

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 14, 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. Waddell Reyes, Council Member
Ray West, Council Member

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: First to address the Council was Andrew Abernathy regarding possible establishment of a Western Heritage Cultural Center serving Graham, Greenlee, Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties.

Next to speak was Esther Jackson providing an update on the progress of the Clifton Hill Climb Event. She informed the Council that the Arizona Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SSCA) has confirmed their participation to sanction the event. Ms. Jackson read the letter providing the commitment.

Council Reports: Council Member B. Waddell Reyes provided information on the fund raising project which entails selling commemorative ceramic tiles with historic photos of the Clifton Swimming Pool. Two photo options are available. She also mentioned plans to organize a treasure find event.

Council Member Barbara Ahmann reported that she had been notified of a Cenpatico Grant award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Clifton Parks Revitalization.

Vice-Mayor Montoya expressed that he was glad to have Council Member Reyes back participating with the Council after her recent health issue.

Mayor Callicotte mentioned that he had received disappointing results from his "If I Were Mayor" project.

Council Member Tyler expressed his thanks to the Town Manager and the Volunteer Fire Department for their continued enthusiasm.

Consent Agenda: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to accept the following items listed:

1. Approval of the March 23, 2015 Special Session Minutes; April 1, 2015 Special Session Minutes; April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; April 14, 2015 Special Session Minutes and April 20, 2015 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of April 2015 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion and/or action regarding the financial donation as requested by Abigail Miller:

Ms. Miller provided information on her endeavor participate in the National Barrel Horse Association of Greenlee and Graham Counties. The donation will provide sponsorship to the organization.

Town Manager, John Schempf recommended a donation of \$150.00

Council Member Roy Tyler made a motion to donate \$500.00. Second to the motion was made by Vice Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action regarding the request by Students Taking a New Direction (STAND) to establish the town's splash pad as a smoke free park: Coreena Martinez, Tobacco/Chronic Illness Coordinator for Greenlee County, together with Members of the Students Taking a New Direction (STAND) Coalition were present at the meeting. She explained that one of the student's goals is to make parks smoke free hoping to make it a healthier place for families to enjoy.

Motion to establish the town's splash pad as a smoke free park was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council Member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action to authorize the Police Department to regulate Commercial Truck Parking on Town Property: Discussion from the Council included concern on targeting specific locations around town.

Council Member Ray West made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to implement parking restrictions on town property under the town's authority per Clifton Town Codes.

Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray Lorenzo.

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

Motion carried.

Report on the Town of Clifton Waste Water Revenue Project Update: Town Manager, John Schempf commended Accounting Clerk Cecilia Jernigan and Code Enforcement Diana Garrity for their efforts in the project. He explained that this was a tedious project but they were determined to get the job accomplished.

Council Members were provided graphs and data to support the current standing of customer classifications relating to appropriate billing rates. Additional data supported the increase in customers added to the town's monthly billing as a result of the ongoing comparison project between customer lists provided by Morenci Water & Electric.

Discussion and/or action to initiate the bidding process regarding the Park Avenue

Drainage Swale: Town Manager, John Schempf reported that this drain as currently constructed with corrugated pipe is a continuous problem and not effective. After discussion with the town engineer, they recommend reconstructing the Park Avenue drain back to the original dip or swale to improve the drainage and maintenance. Mr. Schempf explained that this project would have to be included in the next budget due to timing.

Motion to authorize the town to initiate the bidding process regarding the Park Avenue Drainage Swale 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 award the following bids:

(a) Splash Pad Park – Site Work/Landscaping and (b) Splash Pad Park – Re-Modeling of the existing restroom & mechanical room: Town Manager John Schempf reported that the town had only received one bid from BNT Construction for both projects. After review of the submittal, there has been a slight revision and possibly more revisions as the project moves forward.

Discussion from Members of the council included concern on the amount of the bid proposal as too high priced.

Council Member Ray West made a motion to award the bid to BNT Construction for both of the Splash Pad Projects in the amount of \$170,752.76. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

(c) Police Computer Software: Report Manager System (RMS) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD): Police Chief Negrete and Administrative Assistant Delfina Pilgrim explained that they had reviewed the bids received and recommend EForce in the amount of \$41,354.89.

Motion to award the bid to E Force was made by Council Member Roy Tyler. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Ray West. Motion carried.

(d) Replacement or relining Wastewater Pipe Line in South Clifton Area. Starting at the South end of Laine Blvd, under Hwy 191 to the Lift Station south of Tyler's Taste of Texas: Town Manager John Schempf referred council to the summary bid sheet recommending Jonovich Companies.

Discussion from the council was the reduced size of the pipe as proposed by Jonovich Companies. Concern regarding the change in size could cause more problems to impede flow. The bid documents specified 14" pipe yet the bid submittal quoted 12" pipe.

Council Member Roy Tyler made a motion to award the bid to Johovich Companies pending guarantee in writing that 12" pipe can handle the daily flow. Second to the motion was made by Vice Mayor Luis Montoya. Motion carried.

Review and discussion of ADOT traffic calming test: Mr. Schempf reported that all the speed tables were removed after approximately a week of use. The idea was to allow local traffic to experience this particular traffic calming device. ADOT plans to schedule "town meetings" to discuss and receive public input.

Mayor Callicotte stated that he thought the speed table in front of the U.S. Post Office was effective.

Council Member Ahmann reported that she asked locals for their opinion and their response was that the devices allowed easier merging access onto the highway.

Council Member Tyler stated that the speed hump near his business was not effective for drivers who continued speeding over the devices without regard to possible damage to their vehicles. Also the rumble sticks caused loud noise which was a distraction to his restaurant patrons. He concurred that the speed table was best effective at the U.S. Post Office.

Vice-Mayor Montoya also said the device at the U.S. Post Office worked the best. He also asked whether ADOT had installed rumble sticks further north on HWY 191 as initially indicated.

Mr. Schempf responded that they had not been installed.

Council Member West concurred with the results of the speed tables effectiveness at the U.S. Post Office location as well as the issues presented by Council Member Tyler for the other location.

Council Member Lorenzo stated that he felt that only lower riding vehicles were affected by the devices.

Council Member Reyes said that she felt the devices made it more difficult to access the flow of traffic.

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

*Informed the Council of the management change at Freeport-McMoRan. Met with Stacy Kuhn who replaced David Rhodes as the Morenci Mine General Manager of Administration.

*Attended an AZ Eastern Railroad meeting in Globe where many local issues and projects were discussed.

*Noted that the May Festival was not very successful

*Attended a Floodplain Management training session

*Reported that the League of Cities and Town's will be developing a website for three municipalities to include Clifton.

*Stated that town staff had been trained on the Splash Pad mechanical operation of the system.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Ray West. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Barbara Ahmann.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Approved:

Felix Callicotte, Mayor

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk