

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 12, 2015
7:00 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

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 stated that the “seed catalog” is now available to the public at the Clifton Public Library.

Council Reports: Council member Barbara Ahmann reported that the Clifton Public School’s playground equipment may be available to the town and suggests drafting a letter to request the School Boards consideration.

Consent Agenda: Council member Ray West made a motion to accept the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

1. Approval of the January 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; January 12, 2015 Work Session Minutes and January 29, 2015 Work Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of January 2015 Demands.

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

New Business

Discussion on the Visitor Center and brochure design. - Jeanette West : Town Manager, John Schempf reported that Ms. West was unable to attend this meeting. Mayor Callicotte tabled the item.

Discussion and/or action to approve, disapprove or make no recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding the Application for Liquor License transfer at Trail North; 251 S. Coronado Blvd.: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda reported that the posting requirements required by the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control had been done and no comments or petitions regarding the proposed application had been received by the

town. The Town Clerk did note that the application was to transfer ownership and noted a new name to the business.

Council member Roy Tyler made a motion to approve the application for Liquor License transfer at Trail North; 251 S. Coronado Blvd. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to declare by Proclamation, April as Parkinson's Awareness Month: Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda read the proclamation. Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to declare by Proclamation, April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. Second to the motion was made by Council member Raymond Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding the town's participation in the Hill Climb Event: Addressing the Council was Esther Jackson. She reported that Pro-Auto Sports has accepted to sponsor the Hill Climb Event. Members of the Council were supportive of the news but requested an opportunity to review the terms of the event sponsorship prior to moving forward with any town commitments. By consensus of the members of the council, the item was tabled until a meeting with the event sponsor could be arranged.

Discussion and/or action to award the bid for the Ward Canyon Road Repairs: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that the bids for the project had come in considerably over the engineer's estimate. The low bid was received from CKC Construction in the amount of \$463,000. He stated that the project entails a concrete fix as the best solution to the Ward's Canyon Road problems. He explained that the town has up to \$120,000 committed from ADEM toward this flood prone area and that the town's budget allocated \$130,000 of its street funding toward this project. Mr. Schempf recommends that the town move \$200,000 from Fund Balance to cover the additional expense for the proposed road repairs.

Motion to award the bid for the Ward Canyon Road Repairs to CKC Construction in the amount of \$463,000 was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the bidding process to repair the Town Hall Complex roof: Mr. Schempf reported that the roof over the Police Department is in dire need of repair. The last rain caused severe leakage over the Chief of Police's Office.

Council member B. Waddell Reyes made a motion to initiate the bidding process to repair the Town Hall Complex roof. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the purchase of an Elgin Street Sweeper: Town Manager, John Schempf, stated that he is seeking direction from the council with regards to the purchase of the Elgin Street Sweeper as presented previously during a council work session. He

recommended the lease purchase option for the purchase which would cost the town approximately \$40,000 per year.

Discussion from Council member Reyes included concerns that the funds might be better utilized on other projects. Council member Tyler reported that he had found a used Elgin Sweeper with the same specifications as the one being considered online and had been in contact with the dealer and suggested that the Town Manager further inquire.

Motion to move forward with the purchase of the new Elgin Street Sweeper allowing for ample time to appropriate the first lease payment in the towns' next fiscal year's budget. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members' Ahmann, West, Lorenzo and Callicotte. Opposing the motion were Council members' Reyes and Tyler.

Motion carried.

Manager's Report: Mr. Schempf provided information on the following activities/projects:

*The town's flood sirens have been worked on and tested with an approximate cost of \$5,000. Siren locations are near the Greenlee County Sheriff's Office; near Circle K; and at Patterson's Addition – North Clifton.

*He provided members of the council with the first batch of applications in the Town Manager search and explained that council members would receive the next batch of applications each Thursday until the March 15 deadline.

*Shannon Hill Street Improvement on hold until Morenci Water & Electric Water lines have been upgraded;

*Preparation of the Slash Pad Construction site is almost finished. Town crews continue to fill and compact the area.

*The sewer line servicing the Patterson Rest Room facility is also in progress.

*Administration staff continues to work on the customer clean-up project comparing current customers with the active water customer list provided by Morenci Water and Electric.

*The second (backup) sewer pump is being wired in by Bill Inman.

*The Town has been cleared of all pending violations presented by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality affecting the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Other areas addressed during the month included meeting with a representative of the Arizona Department of Water Resources to discuss identifying nine current flood insurance participants who are now out of the flood zone. He also reported that he had recently attended the Arizona City Manager's Association Conference.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:11 p.m.