

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 14, 2014**

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 Don Tjiema gave the invocation.

3. PVPD POSTING OF COLORS
(Not available)

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Marshall led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Grossman, Council Member Marshall, Council Member Whiting,
Council Member Anderson, Vice Mayor Nye, and Mayor Skoog.

Absent: Council Member Mallory.

6. RETIREMENT CEREMONY - ED BILLS

Police Chief Bryan Jarrell recognized Ed Bills 20-year career with the Prescott Valley Police Department which began in 1994. Jarrell highlighted the positions and numerous accomplishments of Bills' career. Bills is retiring to go to work as an investigator for the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. Jarrell continued that Bills has made a difference in the lives of many people. Jarrell presented Ed with a shadow box which is a snapshot of an officer's career presented by the men and women of the PVPD. Cmdr. James Edelstein presented Ed with a plaque for his years of service. Cmdr. Art Askew presented Ed with his retirement badge and ID card. Mayor Skoog then presented Ed with a cash award and plaque from the Town of Prescott Valley for his 20 years of outstanding service July 1994 through July 2014. Council members thanked him for his years of service, congratulated him on his retirement and wished him well on his new venture. Cmdr. Askew reminisced about the times he and Ed Bills shared over the last 20 years and the fact that Ed is reaching his goal to work as an investigator for the

County Attorney's office. Cmdr. Edelstein said his best memories of Ed Bills center around his humor. Both noted that he is a good man and it has been a pleasure working with Ed. Sgt. Robert Brown said he learned more in two years from Ed Bills than he did in his 18 year career.

Ed Bills was joined by his wife at the podium. Ed said it has been a good 20 years. He had a lot of good times together and fun at our job. That is what allows someone to continue to do their job for so long is to have a good sense of humor. He couldn't have done it without the support of his wife Connie and their kids. It has been a ride and a blast! No other career will give you the experiences that being a cop will – namely the fulfillment of being able to help people. He is looking forward to helping others at the County Attorney's Office. He commented that he is going to miss working for the town and the people he has worked with.

Town Manager Larry Tarkowski said he appreciated that Ed will be keeping his talents in the area but that he will be sorely missed. We appreciate everything he has done for this town.

7. *RECESS*

Mayor Skoog called for a brief recess for refreshments at 5:47 p.m.

8. *RECONVENE*

Mayor Skoog reconvened the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

9. *SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS*

a. *Humboldt Unified School District Update - Dr. Stanton*

Dr. Paul Stanton stated that HUSD is comprised of 10 schools serving over 5,800 students covering an area of 318 square miles. The District is adding technology and Wi-Fi to each campus. The Auditor General reports HUSD is very efficient. They have built relationships in the community with businesses and churches with an Adopt a School program. They employ 311 certified staff and 376 classified employees. Last year \$7.2 million in scholarships was available to graduating seniors. HUSD offers several signature programs such as AP Academy, Leadership, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), Core Knowledge, Gifted Academy, patriotic and classical style educational experience and a Bright Futures Preschool. The district experienced \$20 million in state funding cuts over the last seven years. Ninety percent of the operational budget is based on attendance. The other ten percent is based on transportation miles providing \$3,415.27 per pupil. By statute that figure should have been \$3,654.57. HUSD welcomed 56 new teachers this year replacing retiring baby boomers and others in turnover. HUSD has experienced an annual \$2.8 million Capital shortfall for building vehicle, equipment, furniture, textbooks and technology upkeep and replacement. The District five year plan identified over \$3 million in capital needs each year while they receive only \$700,000 in state funding. They will be using reserves to cover those costs. Stanton thanked the Town for partnering with the district on the SRO officer, shared usage of facilities and the emergency preparedness preparation. For more information about HUSD call 928.759.4000 or their website at www.humboldtunified.com

Council members Grossman and Marshall said they are glad that HUSD is doing so well and asked that they continue the good work. Council member Anderson commented that they frequently are asked to bring high technology businesses into this community. In order to do that, we have to educate our children and provide an education for the children of those companies for them to move here. He recommended everyone contact their state legislators to emphasize that our schools need the funds and ask them to restore funding for education. He further encouraged the businesses and churches of the community to adopt a classroom to give additional support to the district. Vice Mayor Nye congratulated Dr. Stanton for the successes the district has had through these cuts in revenue and for overcoming so many obstacles. Council member Whiting stated that HUSD is one of the community's greatest resources and he hopes the district will count on the town for any support that council can lend to bring success to the schools also. He also encouraged people to call their legislators to have them increase educational funding.

b. Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce CEO Marnie Uhl stated that Dr. Paul Stanton is the Chamber's Chair-elect for the Chamber Board of Directors and introduced Chairman of the Board Jeff Bone.

Marnie introduced Chamber business members Deborah Peterson of *Coaching Clarity by Definition* located at 9386 E. Florentine (phone 928 830-4606) and Dee Skipton and Holly Shore of *Goodwill of Central Arizona*. Both business representatives took a few minutes to tell what services they provide. Goodwill can be contacted at 928 515-6540.

Marnie introduced the new Membership Director Rick Long who said working with Marnie has been a whirlwind the last few days. He briefed council about his professional background. His intent for his Chamber job is just to hit the ground running.

Marnie reminded everyone that there is a big gun show at Tim's Toyota Center this weekend.

10. PROCLAMATIONS

a. *National Senior Day - Betty Robinson*

Town Clerk Diane Russell read the National Senior Citizens Day proclamation which was accepted by Betty Robinson of the CASA Senior Center. Betty introduced many of the CASA Board Members in attendance with her. Betty announced the "Simply Seniors Free Fun Fest" event that will be held on August 21 at CASA. Call 772-3337 for more information. Council members agreed that the environment is just like home; the events are entertaining and they encouraged others to attend if they haven't been there before. CASA is located at 9360 Manzanita Circle in Prescott Valley. Mayor Skoog thanked them for running a great organization and for what they do.

11. CERTIFICATES

a. Certificate of Appreciation to Art Askew for 20 years of service

Police Chief Bryan Jarrell recognized the twentieth anniversary of Cmdr. Art Askew who began his career in August 1994 coming from a New York police department. Askew has worked his way up through several positions with the town, and improving or developing several programs such as the SWAT and K9 units. Art has accomplished much over the years. Chief Jarrell asked Art's wife Allison and children to join them at the podium. Allison said she is very proud of him and everything he has accomplished over the years.

Council members said Art is an experienced individual who has put his mark on the department and made an investment in Prescott Valley. He is a great asset to our community and they look forward to keeping him for a long time. Council also congratulated him and said it has been a pleasure having him. Mayor Skoog presented Art with a pin and plaque for his 20 years of service.

Art said 20 years have flown by really fast. Two things that have been a constant is the quality of people he gets to be with every day and the amount of support they have gotten from Council. Art thanked his family for the support over the 20 years.

Chief Bryan Jarrell officially introduced his wife Tina who could not be available when he was officially sworn in as the new Police Chief.

b. Certificate of Appreciation to Vikie Anderson for 10 years of service

Vikie was unable to attend.

12. COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Freitag said things are moving along well with the joint management agreement of the fire districts. The transition was been smooth and they are finding other areas of efficiencies beyond cost savings. They participated in National Night Out and commented that they have received good feedback from the community. All chief officers were out on the streets as well as the fire trucks in the neighborhoods. They look forward to more of those opportunities.

Vice Mayor Nye reminded everyone that the *Healing Field* flags will go up on Sept 5 with an opening ceremony on Sept 6 at 9:00 a.m. Nye invited help and participation.

Council member Grossman announced the March of Dimes March for Babies Quad City walk event beginning/ending at the Courthouse Plaza. Next year it will be held in Prescott Valley. Therefore, they are looking for people to assist the committee in developing a whole new walk and businesses to sponsor the event. This year's walk participants can visit website www.marchforbabies.org. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. *Approving the July 24, 2014 Council meeting minutes & August 7, 2014 Work Study minutes*
- b. *Approving a budget transfer from the HR Operational Funds to the Capital Equipment in the amount of \$1,895 for a new copier*
- c. *Approving a Special Event Liquor License for the Wild West Mud Fest being held on September 20th, 2014 at 2985 N. Center Court to benefit the Boys & Girls Club; Steven R. Gottlieb (Eagle Management & Events LLC), applicant*
- d. *Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town and HUSD to continue the School Resource Officer program for FY 2014-2015*

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

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

- a. Consideration of approving IGA Change Order #1 for \$300,000 for Phase II Construction of the Tonopah Storm water Management Project AND IGA Change Order #1 for \$100,000 for the Agua Fria Outfall & Bank Protection Project, 100% Plans Completion AND an IGA for \$200,000 for the Viewpoint Connector Detailed Drainage Study

Public Works Director Norm Davis said this action is to accept the funding from the Yavapai County Flood District and gave a brief overview of the report he detailed at the prior Work Study session. He thanked Supervisor Jack Smith for advocating for Prescott Valley for flood control money and projects. Council had no questions.

Vice Mayor Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to approve IGA Change Order #1 for \$300,000 for Phase II Construction of Tonopah Storm water Management Project AND the IGA Change Order #1 for \$100,000 for the Agua Fria Outfall & Bank Protection Project, 100% Plans Completion AND the IGA for \$200,000 for the Viewpoint Connector Detailed Drainage Study, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were forthcoming.

16. ADJOURNMENT

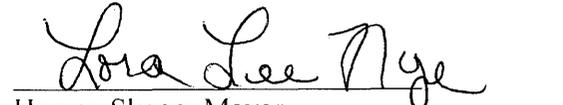
Council Member Whiting made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Marshall, to adjourn the meeting, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Skoog adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Diane Russell, Town Clerk


~~Harvey Skoog, Mayor~~
Lora Lee Nye Vice 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, August 14, 2014.

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

Dated this August 15, 2014


Diane Russell, Town Clerk

