

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Council 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

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

Call to the Public: Turner Avenue resident, Walt Mares expressed his appreciation for the street maintenance done by the town's public works department. Daniel Cervantez expressed his thanks to the Clifton Town Council and Festival of Lights Committee for another successful event.

Council Reports: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya reported that he would be representing the town at SEAGO's Strategic Planning Retreat in January.

Consent Agenda: Motion to accept the following items was made by Council member Ray West:

1. Approval of the November 13 and November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of November 2014 Demands

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

Old Business:

Discussion and/or action to appoint a member to the town's Historic Preservation

Commission as a replacement for Ron Johnson: Town Manager, John Schempf requested that this item continue to be tabled, since the Historic Preservation Commission had not yet had the opportunity discuss this item.

By consensus of the council, the item was tabled.

New Business:

Discussion and/or action to authorize the purchase of a fire truck as auctioned by the Town of Camp Verde, AZ.: Mr. Schempf reported that he had discovered the 2005 American La France fire truck while searching for a transport van. He and the Fire Chief looked further into the matter and decided that the equipment was worth taking a look at. According to the Fire Chief, the unit is beneficial due to the 8 crew capacity which has always been a concern due to Volunteer's responding to an emergency scene in their own vehicles. Also, the additional pumper would relieve the concern of leaving the town unprotected while responding outside town limits to other calls. Mr. Schempf said that the Town of Camp Verde had been fortunate to purchase a new unit and was only offered \$20,000.00 by the dealer, they hoped to receive more money if they disposed of it by auction. Mr. Schempf stated that he is seeking up to \$30,000.00 to bid and repair the unit.

Mr. Schempf reported that the purchase and repair would be covered by the allocated funds in the town's Parks and Recreation budget, which was established this budget cycle. He noted that a new fire truck of this capacity is estimated to cost \$300,000.00. Mr. Schempf stated that both the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director went to Camp Verde to evaluate the truck and both felt that the unit was worth bidding on. Additionally, Mr. Schempf procured the services of Hughes Fire Equipment to provide the town with an evaluation of the fire truck. The evaluation report listed necessary repairs with an estimated cost of \$6,000.

Council members expressed their concerns on purchasing auction items. Additional comments included whether the \$10,000.00 estimate was sufficient to make the equipment operable if successfully purchased by the town. Also of concern was whether the unit once repaired would be certified as an operable fire truck.

Fire Chief Ortega explained that the unit if successfully purchased by the town would be turned over to United Fire for repairs and inspection for the certification process.

Council member Ray West made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to proceed to negotiate with the Town of Camp Verde with a maximum spending authority of up to \$40,000 to purchase and make the unit operable. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to award the bid for Engineering Services: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that two bids had been received and referred members of the council to the summary bid sheet for more information.

Motion to award the bid for Engineering Services to Bowman Consulting was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to schedule a work session on January 12, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

regarding Clifton House-RV Park and street sweeper: Town Manager, John Schempf stated that there has been citizen/council concern on the future of the Clifton House-RV Park. Also, the work session agenda will allow the Elgin Street Sweeper Company representative to offer information on their product.

By consensus of the council the meeting time and date was scheduled.

Discussion and/or action to ratify the building permit fee waiver for the Lesinsky Property at 178 Park Avenue:

Mr. Schempf explained that he had granted the waiver not realizing that past waivers had been brought before the Council for consideration. He granted the waiver to encourage individuals who are making the effort to rehabilitate, preserve or stabilize properties in town.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya expressed his concern that waiver of the building permit fee is an unfair practice to all town citizens who are responsible enough to obtain building permits and pay the fee for any type of improvement.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to deny the building permit fee waiver. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Council Member Roy Tyler recused himself from the vote and any discussion. Motion carried.

Manager's Report: Mr. Schempf provided information on the following activities/projects: delivery of the Patterson Bridge Restroom Facility; informed the Council of his recent decision to hire a part/time Certified Wastewater Operator to comply with ADEQ concerns; reported that the splash pad equipment is scheduled for delivery next week and is working with FMI on the water use terms. He also said that Simon Sewer has be retained to work on the town's sewer line as part of the annual maintenance program, this is scheduled to begin In January. Mr. Schempf reported that the Wards Canyon Concrete Fix Project request for bids will be advertised beginning in the December 24 issues of the Copper Era and EA Courier, and mentioned that the he had received notice by Magistrate Richard Jernigan of his intention to retire from the position effective December 31, 2014. Final comments included forthcoming zoning issues and code enforcement issues.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk