution No. 1968 accepting the GOHS Contract 2016-405d-016*

Deputy Chief Edelstein said this action would have no fiscal impacts to the town to accept this grant. The grant funds combined with funds from sale of motorcycles and insurance restitution funds to "build a new traffic car".

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Marty Grossman, to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1968 accepting the GOHS Contract 2016-405d-016, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*k     Consideration of approving the Taser Asset Management contract and Taser purchase*

Deputy Chief Edelstein said this contract commits them to just over \$30,000 a year for the next five years for the purchase of 72 Tasers and 2 free ones. After the five years they will be eligible for another 74 new Tasers. They first started buying Tasers about 2005. The technology has

changed over the years. They anticipate a reduction of injuries with the use of Tasers while taking someone into custody with as little force as possible. The first payment is due soon which will be made with \$22,400 of budgeted funds and the Prescott Valley Police Foundation (PVPF) making up the rest. Next year they hope the PVPF will be able to make the entire payment on behalf of the department. Council members Grossman, Mallory and Whiting expressed appreciation to the Police Foundation for their contributions.

Council member Lora Lee Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Marty Grossman, to approve the Taser Asset Management contract and Taser Purchase, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

*l. Consideration of approving the Amendment to the Agreement with CH2MHill-OMI for Operations, Maintenance and Management Services for FY16/17*

Utilities Director Neil Wadsworth said the Town has partnered with them since 1993. Staff has worked successfully with them and is proposing \$3,631,405 which is a four percent increase over last year's amount. Wadsworth introduced the OMI team members in attendance Chris Main - Project Manager, Gary Young – Regional Manager, and Juan Manchaca.

Council member Mallory said this group was there for us while keeping their fees flat during the recession.

Chris Main said he has worked a lot of places over the last four years but has settled down in Prescott Valley. We work together successfully. Gary Young said this has been a great partnership. We have collaborated on the services, we appreciate the comments from the public about our services and we're always here to serve the Town of Prescott Valley. This is what we strive for. Juan Manchaca thanked Council for another year and looking forward to it.

Utilities Operation Manager Mark Kieren thanked them for making his job easier. On July 7<sup>th</sup> they will be showcasing all the accomplishments the company has had. He thanked all the OMI other people in attendance Jim Kindell, Big Zack and Ron Stillwell. They said they are proud they are to call Prescott Valley their home, what an honor to work here with the partnership and teamwork CH2 has with the Town.

Council member Nye said she respects level of professionalism. She commended each of them, Business partnerships can smell; this one doesn't.

Council member Whiting said he appreciates the partnership. The investment we are making in creating this collaboration has a lot of value. We appreciate their professionalism and willingness to work with us and look forward to the partnership well into the future.

Mayor Skoog said he thinks they are helping us save money – not costing us.

Council member Marty Grossman made the MOTION, seconded by Council member Lora Lee Nye, to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with CH2MHill-OMI for Operations, Maintenance and Management Services for FY16/17. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

11 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a. Karen Hunt said a property tax is going to scare people away from moving and living here. That will be double taxing. It could be \$30 or it could be \$300. This will affect residents and businesses. There should be another way to fund a transit system. She hears that the roads are really bad here in Prescott Valley. She has clients saying they hit every single bump. "If it is going to cost \$35,000 to \$90,000 to put it on the ballot why don't you put that money to fix the roads?"
  
- b. Tom Steele complimented the town for really good services and said he occasionally comments on the Daily Courier about what Prescott is going through; but Prescott refuses to see the elephants hiding under the tent that they are paying for. One of the biggest assets the Town has is Bill Kauppi, Management Service Director. The issue of keeping CH2MHill to keep our rates down – I don't know, have they bid that out in the last few years? He is surprised at the minimum amount that was mentioned for the cost of the special election. He remembers making a real frantic phone call to the Town Clerk about the \$268,000 for the election this year [that includes the Primary and General]. There is a pass along from the County that greatly increased the cost of that. Mass Transit – he moved here 13 years ago from Orange County - population over 6 million. Even with that, 50 percent of the costs of the Orange County Authority transit was paid by the tax payers. He worked with a Councilman for Dearborn Heights MI – population 140,000. The federal government wanted them to start a transit authority and they looked into it and refused it. We have to be careful of starting anything that will need continuous funding because it is hard to make it go away. This is a start – rejecting this special election. Government does not have money until it takes it away from people. Government can spend full time figuring out how to separate us from our taxes. What we call taxes, government calls revenue. So he reminded who they work for - that is the tax payers of Prescott Valley.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Council member Mary Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Michael Whiting, to adjourn, by voice vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Skoog adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Diane Russell, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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, June 23, 2016.

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

Dated this June 28, 2016

  
Diane Russell, Town Clerk

