

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 7, 2013**

Library Auditorium
7401 E. Civic Circle
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Tjiema called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Tjiema gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Anderson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mayor Skoog

5. PROCLAMATIONS

a. Arizona Interscholastic Association "February Frenzy" Month Proclamation

Deputy Town Clerk, June Catanzarite read the proclamation. Economic Development Manager Greg Fister introduced Michele Staples from the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA). Vice Mayor Tjiema presented the proclamation to Ms. Staples who thanked the Town for the recognition and commented that they are excited to be continuing the partnership with Prescott Valley. She invited everyone to watch the events at Tim's Toyota Center. Council members Nye, Lasker and Mallory commented on the events and how nice it is for the community, the athletes and their families.

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

a. Consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe

Deputy Town Manager, Ryan Judy presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe. YPIT has a mutual process to distribute funds to non-profit agencies in the area. About \$11,500 is given to each agency including Prescott Valley Police Foundation, United Way of Yavapai County, Yavapai Regional Transit Foundation, Prescott College, Prescott Meals on Wheels, YMCA, Project Aware, US Vets – Prescott.

Council Member Nye made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Lasker, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

b. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 1824 supporting Arizona House Bill 2338 and the creation of Regional Water Augmentation Authorities.

Water Resources Manager, John Munderloh gave background about how Arizona House Bill 2338 came about and the need to create the Regional Water Augmentation Authorities. The need for water is great and getting that water to the places it is needed will cost a lot more money. Creating the new authorities makes it possible to address future water needs.

The following information is quoted from the RFCA. “In 2010, House Bill 2661 established the Water Resources Development Commission (WRDC), and tasked the WRDC with examining the projected water needs of the entire state. This detailed study was the first time that Arizona had examined water needs in a comprehensive study. The study discovered that Arizona water users would require another 1.5 million acre-feet of water per year by 2060 and that meeting those needs would be very costly.

In addition to examining water needs, the 17-member WRDC Board was asked to make recommendations to the Arizona Legislature on how to meet those future water needs. In the fall of 2012, the WRDC submitted its final report to the Legislature which included: 1) a recommendation to create legislation allowing for the formation of Regional Water Augmentation Authorities, and 2) recommended development of a meaningful level of dependable funding for the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund. House Bill 2338 is the result of these recommendations.

The Regional Water Augmentation Authority concept would allow community water providers to pool resources in order to jointly purchase, develop and transport water to meet current and future needs. In addition, Water Augmentation Authorities will be able to gain access to the Water Supply Development Revolving fund, provided the Authority adopts State water adequacy standards. The Water Augmentation Authority concept is unique from the concepts of water districts in several aspects:

1. Membership in the Augmentation Authority is strictly voluntary,
2. The Board of Directors of the Augmentation Authority is made up of appointments by its voluntary members so it does not create another body of elected officials,
3. The Water Augmentation Authority does not have the ability to tax.

Perhaps even more important, HB 2338 proposes to allocate \$30 million to the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund. This fund was established by the Legislature in 2007 with the

intent to provide communities in need with the financial resources to develop water supplies. However, no money was ever allocated to this fund. Water development funds are features of states neighboring Arizona and help provide financial assistance to develop secure water resources. The proposed allocation in the revolving fund would help Arizona communities develop water for economic security and better compete with neighboring states for job growth. The funds would be administered by the Water Infrastructure Financing Authority, an existing State agency, and would consist of low-interest, long-term loans.

The Town of Prescott Valley is a founding member of the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. NAMWUA has been intimately involved in the creation of the Water Augmentation Authority concept and development of HB 2338. On January 18, 2013, the NAMWUA Board voted to support HB 2338.” (end of RFCA)

Munderloh said that Arizona needs to remain competitive with other states for attracting businesses and water is a big part of the long term plan. He asked what questions the council may have.

Town Manager Larry Tarkowski commented about a senior citizen who approached him today at a business about his personal water supply at his house. The citizen was concerned about immediate water needs. Larry was able to assure him that the current water supplies are fine, it is the future, long term tools that are being addressed. He added that there are many who confuse short term and long term water needs.

Council member Lasker asked Munderloh where the \$30 million comes from. Munderloh said that it comes from a revolving fund from the state’s general fund. The entities that borrow have to pay it back. Communities have been left on their own to develop water supply funding, unlike state transportation funding (for example).

Council member Nye commented that as she has served on several water committees, the consensus is that we are acting as fiduciaries for the future. We love the Arizona lifestyle and this tool can ensure the water needs for future generations.

Council member Whiting asked about the administration of the funds. Munderloh explained that communities will have to compete based on need through WIFA. Similar to how current clean water and waste water projects are funded.

Vice Mayor Tjiema asked about the Big Chino project being able to get on the list. Munderloh doesn’t know yet how the Big Chino will fall on the list. This concept will be for further discussion into the future than Big Chino, past 50 to 100 years.

Council member Nye added that it also levels the playing field for small areas versus large. She hopes it will be welcomed. Munderloh agreed that many significant users are supportive. It has been a long hard fought battle for 5 years or more and many users are now on board including Phoenix, Tucson and his NAMWUA group.

Council member Mallory is happy to see the communities coming together rather than bickering.

Council Member Whiting made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 1824 supporting Arizona House Bill 2338 and the creation of Regional Water Augmentation Authorities, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC Consideration and discussion of general unscheduled comments from the public. Those wishing to address the Council need not request permission in advance. Any such remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. Such remarks shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless additional time is granted by the Mayor. At the conclusion of the unscheduled comments, individual members of the Council may respond to the item addressed at the discretion of the Mayor, or they may ask the Town Manager to review the matter or ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

Marty Grossman announced information from Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity about a new program they are offering. It is a home repair program for low income family housing. An AmeriCorps volunteer is administering the grant program. It is for owner occupied housing and sweat equity is required. The information and applications are available at their website www.prescotthabitat.org or by calling 928.445.8003.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Whiting made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to adjourn by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Vice Mayor Tjiema adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.




Diane Russell, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Harvey Skoog, Mayor

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF YAVAPAI) ss:
TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I, June Catanzarite, Deputy 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 Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, held on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

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

Dated February 11, 2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Catanzarite". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

June Catanzarite, Deputy Town Clerk