

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 8, 2015
7:01 p.m.**

Members Present

Felix Callicotte, Mayor*
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor
Barbara Ahmann, Council Member
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member
Roy Tyler, Council Member
B. Wadell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member

*Absent

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Town Manager, John Schempf notified the Council that he would be formally submitting his resignation effective 60 days. He explained that he will be retiring.

Clifton resident Danny Cervantez suggested that the Council obtain and view the recent DVD released by Freeport McMoran.

Council Reports: Council member Barbara Ahmann reported that the Splash Pad equipment had been ordered and scheduled to arrive soon.

Council member Lorenzo shared a recent conversation between him and a 10 year old boy regarding the condition of town streets. Vice-Mayor added that he too had the same type of conversation with the young boy.

Council member Ray West offered his congratulations to Clifton Police Officers for their positive attitude during this time of tension and controversy currently being experienced by our country.

B. Waddell offered personal advice regarding keeping up with medical care.

Consent Agenda: Council member Ray West made a motion to approve the following items listed under consent agenda:

1. Approval of the December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with spelling correction to "Lesinsky."
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of December 2014 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to appoint a Magistrate. Recommendation - John Basteen: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that the town had received 4 applications however, only two applicants met the minimum qualifications. Mr. Schempf stated that he had spoken to both of these applicants regarding the position and recommends John Basteen. Mr. Basteen is a resident of Greenlee County and is willing to continue handling two days in the court.

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Council member Ray West made a motion to appoint John Basteen as the town's Magistrate as recommended by Town Manager, John Schempf. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mt. Graham Safe House, Inc. and the Clifton Police Department: Police Chief, Omar Negrete reported on the importance of this valuable resource for domestic violence victims. Council member B. Waddell Reyes suggested that the terms of the MOU might be changed to cover the period - January through December.

Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mt. Graham Safe House Inc. and the Clifton Police Department. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to designate flag protocol for the Town of Clifton: Town Manager, John Schempf requested guidance from the Council as to what flag protocol the town should follow. He explained that recent events have prompted the Arizona Governor by executive order to display the flag at half-staff for events that have occurred within the State. Additionally, the President of the United States by proclamation provides notice as well for national events. Too often, town staff discovers later in the day that an executive order or proclamation had been issued causing staff to tend to the flags.

Discussion from the Council was divided on the matter due to the importance to honor military personnel, notable dignitaries and in recent times, law enforcement.

Council member Roy Tyler made a motion that the Town of Clifton designate both federal and state flag protocol. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to set an ADOT Concept Briefing for 10:30 a.m. January 29, 2015: Town Manager, John Schempf explained that Safford District Engineer, Bill Harmon has requested the opportunity to follow-up on recent concerns regarding Highway 191 speed study results.

Council member Barbara Ahmann made a motion to schedule the meeting for 10:30 a.m., January 29, 2015. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Manager's Report: Mr. Schempf reported that one of the sewer pumps is out of service at the lift station; the splash pad equipment had been delivered. Regarding the Splash Pad, Mr. Schempf reported that he is in the process of obtaining three bids to demolish/clean-up the pool area in preparation of the Splash Pad construction. He also stated that although the Patterson Restroom facility had been delivered, the final connection to the town's sewer system is pending.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Second to motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk