

**Agenda  
Town of Clifton  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 10, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Felix Callicotte, Mayor  
Luis Montoya, Vice-Mayor  
Barbara Ahmann, Council member  
Mary Beager, Council member\*  
Raymond Lorenzo, Council member  
Armida Moir, Council member  
Ray West, Council member

\*Absent

A quorum was present.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:** Steve Ahmann invited the council to the Community Garden Pumpkin Patch planting event. He provided an update on the Greenlee County Tourism “birders” workshop.

Walt Mares informed the Council of the Starbucks Grand Opening event in Morenci.

Jaime Aguilar and Esther Jackson provided the Council with preliminary information on the possibility of re-establishing the “Hill Climb” Event. He provided some history of the racing event once held in the town and stated that some of the family members who participated in the event will be holding a reunion in town this Labor Day Weekend. The reunion will serve as a planning stage to determine interest, funding, support, etc.

Interim Police Chief, Omar Negrete announced that Greenlee County Sheriff’s Department is attempting to set-up a neighborhood watch program and will host a planning meeting on July 19, 2014 at Fernandez Park.

**Council Reports:** Barbara Ahmann informed the council that she is planning to obtain various funding options to cover expenses related to the “Splash Pad” development. She stated that she has applied for a Grant through the Arizona Commission on the Arts for funding to cover a festival for the “Spash Pad” Grand Opening and possibly purchase some shade screens for the park. Fund raising events are also being planned.

Luis Montoya inquired as to the status of the repair of the road cut on Chase Creek Street. He was informed of another required cut into the road to address another sewer problem further up

on Chase Creek Street. The Town Manager assured him that both of these would be repaired soon.

Mayor Callicotte, Council members' Lorenzo and Moir reported various street/road locations that need maintenance.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to accept the following items as listed under Consent Agenda was made by Council member Armida Moir. Second to the motion was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

**Discussion and/or action to adopt a tentative budget for FY 2015:** Town Manager, John Schempf provided Members of the Council to revisions sheets to the proposed budget. Revisions were noted as discussed during the July 9<sup>th</sup> Budget Work Session.

Council member Ray West stated that he has reservations about the figures presented with regards to the proposed Parks and Recreation Budget. He is concerned about the continued expense of operating the new facility and is not ready to impose this continued expense on behalf of the town.

There being no further comments on the proposed budget, Council member Barbara Ahmann made a motion to adopt the tentative budget as presented in the amount of \$5,088,444. Second to the motion was made by Council member Armida Moir.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members' Ahmann, Moir, Callicotte and Lorenzo. Abstaining from the vote was Vice-Mayor Montoya. Opposing the motion was Council member West. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to authorize the Mayor to execute the Participation Agreement between the Town of Clifton and Government Payment Services, Inc.:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that staff had been direct to find an electronic payment option to convenience town customers. She informed the Council that Cecilia Jernigan, Accounting Clerk, had researched various options. A joint effort from all departments who collect money participated in a demonstration of the product and endorse this product. Govpay.net is a free online service to the Town. Fees will be imposed on the customers who voluntarily want to utilize the service. It is a web-based service and anyone will be able to access the service. Additionally, the administration budget includes funds to purchase a computerized cash register to handle these types of transactions over the counter.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement between the town and Govpay.net. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to approve Resolution No. 2014-08: Adopting a policy and prescribing procedures for purchasing from the Mayor and any member of the Council.:**

Town Manager, John Schempf explained that this resolution establishes guidelines for doing business with any member of the Council. This resolution is considered annually by the Council.

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-08 was made by Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

**Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Historic Preservation Commission Chairman, Barbara Reyes reported on the recent conference sponsored by State Historic Preservation Office. She informed the council that she and Ron Johnson had attended the training. She said the training provided important information about Certified Local Governments. She mentioned a possible training opportunity for local property owners. Final comments included her submission of an inventory of properties for review by SHPO.

**Managers Report:** Mr. Schempf reminded the Council that the annual league conference “early bird” registration deadline is Friday July 11, 2014. Provided an update on a possible donation of a derelict property owned by Clinton Burke to the town, however there is an IRS Lien involved and could be an issue that needs to be resolved. He also informed the Council that he had participated in an onsite walk with ADOT on potential projects to address highway issues along S. Coronado Blvd. These of course would be considered in their 5 year plan. Council member were invited to view the new photographs to be displayed at the Community Center. Acknowledged Don Lunt for the photo collection and his daughter, Marla Skinner or her role in arranging for the final display product.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Armida Moir. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Approved:

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Felix Callicotte, Mayor

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Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk